This document has 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](mailto:dean_l@summitcds.org) or[mays\_l@summitcds.org](mailto:mays_l@summitcds.org).

**All of this information is posted on the Summit Latin webpage:**

[**http://ojcl.org/summitlatin**](http://ojcl.org/summitlatin)**.**

 **The Latin teachers**:  Larry Dean and Lisa Mays are the 2 Latin teachers at The Summit.  Larry is beginning his 20th year here at Summit, and Lisa is starting her 3rd year.

Larry 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 – 1 section of 8th grade Latin

 US - CP/Honors Latin 4

 US - AP Latin

 US - Honors Ancient Greek (12th grade elective)

Lisa teaches 1 MS and 4 US classes:

 MS – 1 section of 8th grade

 US - Latin 1

 US – 2 sections of CP/Honors Latin 2

 US - Honors Latin 3

**Students who begin in 6th grade and choose to take Latin as their World 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 (37%), and 76 US students take Latin (18%).

        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 (244 total community service hours by last year’s Latin students).

 **Academic Competitions**:  The Latin program offers students a number of opportunities for students to be recognized for their academic achievements.

o   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 and chances for $$ – Jesse Campbell (’15) is at the University of Cincinnati with a full school scholarship + $1500 Latin-sponsored scholarship; Tullus Dean (’17) received a $1500 Latin-sponsored scholarship for his first year at Xavier University; and Joseph Delamerced (’18) won a $500 Cash Award for his excellence on the NJCL Online Exams.

* 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
* Vergilian Society Sight Translation Exam
* Classical Literacy Exam

* **Celebration of the Classics**:  **On Friday November 9th, there will be a number of competitions during our annual ‘Celebration of the Classics.’**  The event rotates between 4 influential works of classical literature: Homer’s ‘Iliad,’ Homer’s ‘Odyssey,’ Vergil’s ‘Aeneid,’ and Ovid’s ‘Metamorphoses.’ This year, the event will focus on 14 stories from Ovid’s ‘Metamorphoses.’   The Latin poet Ovid wrote the ‘Metamorphoses’ in the 1st century AD during the reign of the emperor Augustus.  It contains over 200 stories of mythological transformation.  The stories range from the tragic tale of Pyramus & Thisbe (the inspiration for Shakespeare’s ‘Romeo & Juliet’) to the morbid account of the impious Erisychthon (who literally ‘eats’ himself to death).

o   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 7.

 **Certamen**:  Certamen (which is a Latin word meaning ‘competition’) is a Jeopardy!-style game on all aspects of the classical world.  Local competitions occur on Saturdays (from 9 am-11ish am), a state competition is held in March during the Convention in Columbus, and a national competition takes place during the summer (next year at North   
Dakota University in Fargo ND).  The Summit Latin program has a proud tradition of excellence in certamen.  We have won many State Championships, and Summit students have been members of 5 National Championship teams.  Most recently, in 2012, Dustin Argo (a junior at Vanderbilt) was the ‘myth expert’ on the [National Champion Novice Certamen Team](http://ojcl.org/july-30-day-5-the-last-day/).  Students who excel at certamen usually participate in Latin Lunches (during which they expand their knowledge of the classical world) and do extra work outside the normal classroom curriculum.

* **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. The schedule will be released in the next couple of weeks. Last year, there were 7 local certamen from Sept to Feb, including 3 at UC, MU, and XU. Here is what is on the calendar so far:
* Sept 22 – Moeller Open Certamen
* Oct 6 – Open Certamen at the Fall Forum at Columbus Academy
* March 9 – State Championship at OJCL Convention in Columbus
* July 26-31 (Fri-Wed) – National Championship at NJCL Convention at North Dakota University in Fargo ND.

 **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 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 March 8 – Sun March 10.**  More information will be given out during the school year, but the [Ohio Junior Classical League Convention](http://ojcl.org/state-convention/) 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!  Summit has won the State Championship in Overall Points for 8 of the past 11 years! Here is the article about the 2018 victory: [Summit Latin Wins Academic Per Capita and Overall Points at the 2018 Ohio Junior Classical League Convention](http://ojcl.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-Ohio-Junior-Classical-League-Convention-Article-3.pdf).

 **National Latin Convention**:  There is also a National Convention in the summer.  For my Instagram about the 2018 NJCL Convention at Miami University (OH), click here:  <https://www.instagram.com/larry81dean/>.  **In 2019, Nationals will be at North Dakota University in Fargo ND, Fri July 26 – Wed July 31.**