

## National Classics Week – April 21-April 27, 2017

The OJCL will be celebrating Classics Week through a series of small challenges, and one larger challenge for a gift card prize. The large challenge will be based on the National Theme of "The Muses" and will be a 30-60 second video posted to social media with the prompt: "Which Muse is your Latin club and Why?"

Entering the video contest enters your club for a chance to win a \$75 gift card to a restaurant of your choice! Participation in the daily activities will increase your club's likelihood of winning!

Day 1: Announce Classics Week and celebrate Rome's Birthday

**Day 2:** Prepare a Video for the Video contest with the prompt: "Which Muse is your Latin club and Why?"

- Contest submission due at the end of April.

**Day 3:** Hold a toilet paper toga-making contest! Post and Tag @OhioJCL (Instagram) or @OhioLatin (Twitter).

**Day 4:** Find a local food pantry to donate to and start a canned food drive for it during Classics Week. We recommend holding this for at least one week and up to three weeks for best participation.

**Day 5:** Write and send a press release to your local news network or school paper (press release provided by the OJCL).

**Day 6:** Help Rome celebrate its birthday with sweets! Have a bake sale with "birthday treats" for Rome!

**Day 7:** Register your delegates for Nationals! Hold an information session to recruit new members to come this year to Troy University in Troy, AL!

## Remember to tag @OhioJCL (Instagram) or @OhioLatin (Twitter), and use the tag #NCW2017 and #OJCL!



National Junior Classical League Website — <u>http://www.njcl.org</u> Ohio Junior Classical League Website — <u>http://www.ojcl.org</u>

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National Classics Week 2017 commemorates Rome's 2770th birthday and celebrates Latin and Greek students across the nation.

[Name of city, Name of state], [Today's date] — [*Name of school*] was one of many schools across the country that participated in National Classics Week, a week-long celebration sponsored by the National Junior Classical League (NJCL) that centers on the anniversary of Rome's legendary founding. Events were held from April 20th to April 26th. One of the themed days was dedicated to Rome's birthday. Classics students at [*Name of school*] commemorated the 2770th anniversary of the historical founding by [*insert two or three sentences describing the events that occurred in celebration of Rome's birthday here*].

National Classics Week serves as an opportunity for [*Name of school*] JCL to promote publicity, classical studies, and service. The week commemorates the accomplishments of the Romans by encouraging clubs to contribute to their communities. The Ohio Junior Classical League (OJCL), a state chapter of the NJCL, uses Classics Week to inspire students to promote the Classics and give back to their communities. [*Insert a sentence or two describing an activity or project your school hosted here*]. To wrap up the festivities, JCL members celebrated their own accomplishments for the week. [*Insert a sentence of two describing the service project your school performed*].

In addition to contributing to their communities, National Classics Week helps Latin and Greek students across the country prepare for the upcoming National Junior Classical League Convention, where thousands of Classics students from across the nation will gather to celebrate the lasting influence of Greece and Rome on modern civilization. This year's convention will be held at Troy University in Troy, AL from July 24-July 29, 2017.

(For any further information, please use the contact information provided above.)



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