Salve! Fellow JCL Chapters!

The time of year is almost upon us! Save the date: April 15-17 is the 69th annual JCL Convention. I am excited to share with you all about how to prepare and what to expect for this year's convention!

"Vbi Concordia, Ibi Victorica."

- P. Syrvs

Quick Info

69th Annual WA/BC JCL Convention Friday through Sunday April 15-17, 2016

@ Warm Beach Camp 20800 Marine Drive Stanwood, WA 98292
“How actually does one use the vocative case?” Hearing this phrase as we were piling off the bus, recovering from a two hour nap, and not quite certain of what we were doing, the bright sun and slight breeze greeted us as we entered Warm Beach Camp. While our delegation teachers (Mr. Jerry Seitz and Mrs. Kay Crane) signed us in, we observed the fellow JCL members wandering about, and we awkwardly talked amongst ourselves, wary of what the weekend would bring.

Following the initial unpacking of our rooms, we wandered to the opening ceremony. The first time I heard the Latin Creed, so many emotions went through my head, I did not know where to begin. The fact that so many people had so much enthusiasm for the Latin language and classics blew my mind. After the crazy initial introduction, the students from Kennedy Catholic quickly fell into the customs of Latin Convention. From translating our school fight song into Latin, to creating a band called “The Seventh Declension”, to deciding our two minute skit would not match up to the amazing productions of the other delegations, we felt right at home. The amount of immediate comfort we felt with people we had never met before revealed how the Latin culture brought us all together. One particularly amazing experience was the Roman toga procession. While everyone made their way, singing and chanting around the camp grounds, I felt completely welcome and happy to know that the Latin language was still very alive. (And they call Latin a dead language!)

By the end of the weekend, no one from the Kennedy Catholic delegation wanted to return home. We had lost dreadfully at Certamen, (150-10 is quite the score) climbed the “Labors of Hercules”, sang a song in the talent show, and gotten really excited at the campfire. (Who knew Old MacDonald was such a crazy song?) The most important thing we took away from the convention was that it was possible to have an enormous amount of fun, broaden our friendships with the Latin community, and deepen our knowledge of the classics and Latin language, all at the same time! We met many new students from other schools along the way, and whenever the topic of “Convention” comes up in class, we are able to recount stories for a solid twenty minutes. So, if you are new to Latin Convention, be open to truly enjoying yourself and learning a ton. If you are a returning member, know that this year is about to be the best one we have ever had.

And remember that while we may know a lot of Latin, we will probably never discover what the vocative case means.
You can accessorize with fun up-dos, braids, belts and beautiful flower crowns to get that “Chic Roman” feel!

What you need:

- A Bedsheet
- Safety pins

Step 1:

Take a corner of the sheet and hold it in front of your shoulder with about 4 inches of it in your hand.

Step 2:

Take the other side of the bedsheet and wrap it around your body once.

Step 3:

Take the end of the other side of the toga and tie it to the other side of the toga.

Step 4:

Safety pin necessary areas

*Photos and instructions by wikihow
ATHLETIC EVENTS: WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU WOULD EVERY BECOME A GLADIATOR? THESE EVENTS WILL TEST YOUR PHYSICAL ABILITY AND SEE IF YOU HAVE THE GUTS TO FIGHT LIKE A ROMAN.

- 100 meter dash
- 200 meter dash
- Mile run
- Shot put
- Long Jump
- Roman Wrestling
- Gladiatorial Combat
- Catapult

CERTAMEN: Want to take your group skills to the next level? Take your friends from the same Latin level and compete in a team completion between other schools to see who has the best knowledge on everything Latin!

ACADEMIC EVENTS: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH THESE TEST AND SEE HOW MUCH LATIN YOU REALLY KNOW.

- Derivatives
- Latin grammar
- Mythology
- Roman History
- Roman Life
- Ancient Geography
- Reading Comprehension
- Latin literature
- Latin vocabulary

GRAPHIC ARTS: PAINT AND DRAW LIKE ITS 60 BC! TAKE YOUR ART PIECE IN TO BE JUDGED AND VIEWED!

- Watercolor
- Oil acrylic
- Black pencil
- Charcoal
- Pastel chalk
- Black ink
- Colored ink
- Mixed media
- Computer Generated

- Mosaic
- Pottery sculptures
- Large Models
- Small Models
- Decorative Stitching dolls/Jewelry/Other textiles
- Multimedia
- Posters/Illustrated quotations
- Charts/Maps
- Traditional photography
- Computer enhanced photography

FUN EVENTS TO CONSIDER!
JCL Creed

“We the members of the Junior Classical League, covenant to hand on the torch of classical civilization in the modern world.

We believe an acquaintance with the civilization of Greece and Rome will help us understand and appraise this world of today,

Which is indebted to the ancient civilization in its government and laws, literature, language and arts.

We affirm the JCL experience develops responsibility, fosters brotherhood, promotes enthusiasm, encourages competition, inspires dedication and enriches our total growth.”

Memorize the creed for the convention!

JCL Officers 2016

Last Things To Know!

- Remember to take clothing that you can move easily in.
- Check out http://wabcjcl.org/ to see latest news about JCL
- Try using the amazing Latin you have learned to meet new and exciting friends!
- Remember to have fun!