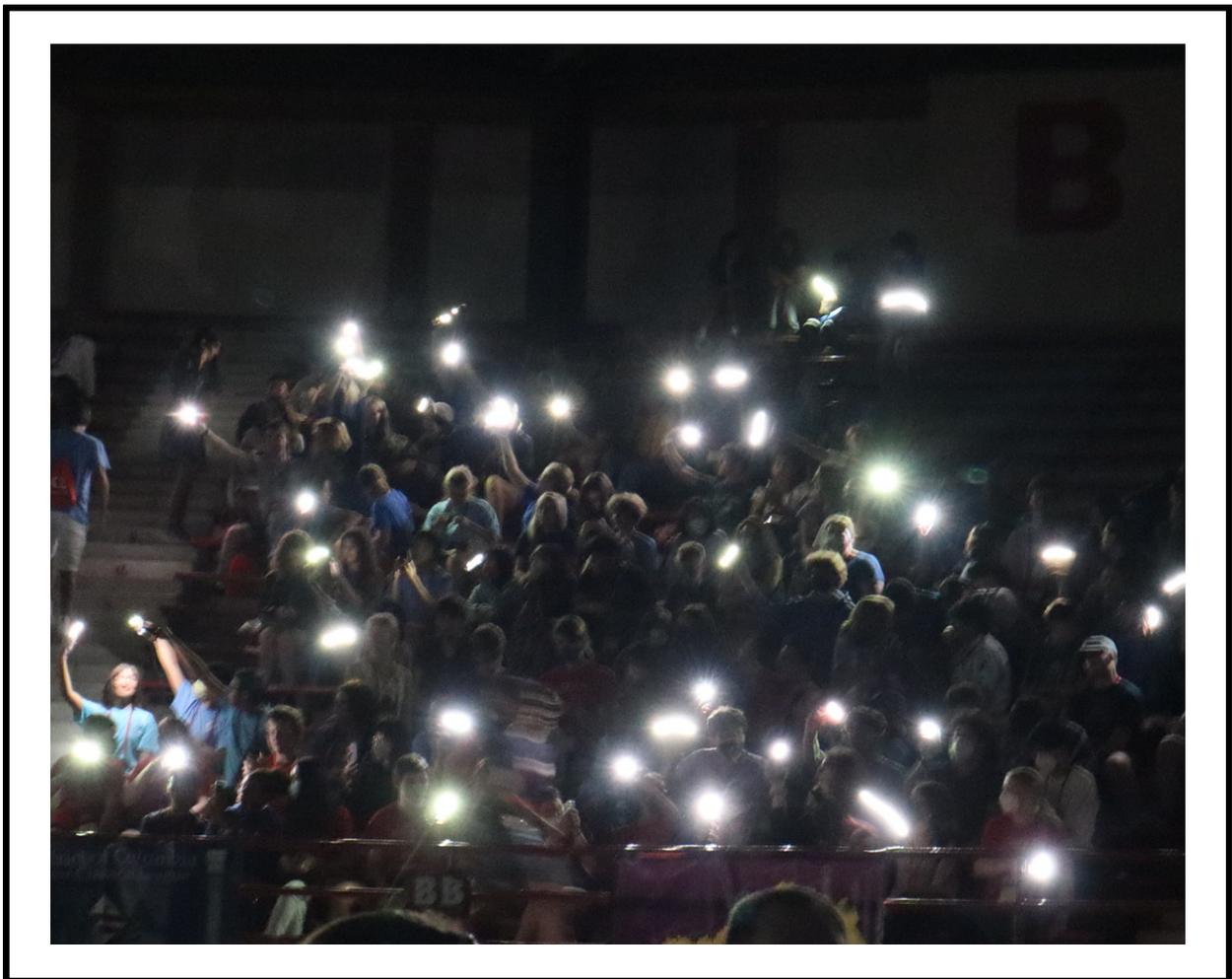


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PRESIDENT

Salvete Omnes,

I hope you all had a good summer break and have had a great start to the school year!

As the 2022-2023 school year begins, I would like to cordially welcome you to MassJCL. As you may know, MassJCL is a chapter of the National Junior Classical League (NJCL), a student-run organization that seeks to unite classics students from across Massachusetts and the country in a shared appreciation for the languages and cultures of ancient civilizations. This organization provides amazing opportunities for you to pursue your passion in the classics, give back to your community, meet new people, and pursue leadership opportunities at the local, state and national level.

We will host three statewide events throughout the year: Kickoff, Classics Day and State Convention. Our first event is Kickoff taking place on October 29th, from 9am to 3pm, at Winchester High School. This event is an excellent way for you to learn more about how to establish or grow your school's classics club, to meet people from around the state, and to learn about leadership opportunities in JCL through the Praetoria workshops. We will also have plenty of fun activities, including open certamen and (friendly) gladiator fights. Can't wait to see you there!

Our next event, Classics Day, will take place at Boston University on December 1st. Please save the date! The theme for this year is "A Day in the Life," with a focus on historically marginalized communities in the ancient Mediterranean world. Always one of our most popular events, Classics Day offers you a chance to attend classics-related lectures and workshops led by professors in the Boston area.

Finally, make sure to stay tuned for more information about our State Convention, which will be held in person in April. This weekend-long event is an excellent opportunity for you to meet other classics scholars from across the state and compete in academic, dramatic, artistic, and athletic competitions. It is also a great first taste of what the annual NJCL conventions are like, and we hope it will inspire you to join the Massachusetts delegation at Nationals which will be held at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia next summer.

I am looking forward to meeting you all this year, and am so grateful for your support of MassJCL!

Gratias tibi ago,

Louisa Hemr

Louisa Hemr
MassJCL President 2022-2023

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Save the Date!

**October
29th**

Kick-Off

Winchester Highschool

9AM-3PM

**December
1st**

Classics Day

The George Sherman

Union of Boston

9AM-2:30PM

**April
28th-30th**

State Convention

Duxbury High school

OUR CERTAMEN TEAMS!



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National Convention

Nationals is a place for everyone to show their devotion to classics and classical studies. Whether it is through olympika or academic tests, you can show what part of Classical studies you are truly interested in.

This summer the National Junior Classical League was in Lafayette, Louisiana. It was a lot of fun, as always...from the major events to chilling with delegates from different states!

I participated in Olympika track and field. I was 5th place in the girls 100 meter dash. I also participated in the coed 4x4 meter dash with someone from Kentucky, and 2 people from Ohio. We called ourselves Massiouky and won second place! I also participated in the 200 meter dash, and the 'marathon.'

I took many academic tests, and submitted a small power carved trojan horse from basswood and won 4th place in the small models category. Overall this nationals was one of the best I've been to and I can't wait for the many conventions in the future!

- Athena James, BLA

NATIONAL CONVENTION RESULTS

ACADEMICS

Decathlon

James McCurley, 4th

Heptathlon

James McCurley, 1st

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 2nd

Mark Snekvik, 2nd

Creighton Banitt, 4th

Biya Brook, 5th

Triathlon

Malvika Dias, 2nd

Mila Matteson, 4th

Tom Pogorelec, 4th

Joseph Hemr, 5th

Ancient Geo

Joanna Lin, 4th

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 4th

James McCurley, 4th

Zachary Chen, 5th

Classical Art

Louisa Hemr, 1st

James McCurley, 2nd

Owen Butler, 4th

Joseph Hemr, 5th

Ailin Sha, 5th

Classical Greek

James McCurley, 1st

Owen Butler, 4th

Greek Derivatives

Ailin Sha, 3rd

James McCurley, 3rd

Julianna Lee, 4th

Owen Butler, 5th

Greek Life & Lit

Ailin Sha, 1st

James McCurley, 1st

Malvika Dias, 3rd

Louisa Hemr, 3rd

Hellenic History

James McCurley, 2nd

Louisa Hemr, 4th

Joseph Hemr, 5th

Latin Derivatives

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 1st

Tom Pogorelec, 3rd

Owen Butler, 4th

Malvika Dias, 5th

Mark Snekvik, 5th

Latin Grammar

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 1st

Mark Snekvik, 1st

Tom Pogorelec, 1st

Malvika Dias, 2nd

Latin Grammar cont...

Avish Kumar, 3rd

Creighton Banitt, 4th

Thomas McMahon, 4th

Biya Brook, 5th

James McCurley, 5th

Latin Lit

Julianna Lee, 1st

James McCurley, 1st

Louisa Hemr, 2nd

Biya Brook, 4th

Owen Butler, 4th

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 5th

Latin Vocab

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 1st

Mark Snekvik, 1st

Malvika Dias, 2nd

Avish Kumar, 2nd

Mila Matteson, 3rd

Tom Pogorelec, 3rd

Ailin Sha, 5th

Biya Brook, 5th

Owen Butler, 5th

LDD Mythology

Annelise Gross, 1st

LDD Roman History

Annelise Gross, 1st

LDD Vocab

Annelise Gross, 1st

Mottoes

Avish Kumar, 1st

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 1st

Malvika Dias, 2nd

Biya Brook, 2nd

Owen Butler, 2nd

Creighton Banitt, 4th

James McCurley, 4th

Mythology

Mila Matteson, 1st

James McCurley, 1st

Aspen Johnson, 2nd

Biya Brook, 2nd

Ailin Sha, 3rd

Louisa Hemr, 5th

Reading Comp.

Mark Snekvik, 1

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 1

(poetry)

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 1

(prose)

James McCurley, 1

Creighton Banitt, 2

James McCurley, 2

Biya Brook, 3

Roman History

Alex Xu, 1st

Tom Pogorelec, 3rd

Julianna Lee, 3rd

Mark Snekvik, 4th

Zachary Chen, 4th

Louisa Hemr, 4th

James McCurley, 4th

Malvika Dias, 5th

Roman Life

James McCurley, 2nd

Avish Kumar, 3rd

Julianna Lee, 3rd

Louisa Hemr, 3rd

Malvika Dias, 4th

Alex Xu, 4th

Mark Snekvik, 5th

Owen Butler, 5th

CERTAMEN

Agon

Biya Brook, 1

James McCurley, 1

Novice

Malvika Dias, 1st

Joseph Hemr, 1st

Aspen Johnson, 1st

Avish Kumar, 1st

Mila Matteson, 1st

Tom Pogorelec, 1st

Intermediate

Maya Koreth, 2nd

Andrew Lai, 2nd

Julianna Lee, 2nd

Ailin Sha, 2nd

Mark Snekvik, 2nd

Advanced

Biya Brook, 1st

James McCurley, 1st

Creighton Banitt, 3rd

Biya Brook, 3rd

Owen Butler, 3rd

Zachary Chen, 3rd

Louisa Hemr, 3rd

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 3rd

James McCurley, 3rd

Alex Xu, 3rd

CREATIVE ARTS

DI Adv. Poetry

James McCurley, 3rd

DI Adv. Prose

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 2nd

Marc Quintanar, 2nd

DI Lvl 2

Mark Snekvik, 1st

CERTAMEN

DI lvl 1/2 & 1

Malvika Dias, 2nd

Sight Latin 1/2 Purple

Mark Snekvik, 1

Sight Latin Prose

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 1st

Estiven Lezama, 5th

Joanna Lin, 5th

GRAPHIC ARTS

Black Pencil

Mila Matteson, 4th

Stitching/Textiles

Jenny Chen, 4th

Digital Scrapbook (State)

Karen Dong, 5th

Greeting Cards

Jenny Chen, 5th

Small Models

Athena James, 4th

Jenny Chen, 5th

Traditional Photo

Mark Snekvik, 1st

Traditional Scrapbook local

Jenny Chen, 5th

OLYMPIKA

100 Meter Sr Girls Track

Athena James, 5th

100 yard backstroke Jr Boys

Joseph Hemr, 1st

100 yard backstroke S Boys

Alex Xu, 1st

100 yard backstroke Sr Girls

Louisa Hemr, 1st

Jiajia Zhang, 2nd

100 yard Freestyle Jr Boys

Joseph Hemr, 2nd

100 yard Freestyle Sr Boys

Alex Xu, 1st

100 yard Freestyle Sr Girls

Louisa Hemr, 1st

Jiajia Zhang, 2nd

100 yard Medley Jr Boys

Joseph Hemr, 1st

100 yard Medley Sr Boys

Alex Xu, 1st

100 yard Medley Sr Girls

Louisa Hemr, 1

100 yard Medley Sr Girls

Jiajia Zhang, 3

National Convention Moments

200 yard Freestyle Sr Boys

Alex Xu 2

100 yard Freestyle Sr Girls

Louisa Hemr, 1st

Jiajia Zhang, 2nd

50 yard Backstroke Jr Boys

Joseph Hemr, 4th

50 yard Backstroke Sr Boys

Alex Xu, 1st

50 yard Freestyle Sr Girls

Louisa Hemr, 1st

Jiajia Zhang, 2nd

50 yard Butterfly Jr Boys

Joseph Hemr, 4th

50 yard Butterfly Sr Boys

Alex Xu, 1st

50 yard Butterfly Sr Girls

Louisa Hemr, 1st

Jiajia Zhang, 2nd

50 yard Freestyle Jr Boys

Joseph Hemr, 4th

50 yard Freestyle Sr Boys

Alex Xu, 2nd

50 yard Freestyle Sr Girls

Louisa Hemr, 1st

Jiajia Zhang, 2nd

50 yd Breaststroke Jr Boys

Joseph Hemr, 2

50 yd Breaststroke Sr Boys

Alex Xu, 1

50 yd Breaststroke Sr Girls

Louisa Hemr, 2nd

Jiajia Zhang, 3rd

Discus Sr Boys

Marc Quintanar, 2nd

Long Jump Sr Boys

Marc Quintanar, 2nd

NON-CONVENTION

Club of the Month - October

Boston Latin School, 1st

Local Publications

Alex Chou, 1st

Photo of the Month

(December)

Winchester High School, 1st

Photo of the Month

(May/June)

Boston Latin School, 1

Publicity - Best Club Swag

Boston Latin School, 1st

Publicity

Boston Latin School, 1st

Social Media

Mark Snekvik, 1st

Website Contest (Local)

Boston Latin School, 1st

OVERALL

Lillie B. Hamilton Award

Mark Snekvik, 1st

Overall Academics

James McCurley, 1st

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 5th

Malvika Dias, 8th

Overall Creative Arts

Mark Snekvik, 3rd

Overall Olympika

Louisa Hemr, 2nd

Alex Xu, 3rd

Jiajia Zhang, 6th

Joseph Hemr, 7th

Overall Sweepstakes

James McCurley, 2nd

Louisa Hemr, 4th

Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, 7th

Alex Xu, 8th

Certamen: Adv. Team

Massachusetts, 3rd

Certamen: Interm. Team

Massachusetts, 2nd

Certamen: Nov. Team

Massachusetts, 1st

Graphic Arts

T-Shirt: Best Visual

Massachusetts, 4th

Ludi

Relays - Coed

Massioucky, 3rd



Meal time!



Howdy



Interesting

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About our...

officers

The Questions

1. How many state and national conventions have you been to?
2. What is your favorite thing about your office so far?
3. What is your favorite Latin verb?
4. What is your favorite season?
5. Give us one fun fact about yourself!
6. What is your spirit animal?

Louisa Hemr - President



1. 5 state conventions (3 in-person, 2 virtual) and 4 National Conventions including this one (2 in-person, 2 virtual)
2. I have really enjoyed being able to work with all of our amazing board members, and just getting to know everyone better as we prepare for Nationals!
3. Nō (nare, navi, --, to swim)
4. Summer!
5. I am one dive away from my Scuba certification
6. Hummingbird

Samhitha Vundi - IVP

1. I've been to 4 state conventions and 1 national convention.
2. I have really been enjoying getting to know my fellow officers and planning classics day because it is one of my favorite MassJCL events!
3. My favorite Latin verb would be fero because I find it interesting how it has so many meanings
4. Fall!



5. One fun fact about me is that I love ice cream and I could go through a whole pint in a day
6. My spirit animal would probably be a turtle

Erin Kim - 2nd VP



1. I have been to two state conventions and one national convention so far!
2. I love how my job as 2nd VP is all about the two things that define who we are as MassJCL: spirit and service. I really cannot imagine MassJCL without its incredible, unmatched strong energy and the spirit of giving back to our communities. I'm also a huge event

planner, so organizing activities and coming up with ideas for spirit and service have been a ton of fun!

3. Carpe—from carpe diem. What I like about carpe is that the verb itself literally translates to "pluck," which makes the famous phrase "pluck the day." I think this version has so much more flavor, joy, and action to it than the traditional translation, and so to me, carpe represents the beauty of just how multifaceted the meaning of Latin words can be!
4. Winter's the season that feels the warmest to me (despite the freezing temperature). I love my family's annual viewing of "Home Alone", making holiday cards, singing carols with friends, snow angels, white elephant gift exchanges... I absolutely love winter.
5. If you look closely, I have freckles only on one side of my face!
6. A squirrel. I love how they're always running around everywhere and are so persistent in getting whatever food they want (search "backyard squirrel maze" on YouTube and you'll get what I mean).

Mistchnache Prinston - Secretary

1. I have been to 2 state conventions and no national conventions yet.
2. My favorite thing about being secretary is getting to work with the other officers to make sure everything is in check!
3. My favorite Latin verb is habeo, habere...
4. My favorite season is the fall 🍂!
5. One fun fact about myself is that I love film and theatre 🎬🎭
6. My spirit animal is a dolphin 🐬 of course.



Joanna Lin - Treasurer



1. I've been to 3 state conventions and 4 national conventions.
2. My favorite thing about being treasurer is being able to utilize a diverse array of skills and interact with people in different roles. When you're treasurer, you have to use creative, technical, financial, and communication skills to plan fundraiser events, design

merch, stay organized, and work with other members of MassJCL.

3. My favorite Latin verb is *eo, ire* — to go, because of its singular present active imperative. Very goof-I.
4. I used to be an adamant winter fan. However, I realized that the only part of winter I enjoy is this fantasy of me reading with my cat in front of a crackling fire as snow falls in the window next to me. But once March hits and the dirty Boston snow remains on the sidewalks, I'm not too sure if winter is my favorite season anymore. Thus, I will be diplomatic and say I like all of the seasons.
5. One time I posted a picture of a lemon meringue pie that I got from Flour Bakery on Instagram. @flourbakeryandcafe and Joanne Chang liked my post. #instafamoustbh
6. I once did a Harry Potter Patronus test and got husky. I agree. Who couldn't resist this? →



Owen Butler - Parliamentarian



1. 5 state conventions (or 4 if we missed one for COVID, I don't really remember), and this summer will be my 4th national convention.
2. Just being able to meet new people, especially the parlis from other states.
3. Obliviscor because it was the first cool-sounding verb that came to mind
4. Winter.
5. I won a costume contest at my school last year by dressing as Vector from *Despicable Me*
6. Sloths because they just hang all day and vibe, which is a more than ideal lifestyle in my book



Jenny Chen - Historian

1. 3 states, 3 nationals.
2. Taking way too many photos at TE during nats
3. Tollo, tollere, sustuli, sublatus
4. Spring!
5. I am left handed.
6. Koala!!!

Megan Tran - Editor

1. I've been to 1 state convention and zero nationals.
2. I really enjoy putting together forum factorums like this! I hope they are pleasing to your eyes as well. I also really enjoy meeting new people and working with our board members.
3. My favorite Latin verb is sciō, scīre, scīvī, scītus - to know, because sometimes I do know and sometimes I don't.
4. I love the fall, it's sweater weather!
5. I've never had risotto before. Is it good?
6. According to my friends, a dove. Close to pigeon but not quite. Interpret that however you may like.



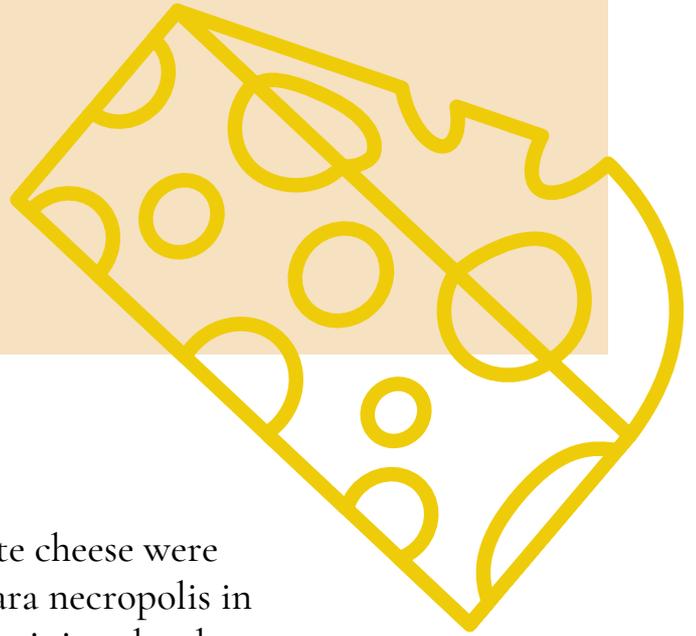
Juliana Lee - Tech coordinator

1. 2 states, 3 nationals
2. Designing the new MassJCL website (which should be up soon, yay)
3. Disco 🕺
4. Spring, obviously!
5. I have 365 books on my Books to Read list
6. Sugar Gliders, because they're always curious, tend to be outgoing, and sleep 16 hours a day :)



Cheese!

By Joanna Lin, BLS



Cheese, you're in Ancient Egypt!

2,600-year-old old blocks of white cheese were discovered by archaeologists at the Saqqara necropolis in Egypt just this September. Clay pots containing the cheese were covered in Demotic writing, which is a type of Egyptian hieroglyphic writing utilized from 7th century BCE to 5th century CE.

Located about 20 miles south of Cairo, the necropolis (derived from Greek *nekrós* for dead and *pólis* for city) in Saqqara serves as a site of multiple tombs of ancient Egyptian kings. Within these monuments, offerings placed with mummies included objects such as cheese.

However, this discovery is not the first in a line of cheese finds. In 2018, cheese from over 3,200 years ago was discovered in a tomb in the Saqqara necropolis. This cheese was likely made from cow, sheep, or goat milk and is currently the oldest cheese ever discovered.

Researchers find that these discoveries of cheese can record beginnings of diseases. For instance, the 3,200-year-old cheese are the first records of bacteria associated with brucellosis, a disease usually spread through unpasteurized dairy consumption.

The power of cheese is truly as infinite as a mozzarella cheese pull!

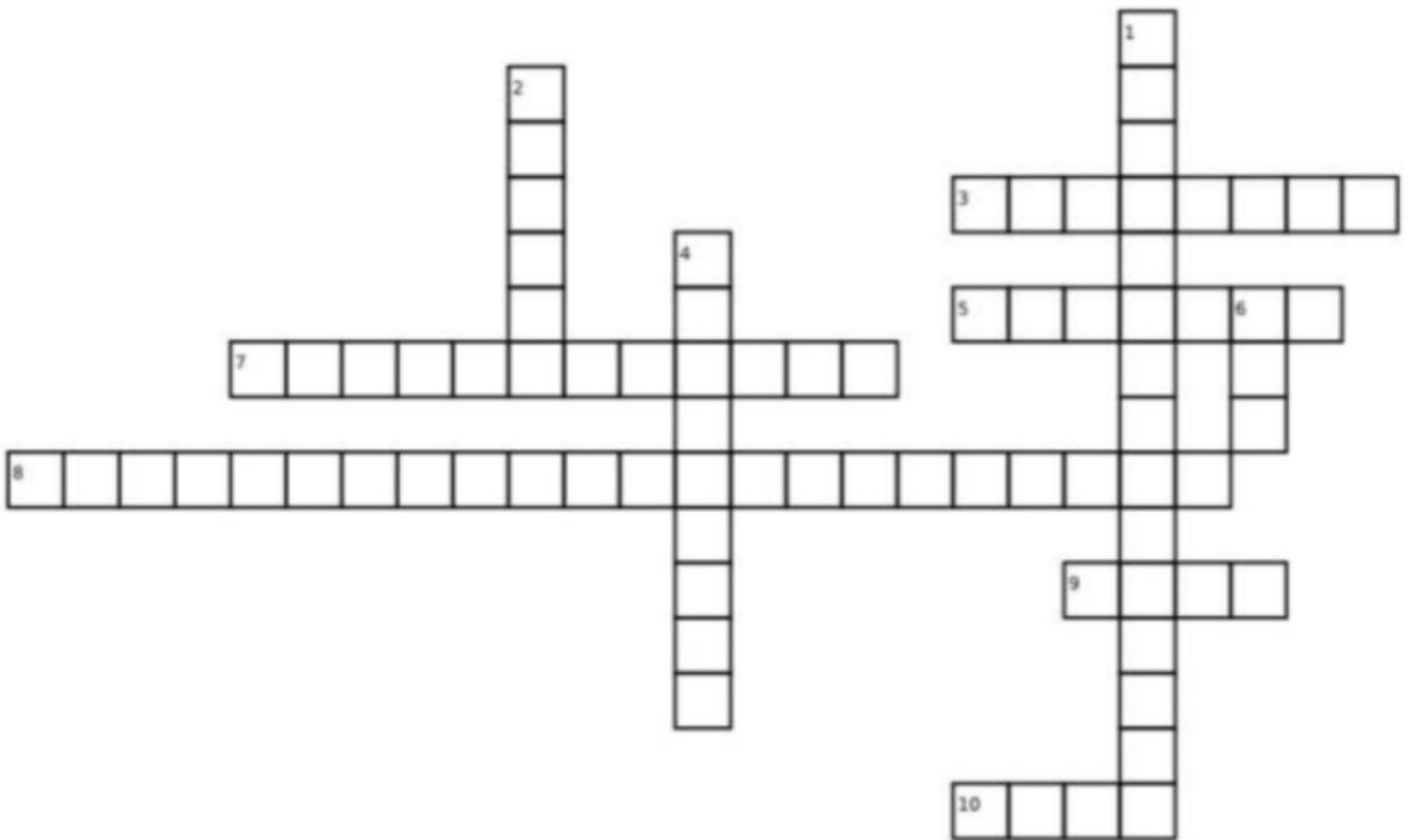
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Porci et Latini Crossword Puzzle

By Fiona Zhao



Down:

1. Tres porcelli in English is _____
2. In Latin, what animal is Chris P. Bacon?
4. Who came before the Olympian gods?
6. Suovetaurilia _____, sheep, and bull

Across:

3. Who is the Greek god of the sea?
5. What is the name of the one-eyed giant?
7. Who died on the ides of March?
8. Translate: miseri discipuli Latini
9. What is the Latin word for god?
10. Which Greek god is represented by the lightning bolt?



SUBMIT YOUR WORK!



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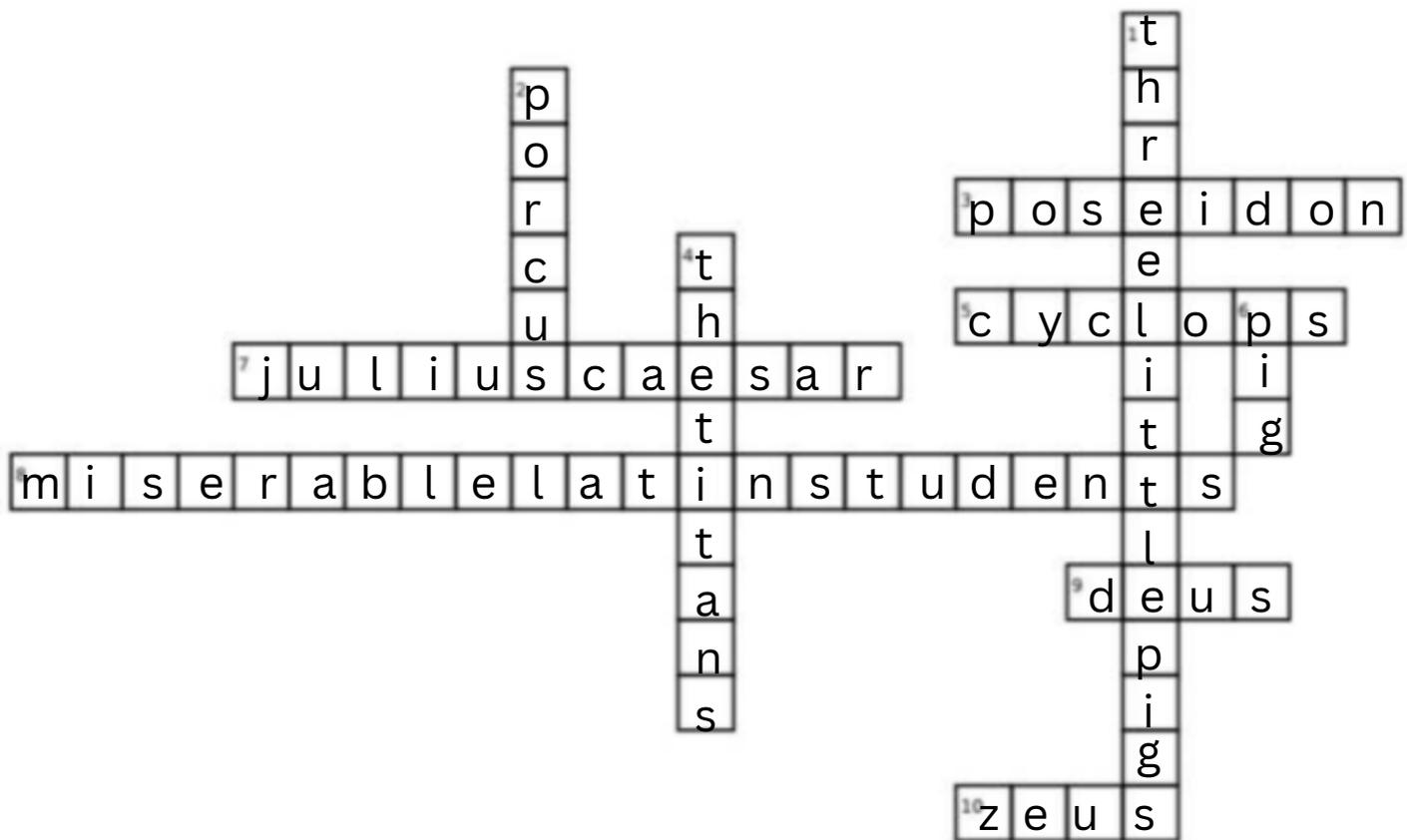
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If a chapter writes an article for the Forum Factorum, they will receive a max of one bonus point per issue!

Crossword Puzzle Answer Key

By Fiona Zhao



Down:

1. Three little pigs
2. Porcus
4. The Titans
6. Pigs

Across:

3. Poseidon
5. Cyclops
7. Julius Caesar
8. Miserable Latin Students
9. Deus
10. Zeus

MASSJCL SNIPPETS

Photo By Jenny Chen



Sunset at Nationals

Photo by Jenny Chen



Indeed

Photo by Jenny Chen



Pre-Nats party!!

Gratias
Maximas!