

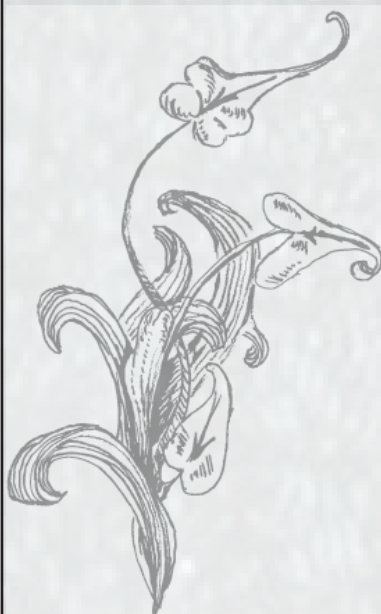


# The Ohio Torch

## September 2012 Issue

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Close your eyes for a second. Okay, not really because then you can't read this article. (That really only works when you can hear me talking, huh?) Let's say, if you were to close your eyes, you would imagine yourself at National Latin Convention at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. One hundred thirty five Ohio delegates attended said convention and one hundred thirty fives bodies returned. No, no one died; the souls of all those who attended are still down there, reliving the week. From tests and spirit to ludi and certamen, Ohio did great! Connor Tomshack of St. Edward received 4th place on the Academic Heptathlon. Bhavani Srinivas and Hannah Barrett of Shaker received 1st place in Couples Jr. Costumes.



Heather and friends at Nationals

Troy Schwab of Indian Hill won 2nd place in the Jr. Boys 100 meter in Olymipka Track & Field! Not to mention our very own Novice certamen team won FIRST PLACE IN THE NATION! If you see Dustin Argo, Will Beatrez, Alex Lathem, Max Mehlmam, or Adam Sichel make sure to congratulate them.

Shall we not forget spirit? For those of you that attended, "SOOWEE", "We are farmers bum bum bum bum bum bum bum", and "Call me fortasse" should ring a bell. Led by your treasurer, Muhammad Patel, Ohio landed 3rd place in spirit on the "Kreme of the Krop" spirit day.

Also, in the entertainment sector Bhavani Srinivas, Anav Sood, and Allison Kao performed a magnificent piece in That's Entertainment, the NJCL talent show, consisting of a piano duet and an Indian dance.

As the week came to an end, delegates collected their awards and trophies. The new NJCL board was inducted and Elliot Wilson was, well, adorable as always. Goodbyes were exchanged between new friends and old and memories were saved in a flask for the pensive. Miscellaneous spirit props and ribbons were crammed into suitcases and the buses were boarded. Thus ended the National Latin Convention of 2012. But is it really over? Inside jokes are still posted on the convention Facebook page and pictures are constantly being commented on (Oh, Internet). Friends text, skype, and visit each other. In reality, convention lives on and will until next summer...until next convention in Las Vegas that is.

~Heather Smith (President, Shaker Heights)



Ohio engaging in a spirit war



Ohio cheering in Wait Chapel

## Ohio and Me

Hello Ohio! This is your OJCL Treasurer, Muhammad Patel, reporting in on this past NJCL Convention in Winston-Salem, NC. First and foremost, I must say, well played Ohio, well played. Obviously your main purpose for attending (or for not attending and choosing to read this article) NJCL Convention was to impress yours truly, and I must say, you've done it.

Whether it was by trying your darned hardest on those pesky tests or screaming until your voice, like mine, became nothing but a raspy whisper during spirit, you all have impressed me more than is humanly possible. You stayed strong all week, kept good behaviour and managed to find your way around campus even though all of the buildings looked exactly the same!

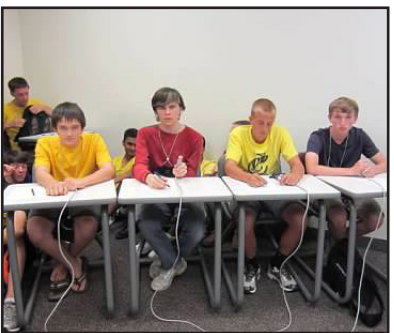
You resisted the urge to jump in Wait Chapel and managed to, with sheer enthusiasm (and great leadership ;) ) win third place in spirit at GA. And now, Ohio, the ball is in your court. Convention may be over but that doesn't mean the spirit has died. I expect all of you to convince your fellow JCLers to participate to their fullest, by telling them about the unforgettable experience that was NJCL Convention. Tell them about extensive games of ninja, bargain searching in the Bazaar, and the amazement that is That's Entertainment and the hilarious skits put on by the always overly sarcastic SCL. So please Ohio, come back and bring friends. And always, Swag Out Ohio. #SOUWEEEE

~Muhammed Patel (Treasurer, Lakota)

## The Dream Team



The winning novice certamen team with their coaches



The certamen team in a pre-finals match

"It's been 7 years..." That's what I told the certamen teams representing Ohio at this past NJCL convention. It had been 7 years since we'd won a certamen championship at nationals, and this year, we wanted to end that drought so badly with at least a spot in the finals. After sacrificing countless hours in the summer, practicing almost daily, and perusing source material typically uninteresting, Ohio finally produced a winning Novice team that dominated at nationals. That team consisted of the captain Adam Sichel (Indian Hill, Cincinnati), Dustin Argo (Summit Country Day, Cincinnati), Will Beatrez (St. Edward, Lakewood), Alex Lathem (Westlake, Westlake), and Maxwell Mehlman (St. Edward, Lakewood). All the Ohio players in the finals earned points for their team by answering at least one toss-up question. That just shows how well rounded this team was. They're the coolest kids on the block. But it's not only their determination, eagerness to study Latin, and capacity to answer all types of questions that make them the "dream team". Adam Sichel was a dominating historian who answered almost all of the Roman history questions asked in all the rounds (there are 5 history questions per round), including the finals. Dustin Argo was clutch in answering mythology questions in the finals. Speaking of clutch, Will Beatrez answered 2 crucial grammar questions in the finals to put the team ahead and come back from a 40 point deficit against Massachusetts and Florida. Alex Lathem answered the last question, which asked him to translate a sentence into Latin, to seal the victory. Maxwell Mehlman answered key questions in the semi-finals to allow Ohio to reach the finals. They won by 50 points. WHAT? QUID? Amazing. That's what. Call them the dream team. To see if you could be an NJCL certamen champion like Adam, Dustin, Will, Alex, and Maxwell, try answering this question: Toss-up: From what Latin word, with what meaning, do we derive the English word "grant"?

If you can answer that question, then you, too, could be one of the coolest kids on the block.

~Tino Delemarced (Secretary, Summit)



## Southeast MADD

On November 17th the Delegates of the Central Belt will be meeting in our great state capital of Columbus to run a food market for an estimated 250 to 300 low-income families in the area. For students attending, be prepared to work! We will be handling 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of produce, kindly provided by the ubiquitous Mid-Ohio Food Bank, along with helping the customers, and otherwise making sure that the programs runs smoothly. Please arrive, bright and early, at 8:00am at 760 East Broad Street, Columbus, and plan to stay until noon. We will be outside just about the entire time, rain or shine, so make sure to dress appropriately!

~Will Emery (Southeast Gubernator, Granville)



## Southwest MADD



Ah, Autumn is looming upon us as we watch the Summer die out. But we all know what that means! Yes--bonfires, football games, school, more Classics, scarves, hot tea, and, you guessed it, Make A Difference Day! I'm proud to announce the Southwest Region's MADD will be held at California Woods Nature Preserve on Saturday, October 27th from 2-5 (following Certamen, of course). I'm not sure what could be better after a morning of Certamen. It's the recipe for a perfect day! Community service, fellow Classics enthusiasts, being out in nature as the leaves start to turn, helping the environment, and not to mention having a blast. I can't wait to see you all there. So, help out your Terra Mater and get your good deeds on, and join us at the Southwest MADD! Lunch will be provided at Summit for those attending MADD, so bring \$5 for pop/pizza!

~Lauren Salem (Northwest Gubernator, Ursuline)

## Combined Northeast and Northwest MADD

For Make a Difference Day the North-East and North-West regions have decided to combine and work together. Both regions will be working at Edgewater Park on Sunday, October 21st. The Park, part of Cleveland Lakefront State Park, hosts many guests throughout the year. On the 21st volunteers that join us will go to park and help clean up some areas within the park. It is important to keep the park clean with so many people and animals around the area. Narayan and I both hope you will join us at Edgewater Park for the Northern Ohio MADD!

~Ryan Thaxton, (Northwest Gubernator, Westlake)

~Narayan Sundararajan (Northeast Gubernator, Shaker Heights)



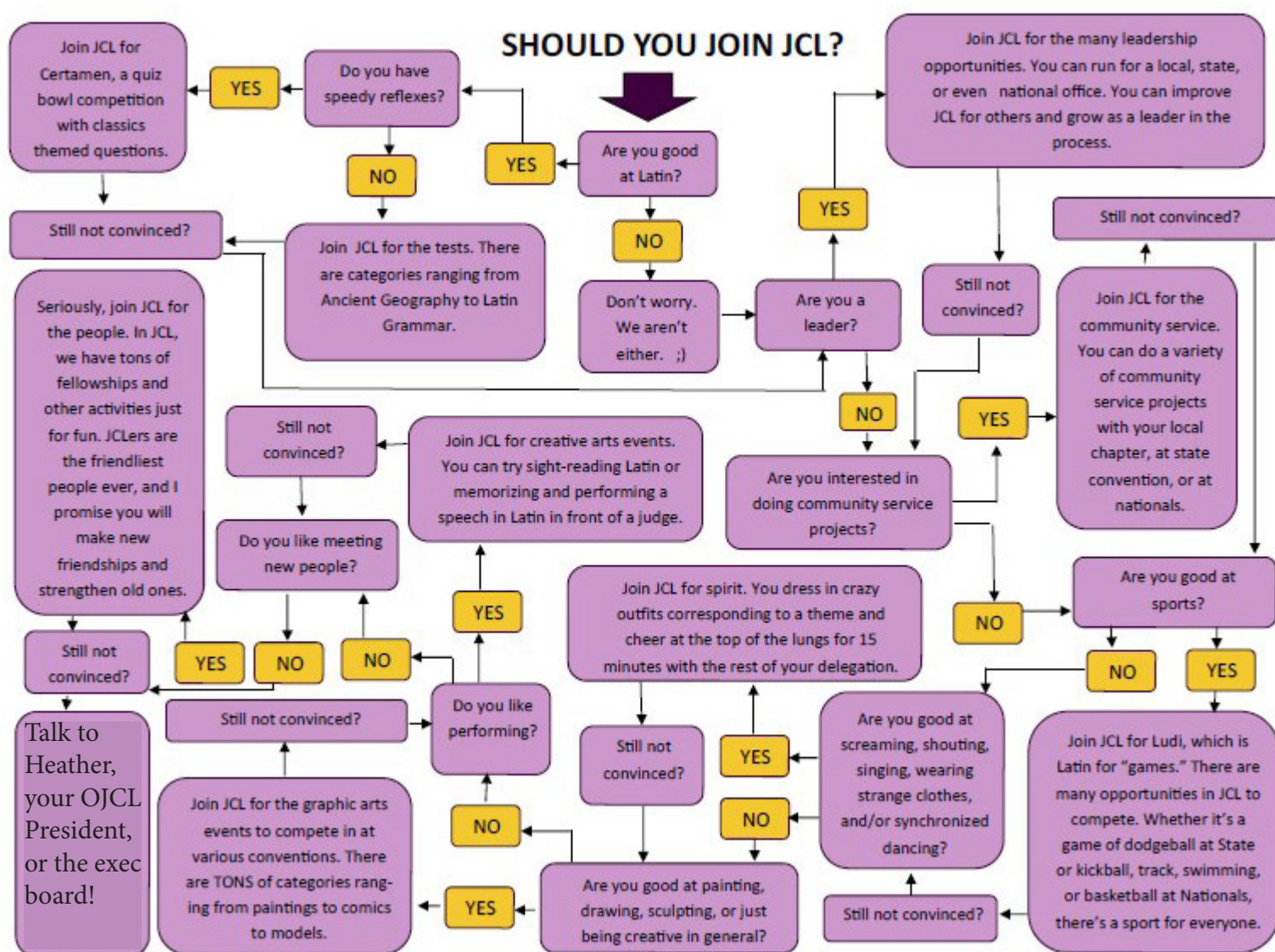
## Trivia Question

Which Greek herald at Troy had a loud, brazen voice, and his name in English gives us the word for an extremely loud or booming sound, especially in voice?

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# How to Become a JCL Celebrity

This year at National convention, I came with one goal: to become a JCL Celebrity. Now, some people may think that becoming a celebrity within the JCL is something that only happens to extraordinary people. But I am here to tell you that's not the case! I, a normal JCLer, was successful in becoming a celebrity. Or at least a B-List celebrity. Here are a few pieces of advice to becoming next year's resident JCL celebrity!

Tip number one: Attend every event possible. Worried about sleep? Too bad! A good night's sleep is the price you pay to be adored for an entire week by the JCL masses. If there's ultimate Frisbee at 7AM in the morning, you had better be there. Your mere presence at events will start to get you noticed. During certamen rounds, pick a random room and stay in it. Until certamen ends. Players and spectators will start to wonder "who is that deviously handsome individual in the back watching this certamen match?" If people see you a great deal, they will remember your face! Play soccer in the quad during free time! Eat lunch with random people. And make sure they remember your name! In fact, that's a tip in its own right!

Tip Number one and a half: Tell everyone your name.

Tip number two: Hang around the national officers. If people always see you with them, they will soon assume that you are one, too! Not to mention, with this tip you meet some awesome people. Seriously. Befriend the officers. They are awesome. If people see the great Daniel Kim or Andrew Margrave talking to you, they will soon revere you.

Tip number three: Relate to every type of JCLer. As a celebrity, you'll need to appeal to everyone's favorite thing about convention. To win over the Ludi guys, go to all of the Ludi you possibly can! If you need to have the testing-session people adore you, take all the tests! Or, alternatively, you can wait outside the testing sessions and talk to them about how difficult/easy a particular test was, even if you didn't take it! Want Certamen teams to love you? Take note of tip number one. Attend all Certamen matches. Always.

Tip number Four: Partake in open certamen. 'Nuff said. You meet people from a lot of different states. Bonus points if you're actually good at Certamen!

Tip number Five: Make sure you've got a support group/fan club. My support team was the North Dakota JCL. They started the #BOBBYMCDONALD campaign. Which, ultimately was not that successful, but it's the effort that counts.

Tips number Six and Seven: Always look good, always smell good. Showering is the key to a successful convention, and dressing poorly or having a foul scent about you will turn off potential fans.

Tip number 8: Be awesome. Awesome-ness isn't something everyone is gifted with, but I know you can unlock that inner awesome! Well there you have it: The 8 steps to becoming a famous JCLer. They worked for me, and they can work for you! Maybe one day YOU will be among the people JCLers of the future will be whispering about, and sending personals to. Maybe YOU will have all of the adoring fans at GA. YOU have the power to be a JCL Celebrity!

~Bobby McDonald (Parliamentarian, Columbus Academy)

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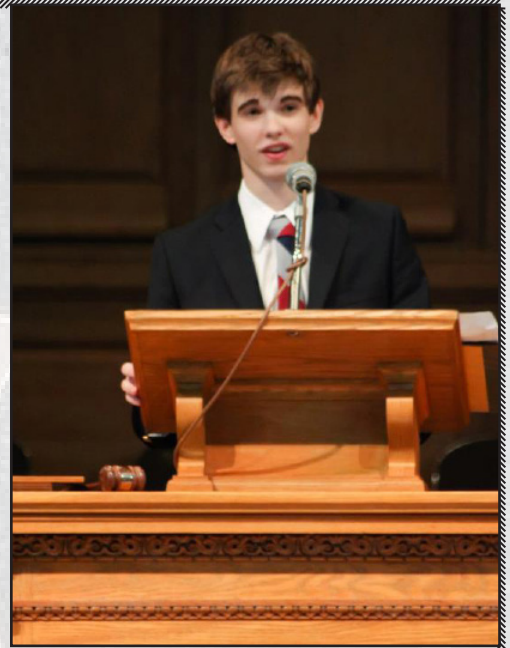
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\*\*\*NB: One can bypass this plan and rise to instant celebrity status by dating a JCL celebrity.



Only JCL Celebrities  
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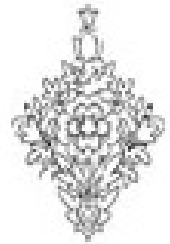
# Spotlight Schools

## Columbus Academy

I am pleased to report that the Columbus Academy Latin Club is off to a great start. Led by Bobby McDonald, OJCL Parliamentarian, as the VP and myself as the President, Academy's Latin Club is looking to have a historic year, with more club activity than in recent history. While the meeting schedule in past years has been rather irregular, we have settled into a biweekly meeting schedule. We are currently hard at work planning our set-up for our school's Club Fair. In a bid to have the best club set-up and win the \$150 first-place prize, we are going to be running the Gladiatorial Games, in which participants adorn themselves with armor and fight to the "Death" with pool noodles. It promises to be an exciting offering at the annual Club Fair.

We are looking forward to participating in the Central Make a Difference Day at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church's Farmers' Market, organized by Central Gubernator Will Emery. We look forward to seeing you at the regional events and/or state convention! ~Nick Grewal (First Vice President, Columbus Academy)

Want to see your school in the spotlight? Send an update about what your chapter's doing to [editor@ojcl.org](mailto:editor@ojcl.org)!



Toga-clad Granville students at Nationals



The Granville delegation at 2012 state convention

## Granville High School

If you have frequented convention for the past several years, you may find yourself asking, "What is Granville High School?" Fear no longer; your anticipation is near its end. Those who have driven on the highway may have witnessed the enormity of our village, but only for a moment. Our quaint school sits across the street from Denison University, snugly tucked between Newark and New Albany. We are composed of around 800 students, a few of which study the marvelously popular Latin language.

At the stern stands, at a rather tall height, Magister Piscator (or Mr. Fisher, if you prefer). Our club is soon to be spearheaded by the fearless leadership of two Consuls, a Quaestor, Praetor, Editor, Historian, and Secretary, which will be elected in the coming week. The 3,000 person village is home to myself (your 2012-2013 Second Vice-President) and Will Emery (2012-2013 Central Gubernator). This year's Granville chapter has a lot of exciting events in store! Over the past year, Granville increased its NJCL Convention attendance by 400%! No longer is Granville just for eating frozen custard or enjoying an exciting game of polo! From participation in a Central Certamen scrimmage to participating in Danny Trunzo's monthly service projects, Granville is the chapter to keep an eye on this year at the 2013 OJCL and NJCL Conventions! ~Alex Might (Second Vice President, Granville)



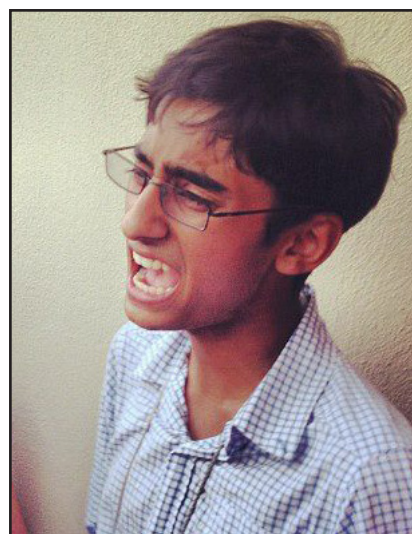
## Street Spirit

Imagine this. It's a hot evening in North Carolina. You're standing in the quad of Wake Forest University, admiring the pretty clouds and wondering when the next General Assembly will be, when all of a sudden you hear some cheering and shouts. Being the curious JCLer you are, you come closer to Wait Chapel (where no jumping is allowed) and you see a ton of OJCLers singing and screaming their hearts out to pass the time before That's Entertainment. Is this the real life? is this just fantasy? No! It actually happened! Before That's Entertainment 2012, hundreds of JCLers crowded around Wait Chapel to get a seat for the show. To pass the time, some played hopscotch, some played cards, some skipped, while others murmured the uses of the ablative case. But what did we clever, awesome, beautiful OJCLers do? We sang! Forming an a capella group 30-40 strong, we awed other states with our on-pitch singing, amazing dancing skills, and all out awesomeness. We included tearjerking hit songs such as "Call Me Maybe" and "What Makes You Beautiful" as well as "I'll Make A Man Out Of You" and "Bohemian Rhapsody". But it didn't end there! We engaged in spirit wars with Florida, where we shouted the bone-rattling call of "Soweee" to let our enemies know that if they ever mess with Ohio they will have to face the wrath of both pigs and humans alike screaming the terrifying cry. We also did cheers à la Justin Bieber, shouting words such as "swag", "swaggidy", "swaggalicious", and all variations thereof. The cheering continued through That's Entertainment; to encourage Allison Kao, Anav Sood, and Bhavani Srinivas in their performance, we shouted the now infamous call of the pig to let them know that they had Ohio by their side (by the way, they did great during their performance). Some of you might be asking, "Why is this so important?". Well, this event, now called Street Spirit, proved to all JCLers that when it comes to spirit, Ohio rocks the house all the way down. We really knew what made us beautiful. But best of all, it proved that Ohio is probably one of the most fun and energetic delegations in the history of the NJCL! Gratias v'omnes!

~Narayan Sundararajan (Northeast Gubernator, Shaker Heights)



The Street Spirit Crowd



Narayan, getting into the spirit!

## My Latin Class



Will, Bobby, and Becky at the September Board meeting

As much as school entertains me, the highlight of my day at Westlake is definitely my Latin class. Even on test days, this class is the best. The language is of course one of the major highlights, but Latin is not the only reason I love Latin class. The people that seem to gather in the perpetually hot classroom are some of the best I know. If the people in the Latin classes weren't so amazing, the class would only be a quarter of the fun it is now. As we suffer through some of the rougher spots together and laugh through the more hilarious ones, we have become a family. The amount of sass in the classroom is astounding, but I would not have it any other way. I know that I myself, as a Latin nerd, feel relevant there. Even if the rest of my day has completely gone down the tubes, my Latin class always results in a positive end to the day. Not only has it helped me to fit in at school, but the class provides a sort of 'safe space' if you will. Perhaps like your Latin class, my class is incredibly close because of our annual journey to understand the Latin language that is so wonderful. The class is more than just a room with a teacher, textbooks, and students, it is a home.

~Becky Steffen (Historian, Westlake)



# More Nationals Awards and Pictures

This year, Ohio had 171 total attendees: 135 students (86 boys, 49 girls), 16 teachers, 15 college students, 2 adult chaperones, and 3 NJCL organizers. Some highlites are below, but there are too many to list! Check out njcl.org for a full list of Ohio awards.

## Best of Show

Tom Carroll: Latin Literature Test  
Hannah Barrett & Bhavani Sriniva:  
Couples Costume  
Adam Sichel: Level 1 Reading  
Comprehension  
Connor Tomshank: Level 2 Reading  
Comprehension  
Regina Merrill: 3rd place for local

## Graphic Arts

Drew Galletta: 4th, overall  
Tino Delamerced: 6th, overall  
Suzy Wilson: 3rd, Acrylic Oil  
Maddie Briner: 3rd, Black Ink  
Tullus Dean: 5th, Black Pencil  
Kelly McBride: 2nd, Colored Pencil  
Nina Gurevitz: 5th, Constructed Maps  
Josh Levy: 8th, Chalk/Pastel

## Ludi

Soccer: 2nd  
Basketball: 3rd  
Ultimate Frisbee: 4th  
Will Emery: 1st in both  
800 Meter Jr. Boys Track  
and  
Marathon Jr. Boys  
Tim Goldenberg: 1st, Chess

## Creative Arts

Alex Lathem and Bhavani Srinivas:  
9th place overall  
Mary Dickman: 5th, Modern Myth  
Evan Donan: 3rd, Modern Myth  
Allison Kao: 3rd, Sight Latin  
Jonathan Unger: 4th, Dramatic Interpretation



## Academics

Ben Robertson: 5th, Heptathlon  
Brian Gao: 4th, Geography  
Narayan Sundararajan: 3rd,  
Classical Art  
Jon PoilPre: 2nd, Greek Derivatives  
Will Beatrez: 2nd, Grammar

