This (long) email 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 or 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 19th year here at Summit, and Lisa is starting her 2nd 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 - Honors Latin 3 (pre-AP)
* US - AP Latin
* US - Honors Ancient Greek (12th grade elective)

Lisa teaches 2 MS and 4 US classes:

* MS - 1 section of 7th grade
* MS – 1 section of 8th grade
* US - Latin 1
* US – CP Latin 2 / Honors Latin 2
* US - CP Latin 3
* US – CP Latin 4 / Honors Latin 4

**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 (40%), 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 (269 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.
	+ 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 –alumnus Tino Delamerced (’14) is at Brown University with 2 scholarships totaling almost $3,000/year, Jesse Campbell (’15) is at the University of Cincinnati with a full school scholarship + $1500 scholarship, and Tullus Dean (’17) is at Xavier University with a $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
* **Celebration of the Classics**:  **On Friday November 10th, there will be a number of competitions during our annual ‘Celebration of the Classics.’**  This year, the event will focus on Homer’s Odyssey.  Composed by the legendary Greek poet Homer in the 8th century BC, the Odyssey is one of the seminal works in Western literature.  The epic poem tells the story of the Greek hero Odysseus and his adventures after the Trojan War.  For 10 years, Odysseus faces ferocious monsters, terrible storms, and angry gods.  And when he finally arrives home in Ithaca, an army of enemies await him in his own palace.  In the end, the hero (of course!) reunites with his son Telemachus and his faithful wife Penelope.  Some of the most famous scenes from the Odyssey include:  the blinding of the Cyclops, the witch Circe, the Land of the Dead, and the climactic ‘contest of the bow.’
	+ 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 8.
* **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 late February in Columbus, and a national competition takes place during the summer (next year at Miami University OH).  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 sophomore 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 a week or 2 before the certamen.  Sign up in the Latin rooms.
* Sept 23:  Moeller Open Certamen
* Oct 7 – Open Certamen at the Fall Forum at Columbus Academy
* Nov 4 – University of Cincinnati – followed by free pizza and free Odyssey performance by Joe Goodkin
* Dec 2 – Miami University
* Jan 6 – Xavier University
* Jan 27 – Seven Hills
* Feb 10 – Summit
* Feb 24 – Mt. Notre Dame
* March 10 – State Championship at OJCL Convention in Columbus
* July 23-28 – National Championship at NJCL Convention at Miami University in Oxford OH
* **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 March 9 – Sun March 11.**  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!  Summit has won the State Championship in Overall Points for 7 of the past 10 years!
* **National Latin Convention**:  There is also a National Convention in the summer.  For my Instagram about the 2017 NJCL Convention at Troy University (AL), click here:  <https://www.instagram.com/larry81dean/>.  **In 2018, Nationals will be at Miami University (OH) from Mon July 23 to Sat July 28.**