All of this information is posted on the Summit Latin webpage: <http://ojcl.org/summitlatin>.

Hey, 9th-12th graders, interested in becoming a Latin Club officer? Go to the Latin rooms, fill out an application, and be part of the Latin Club board.

This is an email with some basic information about the Latin program here at The Summit.  Feel free to contact either Larry Dean or Lisa Mays with any problems, concerns, or questions.  The best way to communicate with us is by email:  dean\_l@summitcds.org or mays\_l@summitcds.org.

Upcoming Events for Latin Students

* Sat Sept 10, 9 – 11 am, Matthew 25:  Service Hours – sign up in Latin rooms
* Sat Sept 17, 2 – 4 pm, Ault Park:  Latin Club Picnic – bring $5 for pizza/soda + snack/treat
* Sat Sept 24, 9 – 11ish am, Moeller HS:  Open Certamen – sign up in Latin rooms
* Sat Oct 1, 10 am – 4 pm, Columbus Academy: Fall Forum.  It is a sort of mini-state-convention, but with more emphasis on fun and on the ‘fostering of brotherhood’ from the [NJCL Creed](http://www.njcl.org/pages/njcl-creed) (from the Latin word credo ‘believe’).  It will include:  Open Certamen, Capture the Flag, a Service Project, Food (pizza?), Impromptu Art, Fun But Stupid Prizes, and much more.
* Sat Oct 8, 9 – 11 am, Matthew 25:  Service Hours – sign up in Latin rooms
* Sun Oct 16, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Sawyer Point:  Service Hours at the Out of Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention – register here to join the ‘Magistra Rox’ team in honor of Andrea Weis: <http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=117473>
* **The Latin teachers**:  Larry Dean and Lisa Mays are the 2 Latin teachers at The Summit.  Larry is beginning his 18th year here at Summit, and Lisa is starting her 1st year. Lisa graduated from Summit in 2005, earned B.A.’s in Latin & Greek, Classical Humanities, and Anthropology at Miami University, and received a Masters in Classical & Near Eastern Archaeology at Bryn Mawr. For the past 5 years, she taught all the levels of Latin at Elgin Academy (Chicago IL). Lisa is expecting her 1st child and will be on maternity leave from Sept 10 – Nov 18. Liz Barnes will be her long-term sub. Liz recently earned her Masters in Classics at UC and subbed on a regular basis last year for the Latin program at Seven Hills.

Larry Dean teaches 3 MS and 3 US classes:

* MS - 3 sections of the 6th grade ‘Intro to Latin’ (70 minutes, once a week)
* MS - 1 section of 7th grade Latin
* MS – the only section of 8th grade Latin
* US - Honors Latin 3 (pre-AP)
* US - AP Latin / Honors Latin 4
* US - Honors Ancient Greek (12th grade elective)

Lisa teaches 1 MS and 4 US classes:

* MS - 1 section of 7th grade
* US - Latin 1
* US – 2 sections of CP Latin 2 / Honors Latin 2
* US - CP Latin 3

Students who begin in 6th grade and choose to take Latin as their foreign language will have Larry or Lisa as their teacher for 7 years!  This continuity of instruction is one of the strengths of the Latin program because we really get to know each individual student.

* **Latin at The Summit**:
* All 6th graders take ‘Intro to Latin’ (which meets once a week).
* In 7th-12th grades, students choose their language of study.
* 46 7th/8th grade students take Latin (42%), and 69 US students take Latin (17%).
* All students are required to take at least 3 years of an US language or 2 years of 2 US languages; most take 4 years of the same language.
* Students in the 11th and 12th grades can take the AP Latin course.
* Honors Ancient Greek is available to seniors who have completed their Latin language sequence.
* **The Latin Club**:  All Latin students can participate in Latin Club events.  All events will be announced in class, posted on the Portal, and emailed in advance to students & parents.  Events range from academic to artistic to social to service (343 total community service hours by last year’s Latin students).  Here is the link to the Summit Latin Club webpage: <http://ojcl.org/summitlatin>.
* **Academic Awards**:  The Latin program offers students a number of opportunities for students to be recognized for their academic achievements.
	+ On Friday November 11th, there will be a number of competitions during our annual ‘Celebration of the Classics.’  This year, the event will focus on Homer’s Iliad.  Composed by the Greek poet Homer in the 8th century BC, the Iliad is one of the seminal works in Western literature.  It tells the story of the legendary Trojan War, but - more specifically - the poem focuses on the rage of the Greek warrior Achilles and its consequences for both the Greeks and the Trojans.
	+ The event includes art projects, student presentations, academic tests, ‘Jeopardy!’-style competitions, and food.  ALL LATIN STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE A PROJECT FOR THIS EVENT – DUE DATE IS WED NOV 9.
	+ Throughout the year, Latin students will have the opportunity to take a number of national exams.  All of these exams offer prizes (ribbons, certificates, medals, even cash!) for top scorers.  Summit has always had a number of winners, and the prizes really give students a sense of accomplishment and pride.  Continued excellence on these exams can also produce college scholarships – alumna Anna Delamerced (’12) is at Brown University with a renewable $1,500 scholarship, alumnus Tino Delamerced (’14) is also at Brown University with 2 renewable scholarships totaling almost $3,000/year, and Jesse Campbell (’15) is at the University of Cincinnati with a full school scholarship + a renewable $1500 scholarship.
* National Mythology Exam
* Medusa Mythology Exam
* National Latin Exam
* National Greek Exam – 12 grade only
* National Classical Etymology Exam
* National Roman Civilization Exam
* National Latin Vocabulary Exam
* ‘Classical Association of Middle and Western States’ Sight Translation Contest
* Classical Literacy Exam
* **Certamen**:  Certamen (which is a Latin word meaning ‘competition’) is a Jeopardy!-style game on all aspects of the classical world.  6 local competitions occur on Saturdays (from 9 am-11ish am), a state competition is held in late February in Columbus, and a national competition takes place during the summer (next year at Troy University in Troy AL).  The Summit Latin program has a proud tradition of excellence in certamen.  We have won many State Championships and have placed Summit students on 5 National Championship teams.  Most recently, in 2012, Dustin Argo (a freshman at Vanderbilt) was the ‘myth expert’ on the National Champion Novice Certamen Team – [click here](http://ojcl.org/?page_id=840) to read about the big win.  Students who excel at certamen usually participate in the Latin Lunches and After School programs, during which they expand their knowledge of the classical world.
* **Cincinnati Certamen Schedule:** All are on Saturday morning. Registration starts at 9 am. The competition itself begins 9:30ish and ends 11:30ish. Fliers with directions will be sent out in a week or 2 before the certamen. Sign up in the Latin rooms.
	+ - Sept 24 - Moeller Open
		- Oct 1 – Open Certamen at the Fall Forum at Columbus Academy
		- Oct 29 – University of Cincinnati
		- Nov 12 – Miami University
		- Jan 7 – Xavier University
		- Feb 4 - Summit
		- Feb 25 – State Championship at OJCL Convention in Columbus
		- July 24-29 – National Championship at NJCL Convention at Troy University AL
* **Latin Honor Society**:  The Latin Honor Society is an honorary organization for students who have exhibited excellence in the study of the Latin language.  The annual induction into the LHS occurs in May.  Students in the Latin Honor Society must:
* maintain an “A” average in Latin through the first 3 quarters
* demonstrate dedication and enthusiasm for the language
* participate in at least 4 events sponsored by the Latin Club (service activities count double)
* **Ohio Latin Convention**:  Each March, a group of about 30-40 Summit students spend a weekend in a hotel in Columbus with 500 other Ohio Latin students, and the entire weekend is devoted to the study of the Latin language.  Sounds like fun!  **The dates this year are Fri Feb 24 to Sun Feb 26 (the weekend after Winter Break).**  More information will be given out during the school year, but the Ohio Junior Classical League Convention (<http://ojcl.org/?page_id=465>) is a wonderful opportunity for your child to earn awards (in academics, in graphic arts, and in performance arts) and to meet other students their age from around the state.  The Summit bus always come back with bunch of ribbons, medals, trophies, and happy students!
* **National Latin Convention**:  There is also a National Convention in the summer.  For my daily blog about the 2016 NJCL Convention at Indiana University (Bloomington IN), click here:  <http://ojcl.org/?page_id=204>.   In 2017, Nationals will be at Troy University in Troy AL from Mon July 24 to Sat July 29.