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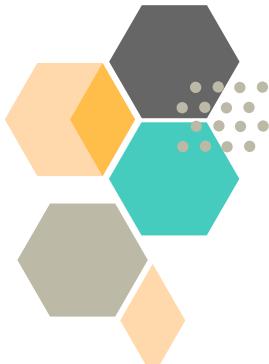
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# NOTA

## PRESIDENT

### Welcome to STATE CONVENTION

Salvete MassJCLers!

Way back in 2014, I attended my first State Convention. It's crazy to think that this year I'll be attending my sixth and final convention (as a JCLer) and as the MassJCL President. When I think about why I like the JCL, it's hard to easily encapsulate everything that the JCL means to me. If I were to explain it to you, the best explanation I can come up with is State Convention. States brings out all of the best aspects of JCL into one weekend. You can compete in visual and performing arts, athletic contests, academic exams, certamen, That's Entertainment, and more. There are awards for everyone. But above all else, States is also a time of unity. You can win contests, but seeing your talented friends win is also exciting. There's nothing quite like screaming a JCL cheer while an entire auditorium of people also cheers for their own school. We may come from different schools, but we are all united by a shared passion for the classics and JCL. JCL is all about teamwork. It takes a team to play certamen. It takes a team to campaign successfully. It takes a team to dominate in the spirit competition.

So if someone asks me to explain JCL, the best I can do is to tell them to attend State Convention so that they can experience the wonderful impacts of JCL for themselves. And although I am sad that I only have one more Convention as a JCLer, I am beyond excited to make the most of it and to see each school's hard work pay off at the culmination of our year.

Ab imo pectore,

*Carina Layfield*

Carina Layfield

2018-2019 MassJCL President



## PARLIAMENTARIAN

### Candidacy and Open Forum UPDATE

Salvete MassJCL!

As States quickly approaches, I have been working hard on different aspects of my office. To start off, I have been finding candidates for next year's Executive Board. The MassJCL Board, which consists of 9 officers, has to contain diligent workers to plan and execute our amazing events. Each of the board positions are unique, so when it comes to finding candidates, I am able to interact with so many different JCLers and start exposing them to the more political side of JCL. While finding candidates, I have also been looking over the Constitutions submitted by you, our local chapters in Massachusetts, and creating documents full of notes and suggestions for amendments to be implemented in the following year. This not only helps me learn more about the chapters in MA, but gives me an opportunity to come up with ideas for the next Parliamentarian to base their amendments off of. In preps for my duties at State Convention, I have been working on the Amendments Meeting and Open Forum presentations. In doing so, I have sent out descriptions of the amendments to sponsors, and collected questions from the lovely 2018-2019 MassJCL Board.

I can not wait to see everyone at States. Make sure to create some great memories, meet new friends, socialize with kids who live across the state from you, and come to the Amendments and Candidates meetings!

E corde,

*Maddie Bedard*

Maddie Bedard

2018-2019 MassJCL Parliamentarian

## BENE



# CLUB UPDATES



## AMSA

by Meaghan McDonald

Over the past few months, AMSA's chapter has been focusing primarily on service meetings, such as folding paper cranes for cancer victims, writing letters to first responders, braiding mats for the homeless, and decorating cookies to be put into care packages.

Recently, one of our second vice presidents, Chloe Phely-Bobin, led the club in an activity in braiding strings of paper bags together to make them into mats for homeless people to sleep on without getting wet. Having heard of the idea through National Convention, she was all too happy to teach the rest of the club what she learned. Weaving recycled plastic bags into mats not only helps the environment by preventing more plastic from ending up in landfills, but also benefits the population of homeless people, as it gives them a place to sleep that is watertight.

Another recent event was our club's Lupercalia meeting, where we all settled down with pizza, cookies, and The Bee Movie to relax for an afternoon. For the second time this year, we were decorating sugar cookies so that we could add them to care packages to be sent to soldiers overseas. Following the theme of love, as well as the national theme that "Bees are not of a solitary nature," The Bee Movie seemed the perfect choice to accompany this event.



Photo by Deanna Delorey

Cookie decorating to be put in care packages, from AMSA  
JCL's Saturnalia party

## Barnstable

by Chime Pelzom

Barnstable High School JCL has been pumped for convention! We've been mostly focusing on showing Latin students what convention is all about by going to some of the younger Latin classes to talk about what we do during convention and answering any questions they have. Within the club, we discussed some of the events we may join in on during convention, like the art gallery, swimming competition, costume competition, and hopefully many more! We have some strong swimmers that are keeping their muscles warmed up on swim team, we have our secretary working on her embroidery, and others discussing things they want to do. We've also been working on our new chariot and we have the basic structure built but we need to add decorations and a wow factor! We even talked about the scrapbook for this year and how we wanted to integrate the theme of "Bees are not of a solitary nature." During our latest meeting, we took our yearbook picture and to add some excitement, we held our tridents and swords we use for gladiatorial fights. Barnstable's "March Madness" is coming up, and the officers want to show their school spirit by possibly making our own volleyball team to compete during the game.

P.S. Barnstable is ready to host Convention for 2019!



Photo by Barnstable Yearbook Committee

Barnstable JCLers with their gladiatorial weapons!

# BLA

by Jessica Dai

Recently, our club hosted our annual Tea with the Professor. After school on March 6th, Kenneth Rothwell from UMass Boston, Professor and Chair of the Classics, came to Latin Academy to talk about reading Homer's works with veterans. Professor Rothwell has been teaching since 1995, largely focusing on Aristophanes and ancient Greek comedy. He is the author of two monographs: *Politics and Persuasion in Aristophanes' Ecclesiazusae* and *Nature, Culture and the Origins of Greek Comedy: A Study of Animal Choruses*. He has a class teaching the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* at UMass Boston solely dedicated to veterans. The veterans were able to relate to these Classical texts because they experienced similar events as the characters had. A club member who went to the lecture remembered Professor Rothwell saying, "If you end up going on an adventure or if you are looking for an adventure, you will lose men." Our Latin students gathered in the upper library to hear his lecture while enjoying tea and snacks. A junior reacted to his experiences as she stated, "He is doing something great while still staying true to what he loves. I think everyone can learn something valuable from his teaching. All of his stories had a message behind them, and it only took a good ear to understand exactly where he was coming from." We thank Professor Rothwell for coming to speak to our students.



BLA students who were present during the lecture.  
Photo by Kim Nguyen

# BLS

by Alice Wu

Between hosting spirit events and competing in certamen, BLSJCL has been very busy in the last few months!

On February 2nd, we held our annual BLS Certamen tournament. This is the largest JCL event that our school hosts, and BLSJCL works very hard every year to make sure things go smoothly. This year, the theme was Pixar movies. Our novices performed very well at the competition, getting second place. Certamen players from the other divisions helped to moderate and run the tournament.

On February 14th, BLSJCL celebrated Lupercalia, the Ancient Roman festival of fertility and purification. When the Romans celebrated Lupercalia, they would run around in the streets naked and whip people with animal skins. Fortunately, we did not do that—instead, at Lupercalia we played street certamen, did puzzles, and learned about community service activities.

Furthermore, we have been hosting the Symposia series. The Symposia series consists of three different after-school workshops. At Symposia, Classics teachers at our school give lectures on a variety of fascinating topics about Ancient Greek and Roman life. By going to Symposia, one can learn about the many Classics electives that our school offers, including Myth Tradition, Greek, and AP Latin.

Currently, we are getting ready for the state convention in April. Hope to see you all there!



BLS Novice Certamen players pose with their trophy at BLS Certamen!  
Photo by Jess Schnitzer

# MTG

by Ruth Weaver

In the past few months, Mount Greylock's JCL Chapter has been getting busy in fundraising, organizing meetings, and increasing outreach. Though MGJCL has traditionally done a citrus sale in the past, this year we switched it up with a flavored popcorn sale and sold the delicious treats to Mount Greylock students, teachers, staff, and parents. Mrs Cope, one of Greylock's new Latin teachers, suggested and helped to organize this drive - the MG community is excited to have her join the team. The popcorn was an instant hit, and our chapter is happy to report great profits. On Martin Luther King Day, our chapter also participated in community service and outreach in Dr King's honor. Students cleaned and organized kitchens and other living spaces in homeless shelters alongside local volunteers, spreading the JCLOVE everywhere they went. Every Friday morning, the MGJCL has an executive board meeting during which board members give updates, share ideas, and start planning for submissions to state contests. Looking even further in the future, our sponsor Mr. Davis was offered spare lumber from the construction of the new school for building a catapult or chariot. Several members have volunteered to begin sketching and building in advance of next September - hopefully Mount Greylock will be able to host the event again, and maybe even take a prize. Recently, we also discovered that Mrs. Manary, our new Chemistry teacher who graduated from Mount Greylock, participated in JCL during her high school years and was interested in getting involved: we are pleased to announce that she will be joining us at States in April. Thinking even past then, some students are already arranging flights and other transport to North Dakota for Nationals. We are thrilled to see all of Massachusetts turn out for States and friends from even farther at Nats. Vale!



Photo by Colette Stapp

Some of Mt Greylock's newest delegates at Classics Day.

# Nauset

by Cyrus Seyrafi

The Nauset Regional High School chapter of the Junior Classical League was founded this past September and I have to say, it's been a pretty fun year! First off, we've had the pleasure of attending Kickoff and Classics Day, and I know first-hand that thoroughly enjoyed by our members! Whether it be from wearing paper bags on our heads or figuring out what on earth Certamen was or even watching some of those catapults in September, it's been lovely to join in!

And at our weekly meetings at home, we've kind of gone all over the place. We've dabbled into a little introductory Latin from time to time for our members who don't take the language for one thing. And we've played lots of little jeopardy games (*pericula*) on classical and historical topics. But mostly, we've just been going week to week, taking it slowly, and just talking about little classical things here and there—having fun with it. But, the club is slowly growing and constantly adapting, so some more stuff will be coming soon!



Photo by Mr. Sean Mulholland

Some of Nauset JCL's delegates! From left to right: Sophie McManus (9), Aidan Dill (11), Tristan Miller (9), William Mulholland (9), Lucy Pollock (12), and Cyrus Seyrafi (11).

# RT

by Zach Tympanick

While Ina Dombrowski was the Publications Editor, in May of 2018, our chapter hosted their annual Classics Night! During the night, The club held events like impromptu art with the theme "metamorphosis," a micro-Olympika for students to compete in, and some presentations on classical topics. As the night concluded, all of the JCL-ers, parents, and teachers congratulated the members of the class of 2018 for their hard work and devotion to this club.

In November of 2018, we held our 2nd annual Trivia Night to support those whose lives were affected by the surge of hurricanes. While we raised around \$35 for hurricane relief, the whole club enjoyed officers and teachers figuring out the years Julius Caesar was consul.. Sliding into snow-deprived December, RT JCL's most successful fundraiser dawned upon the school: The Saturnalia Bake Sale! This year, we decided to donate the money collected to the Heifer Foundation, an organization focused on providing essential resources like livestock, wells, and even education to developing communities around the world. When that fateful week arrived, goodies ranging from cookies to student-made cupcakes filled the world language office. At the end of the fundraiser, we raised a little over \$500 which we used to pay for a girl's education, some beehives, and anything else the Heifer Foundation deemed essential with the remaining money.

In terms of other activities done during club meetings, we as a club have written letters to soldiers, created snowflakes to decorate the Plymouth Public Library, and designed lunch bags for the Meals on Wheels organization. RT JCL has done a lot this school year in terms of service for Plymouth, for states in need, and communities in the world. Even with the school year ending very shortly for my fellow JCL seniors and myself, we shall continue to give back as much as possible!

# Winchester

by Cate Kneebone

The Latin Club at Winchester High School has been working throughout the winter weather inspired by thoughts of spring and the State Convention! Card making and letter writing have been a regular activity as well as the monthly outreach to a neighboring grammar school. Most recently we worked on St. Patrick's Day-themed crafts (Does EVERY holiday have a connection to Latin and the Romans? It seems that way!) and considered puzzling questions. What is the Latin word for leprechaun? Many club members enjoyed "The Lightning Thief: the Percy Jackson Musical" at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester. Our school musical, "Xanadu", was chosen by the AP Latin student who co-directed it for its celebration of Classical themes. On the Ides of March, Winchester JCLers will be taking the National Latin Exam. Bonam Fortunam!



Photo by Timothy Silveira

Winchester High School Latin Club members make Latin Valentines with their friends at St. Charles School in Woburn.

## TIP:

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# SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

A QUICKFIRE Q&A SESSION WITH A MASSJCL SPONSOR!



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Mr. Bakkala (center) with some AMSA JCLers in Italy!

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## Brian Bakkala, AMSA JCL

HIGH SCHOOL AND AP LATIN TEACHER

**Q: Describe your favorite JCL memory/a time where you experienced the #jclove:** Karaoke at Convention

**Q: Favorite classical fact, figure, or conspiracy:** Odysseus

**Q: Favorite breakfast food:** Sausage/egg/cheese/plain bagel

**Q: What historical time period do you think you were meant to live in:** This one

**Q: A spicy fun fact about yourself:** I like cinnamon and nutmeg.

*Editor's note: He is also a student from the first graduating class of AMSA, popularized the "j-clove" pronunciation of #jclove and a master of scansion and haiku!*

**Q: Any parting words of wisdom?** γνῶθι σεαυτόν (Know yourself.)

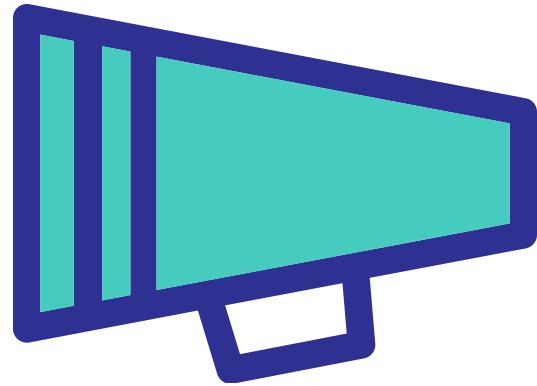
Mr. Bakkala:  
I like to translate  
Latin.  
This is a haiku.

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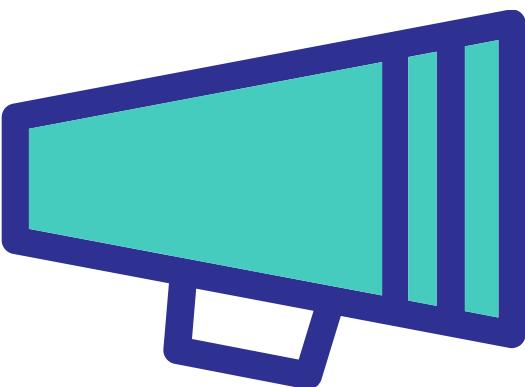
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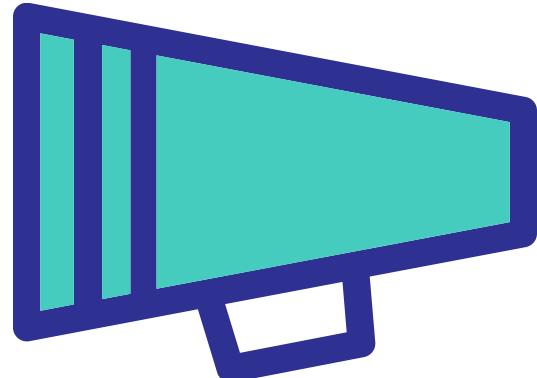
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# CERTAMEN UPDATE

FROM NATIONALS TO HARVARD



BY CLAIR FU, BLS



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The MassJCL Advanced Certamen team addressing the crowd after their win!



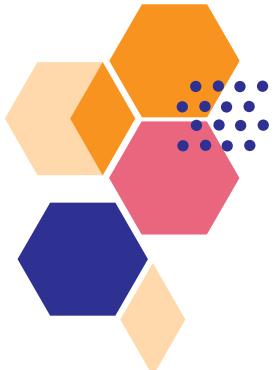
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A snapshot from a finals round at BLS Certamen!

After placing 2nd and 1st in the Novice and Advanced levels at the 2018 National Convention at Miami University, MassJCL has most certainly set a high bar for our performance in Certamen this year.

We started this year out with a bang at Yale, where Boston Latin School clinched first place for both the Novice and Advanced divisions against schools from across the country. At both SCL and BLS Certamen, schools from Massachusetts once again showed a stellar performance, placing in the top three at all levels. Our most recent tournament at Princeton Certamen once again propelled the Massachusetts teams to the national stage where MassJCL once again dominated the competition, placing 2nd in Novice as well as 1st and 3rd in the Advanced division.

In addition to these previous tournaments, Massachusetts will again compete at Harvard Certamen, and we hope to uphold our streak at this year's National Convention in Fargo, North Dakota!



# CLASSICS DAY UPDATE

## ANCIENT FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

BY ZACH TYMPANICK, RISING TIDE

In a world where teleportation is not yet a commodity, high schoolers and their chaperones run against the clock to get to the sacred place of happiness, sunshine, and academic seminars: BU Classics Day!

The theme of the seminars this year was “Festivals and Celebrations in Ancient Rome,” which included a wide spectrum of celebrations ranging from theater to DIY sacrifice!

I personally took one seminar called “Laughter at the Ludi,” a class discussing Roman conventions for comedy performances. For characters, you have your young, romantic adolescent boy, the maiden of interest, the awe-inspiring nature of the clever slave, the jock character who is the antagonist, and many more.

I also took a class on how to perform a Roman sacrifice. I had no idea that the “consent” of the animal being sacrificed was taken into account (note: by “consent” I mean an imposed form of agreement generalized by the animal’s willingness to go to the altar)! The whole class got to try to perform a sacrifice. A girl played “Hot Cross Buns” on two flutes simultaneously while a procession of high schoolers (some of whom wore animal hats) paraded around the room with a teacher as their leader.

Unfortunately, this was my last Classics Day, but I will never forget the amazing memories I made there. I hope you all who read this continue to make memories there as well.

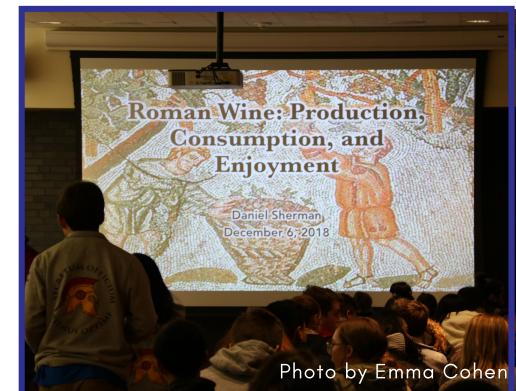


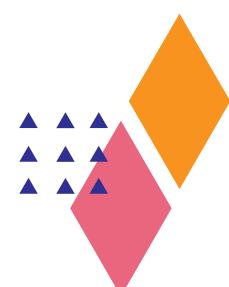
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The Roman Wine lecture by Daniel Sherman



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Barnstable JCL performing a classical rendition of "Jingle Bell Rock" for the skit contest!

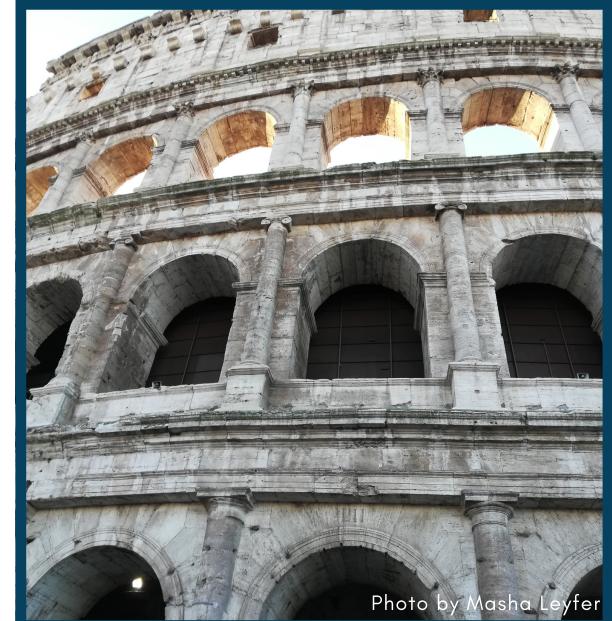




*by Masha Leyfer, BLS*

This February break, 31 Boston Latin School students got the chance to travel by land, air, and sea across the world we've spent five or more years studying. The trip was open to students who had taken a classics elective junior or senior year and went through Rome (hitting such major sites as the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Forum, and multiple victory arches, as well as classically inspired locations such as the Trevi Fountain), Pompeii, Olympia, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Eleusis, Athens and Delphi.

Living in a place where our history before the 1600s has been rendered practically invisible, walking through the same place that ancient Romans would have walked through to get their goods and seeing their buildings with the same awe they would have seen them with, or seeing the crosswalks in Pompeii and imagining that Pompeians would jaywalk the same way we love to in Boston, or marveling at the beauty of Delphi



A close-up of the Colosseum!



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— and thinking about all the people who were there before you and who will be there after, or seeing the 2,465-year-old acropolis outlined against the modern city of Athens is a way of seeing history that is difficult to attain here.



*A way of seeing  
history that is  
difficult to attain  
here.*



The trip was a whirlwind of classical readings, modern Europe, thrilling seven-hour bus rides (and an overnight ferry!) and navigating the intricacies of European toilets.

Coming back to Boston after ten days among thousands-years-old sites, you can understand how Odysseus felt returning after the ten years he spent wandering around the Aegean and Mediterranean seas (Ithaca, by the way, is just about exactly half the size of Boston). The 55-year-old Prudential Building isn't quite the 1949-year-old colosseum, just as the hills of Ithaca weren't the lofty walls of Troy, but the *vόστος*—the homecoming—is sweet nevertheless.



Photo by Masha Leyfer

A close-up of the Parthenon!



Photo by Masha Leyfer

The beautiful ruins of Delphi



Photo by Masha Leyfer

The theater of Pompey is seamlessly integrated into present-day Rome. It now runs as a cat sanctuary!



# MEET YOUR OFFICERS

## Q&A

1. How many state/national conventions have you attended?
2. Favorite part of your office?
3. What historical time period do you think you were meant to live in and why
4. Favorite classical fact, figure, or conspiracy?
5. Favorite condiment?
6. Spicy fun fact about yourself
7. Describe yourself in an emoji (next to photo)

### Carina Layfield, President, BLS



1. 5 State Conventions, 5 National Conventions.
2. Getting to work closely with my whole board and sending out emails to my email list (sign up at [bit.ly/massjclemails](http://bit.ly/massjclemails))
3. The end of the Roman Republic/beginning of the Empire because it'd be pretty amazing.
4. Ashley is a reincarnation of Medusa
5. Dijon mustard because it's tasty
6. My favorite word is heterological!

### Jess Schnitzer, 1VP, BLS

1. 4 State Conventions, 3 National Conventions.
2. Running social media! I get to connect with JCLers, and I like planning what to post and making posts.
3. According to my Buzzfeed quiz, it's Elizabethan England since I'm outgoing, fun, and well spoken.
4. Many different choices but I would have to go with Socrates because his contribution to moral philosophy leaves me in awe. I think it's so amazing how his ideas still are relevant today
5. Ketchup. It's a classic that never gets old. You can have it on burgers, eggs, fries, and more. So diverse!
6. I can say the alphabet backwards and name all the US states alphabetically!



# Avery Powers, 2VP, MTG



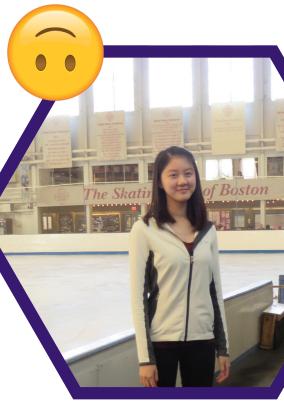
1. 4 State Conventions, 2 National Conventions.
2. Getting to cheer with all of MassJCL at National Convention
3. I think I was meant to live in the 1970s because I love disco music, dancing, and clothes!
4. Nero
5. Truffle oil because it tastes amazing on pizza, fries, avocado, etc.
6. I honk when I laugh.

# Ruth Weaver, Secretary, MTG

1. 4 State Conventions, 1 National Convention
2. The knowledge that I am writing down the history of JCL!
3. The 1980's, because my hair was MADE FOR IT
4. Amazon women were said to cut off their left breast so that they could fire their bows with more ease, which I think is totally kick-butt
5. Mustard, purely because ketchup is gross
6. I can whistle anything- like any pop song, anything I know. I actually whistled before I said my first word as a baby. However, anyone who attends MG knows that I do it all the time and it's really annoying.



# Ashley Chou, Treasurer, BLS



1. 4 State Conventions, 3 National Conventions.
2. Coming up with punishments for Dollars 4 Scholars hehe
3. I never look back, darling, it distracts from the now.
4. Perseus, because he was the only major Greek mythological hero that didn't act like a total jerk.
5. Nutella cuz chocolate
6. I'm not spicy, just salty. Very very salty.

# Maddie Bedard, Parliamentarian, AMSA



1. 3 State Conventions, 1 National Convention
2. Being able to run elections and reaching out to potential candidates who are passionate about JCL!
3. The 1920's because of my hair, and I love flapper dancers and The Great Gatsby haha
4. Sappho, also known as the tenth Muse, because I love poems and the art that comes after her (during the Victorian era) is beautiful.
5. Honey mustard! I love it with chicken :)
6. I know how to say hello/greetings in 10+ languages!

# Emma Cohen, Historian, AMSA

1. 4 State Conventions, 2 National Conventions.
2. Capturing the amazing memories made at JCL events ☺
3. Cenozoic, because it extends from 66 million years ago to the present day, and I am omnipresent
4. The pyramids of Giza line up with the stars in the Orion Constellation!
5. Ketchup but only on the side (if you put it directly on your fries we can't be friends) because it looks like coagulated blood.
6. I can juggle and figure skate at the same time.



# Rachel Wang, Editor, AMSA



1. 3 State Conventions, 2 National Conventions
2. Chronicling MassJCL through graphic design and reading what local chapters are up to!
3. Paris during the art nouveau and aestheticism movements: it's when so much of my favorite art and writing was created!
4. Cataline isn't 100% the villain that Cicero makes him out to be: in fact, he campaigned for legislation that would greatly benefit the common people, but was unpopular with the Roman aristocrats...
5. Ketchup because (unpopular opinion) tomatoes are amazing.
6. I collect socks, bee-related things, and socks with bee prints!

# Will Ferreira, Tech Coordinator, Pembroke

1. 2 State Conventions, 1 National Convention
2. When the code doesn't work for literally five hours and you realize the issue isn't the code but just Dreamweaver being Dreamweaver and you realize your hours of debugging were do nothing whatsoever.
3. Whenever Atlantis was around, I can just really sea myself there.
4. The cookbook Apicius is named after the real-life Apicius who supposedly loved food so much he bankrupted himself on lavish feasts.
5. Mayonnaise, if you have only tried storebought mayo you might think I am crazy but really mayo is king, it has a breadth of usage unmatched Hmong other condiments and, as a result of its emulsive nature, can easily be turned into an aioli.
6. I am a cooking connoisseur.



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# THE MAKING OF **QUEEN BEE** A CLASSICS DAY SKIT

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Mass JCL Classics Day was held on December 6th, 2018 at Boston University. We together have been to at least four Classics Day events. Over the years, we have attended many educational workshops, eaten delicious lunches, and watched countless skits. This year, we were put in charge of creating our school's skit, which placed first in the contest. For the end of the first term, we were assigned a project in our AP Latin class, and we decided to perform a rap song about the bee simile in Vergil's Aeneid. Conveniently, the NJCL 2019 National Convention theme is "Apes non sunt solitaria natura" We seized this opportunity to perform our rap live for our skit. However, the original rap did not fit within the time constraints, so we created an abridged version, adding Classics Day themed lyrics:

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Welcome to Classics Day,  
We couldn't think of a rhyme to this line, so hey  
Apes non sunt solitaria natura  
Neither are humans, we need partners too, yeah

According to all known laws of aviation,  
A bee can't fly it's in our imagination  
Flapping their wings as fast as my bars,  
We'll disregard physics and fly to the stars

The line about us not being able to find a rhyme was, in fact, true as we could not find a line that would work well in context with Classics Day. In our original project, we did not include a Bee Movie (2007) reference. This time around, we realized that it was imperative to include one. Classics Day has been a major part of our JCL experience, and we are very happy to have been able to give something back in the form of entertainment.

# Lyrics

Workers they flutter around and are paving the  
streets

Cutting columns out of rocks, and sailing from  
docks

Under the sun's blazing heat

Like bees pollinating flowers

Buzzing for all these long hours

Producing honey, making the money flow

Stand mesmerized by the greatest show

Mellifer

Busting out nectar without a care

Don't need to worry 'bout being attacked by bears

Pooh ain't in Carthage, he'd be anywhere but there

Rose up from the ground

Left without a sound

Escape the clutches of

Brother Pygmalion

Found a city and built up the high walls

The queen is arriving

Dido reigns above all, she's the



(CHORUS X4)

Queen bee, queen bee

Watching over drones as they fly through  
the city

Queen bee, queen bee

It's the best port in the Mediterranean Sea

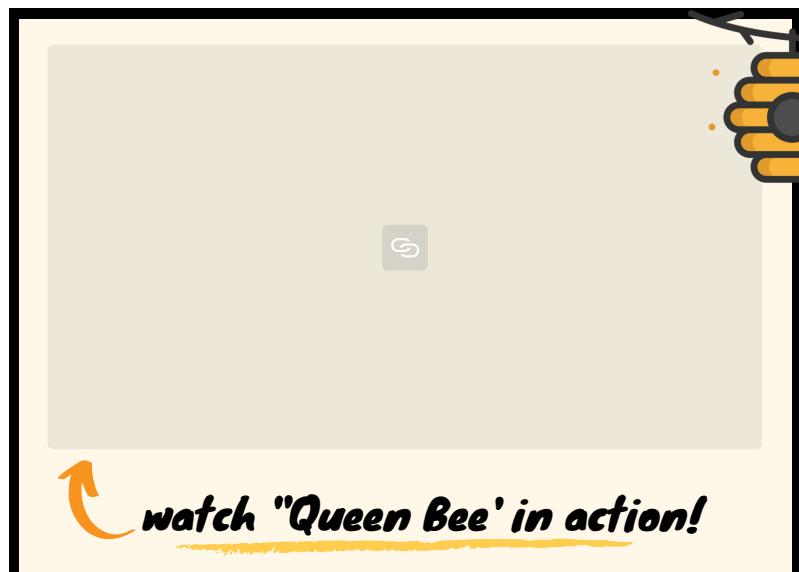
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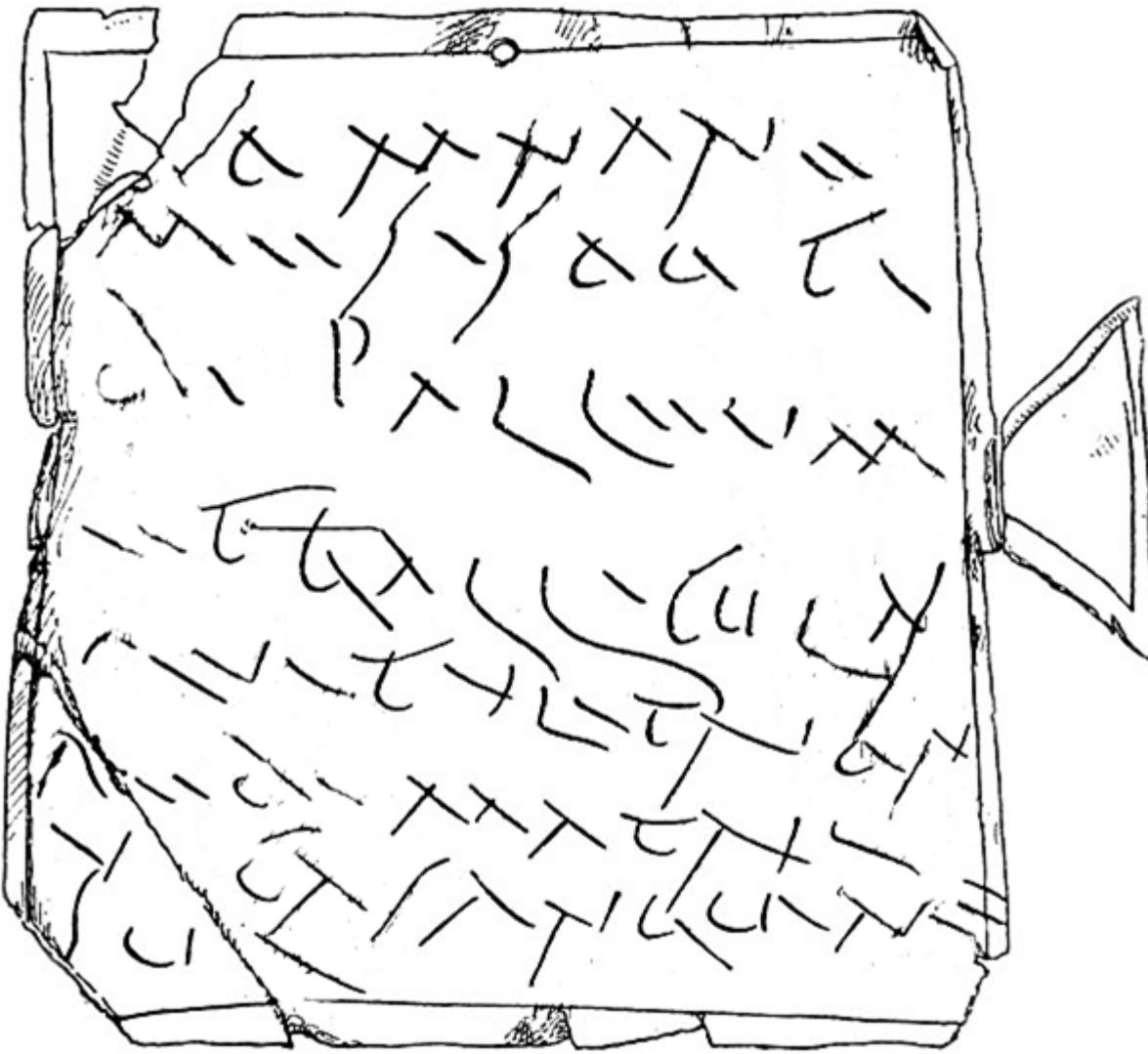
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# Video



# GRAFFITO

Decipher the graffito to reveal a hidden message!



## vocab

**pallium, palliū, n.** cloak, cape, coat

**caliga, caligae, f.** leather military boot

**ferō, ferre, tulī, latum** carry, bear, wear

**redimō, redimere, redemī, redemptum** get back, buy back, redeem

**nisi** except, unless

**sanguis, sanguinis, m.** blood

# KEY

## ABC's

Use the below guide to help decipher the graffiti!

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Answer is on page 24!

# ROMAN *recipe*



PLACENTA: CHEESE + HONEY LAYER CAKE

## INTRODUCTION:

The recipe for placenta, or "flat cake" is recorded in Cato the Elder's farming manual *De Agricultura* (76). Meant to feed farmhands, the original recipe makes a cake about the size of a coffee table: it requires 6 pounds of flour, 2 pounds of spelt, 14 pounds of fresh sheep's cheese, and 4.5 pounds of high-quality honey!

Below is a recipe for a modernized version of placenta from *Gourmet* magazine. Structurally similar to lasagna or baklava, layers of *tracta* (a biscuit-like pastry) are alternated with layers of cow's milk cheese. If you want to be authentic, try using sheep's cheese! For different variations, take out the honey to make *scriblitam*, take a pie mold, mix the dough and the cheese, and steam the mold for *erneum*.



MAKES 8  
SERVINGS!

## INGREDIENTS:

### For pastry:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling
- Olive oil, for brushing

### For tracta:

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling
- 1/2 cup spelt flour
- Olive oil, for brushing

### For filling:

- 1 pound fresh ricotta
- 1/2 cup honey
- 6 fresh or dried bay leaves, plus 1 for garnish

# INSTRUCTIONS:

## **Make the tracta:**

Combine the wheat and spelt flours in a mixing bowl, and repeat the process above, rolling the dough into a rectangle. Brush both sides with oil, and cut into three pieces. Set aside.

## **Make the filling:**

Put the ricotta in a bowl and pour in the honey. (Strong-tasting honey like buckwheat or chestnut will make a more fragrant placenta.) Whisk the ricotta mixture until smooth and fluffy.

## **Assemble the placenta:**

Place the encompassing pastry on a baking sheet. Evenly space the bay leaves over the center of the circle, so when the sides are folded up, the leaves will be on the bottom. Spoon 1/4 of the filling evenly over the bay leaves. Put one of the tracta on top, and then cover it with another 1/4 of the filling. Continue layering until the last 1/4 of the filling is on top. Fold the encompassing pastry over so that it completely covers the top. The pastry should overlap. Bake for two hours, or until the placenta is light brown. Garnish with the remaining bay leaf, and cut into squares. Serve warm.

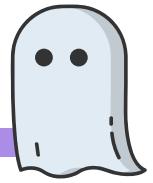


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SPOOKY

# officer CONSPIRACIES



## Which conspiracy are you?



**Carina**

Music video star



**Jess**

Secretly chaotic evil



**Avery**

is the goose from Cininnatus's farm



**Ashley**

is a reincarnation of Medusa

Carpe  
diem!



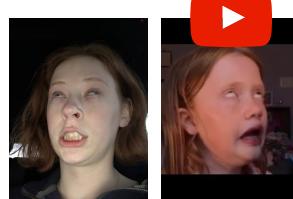
**Maddie**

has been in JCL for 22 years



**Rachel**

is a groundhog whisperer



**Emma**

an older version of ASMR Youtuber "Life with MaK"



**Will**

is actually a plant (he drinks an inordinate amount of water)

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#KazooGang from spirit at Nationals!



Credit: Ashley Chou, BLS



Fun festivals and celebrations at the Classics Day skit contest!



Sweeping up those academic awards like Dante at Nationals



Current NSCL Treasurer, aka JAMIE TAP HANDS giving a legendary performance at That's Entertainment



1 *arma vi rumque ca no, | Troi ae qui primus ab oris  
Itali am fa to profu gus La vinaque venit  
litora —multumil iet ter ris lac tatus et alto  
vi supe rum, sae vae memo rem lu nonis ob tram,  
5 multa quo quiet bel lo pas sūs, dum cōnderet urbem  
Infer retque de os Latii o —genus unde La tinum  
7 Alba nique pa tres at qualtae moenia Romae.*

don't say you like the anime

Credit: Mr. Brian Bakkala, AMSA

if you haven't read the manga

*meme corner*

Graffito answer: "Dom(i)na Nemesis do ti-bi palleum et galliculas qui tulit non redimat ni(si) v[i]ta sanguine sua," Lady Nemesis, I give thee a cloak and a pair of boots; let him who wore them not redeem them except with his life and blood.

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# HOROSCOPES



## Aries

Mar 21 - Apr 19

Lucky you! The spring promises to kick off a season of self-discovery and new beginnings. Take a moment to breath and slowly implement your new ideas: patience will take you far!



## Taurus

Apr 20 - May 20

Creative opportunities are opening up! Clarify what directions you want to take, especially in any investments. Try not to be impulsive, as the stars promise to reward long-term plans!



## Gemini

May 21 - Jun 20

The new moon promises to reveal inspiring friendships over the next few months! With three planets in retrograde this month, reevaluate your relationships for balance and harmony. Passion and romance promise to help you reach clarity this month.



## Cancer

Jun 21 - Jul 22

New leadership and professional opportunities are heading your way! Use this season to take time to structure and prioritize your goals. Listen to your body and reduce stress.



## Leo

Jul 23 - Aug 22

The spring promises opportunities to go out of your comfort zone and to learn and explore! Use the spring and summer to try new things: being active and busy could soon lead to an important epiphany.



## Virgo

Aug 23 - Sept 22

Use the spring as a time for introspection: focus on your relationships and important projects. The new moon might bring some important decisions regarding commitment and love your way...



## Libra

April is the perfect time to ponder over new relationship opportunities in your personal and professional life. Take time to repair old relationships and open up to people. You've got this!

Sept 23 - Oct 22



## Scorpio

Oct 23 - Nov 21

Spring promises to bring back some order and focus! Try new things in your routine and give back to your community. Don't be afraid of reaching out to others for help and guidance.



## Sagittarius

Nov 22 - Dec 21

Work hard, play hard, Sagittarius! The new moon brings opportunities to have some fun and sparks of creative energy. Use these new ideas to learn more about yourself and pursue personal goals.



## Capricorn

Dec 22 - Jan 19

April is an important time for introspection, Capricorn. Even though it might seem uncomfortable or scary, embracing your vulnerability might help to spark some creativity. Use this time to heal and forgive.



## Aquarius

Jan 20 - Feb 18

The new moon will open your communication and collaboration channels! Get your creative juices flowing into new opportunities-some closer than you might think. You might soon meet a like-minded creative partner!



## Pisces

Feb 19 - Mar 20

Spring brings structure and stability. Slow down and use this time to focus on immediate tasks. A path will be revealed to you once you begin to take precise steps.

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# SNAPSHOTS!



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MassJCL spirit at Nationals for "Make new friends but keep the old, one is Purple and the other is Gold!"



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Busy bees at the Classics Day skit contest!

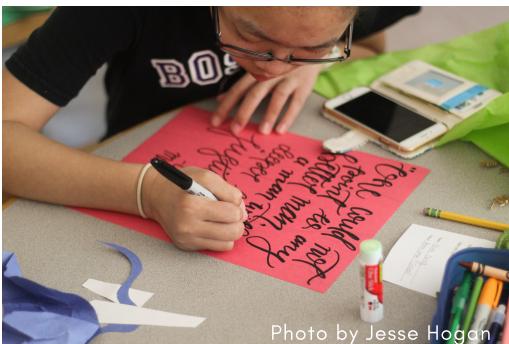


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#Throwback: A JCLer's beautiful calligraphy from impromptu art at 2018 States!



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#Throwback: Models from the "Classical Creature" themed Project Runway at 2018 States in their groups' final designs.

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