



60 students from 12 schools participated in the 1st Latin competition ('certamen') of the year at Moeller HS on Saturday morning September 24. This is an 'open certamen,' which means players from different schools are randomly placed on teams. It is a great way to meet fellow Latin student in a fun but competitive environment.

Alex Almaguer, Patrick Casanas, Caroline Klette, and James Speed competed in the Advanced division. All of them answered in the 3 preliminary rounds. Caroline was excited that she 'hit the cycle' in all the rounds, which means she correctly answered questions in all the different categories (language, myth, culture, and literature). Patrick was a member of the 3rd place team, and Caroline's team won 2nd place.

Malia Bricking, Ryan Burns, and Kathryn Sullivan played in the Intermediate division. They all competed in my room during one of the preliminary rounds, and all three got at least one toss-up question: Malia nailed a grammar question, Kathryn answered a myth question, and Ryan got multiple language questions. Malia's team finished in 3rd place, and Ryan led his team to a 1st place finish.

Parker Bricking, Irene Calderon, Matthew Casanas, and Jimmy Fraley were in the Novice Division. It was their 1st certamen, and they all answered questions and had a good experience. Jimmy led his team to a 2nd place finish, and Irene and Matthew both got key questions in the Finals and earned 1st place.

The next competition is another 'open certamen' at Fall Forum on October 1 at Columbus Academy. The first competitive certamen is hosted by the University of Cincinnati on October 29, and the state championship is in late February at the State Convention in Columbus.

