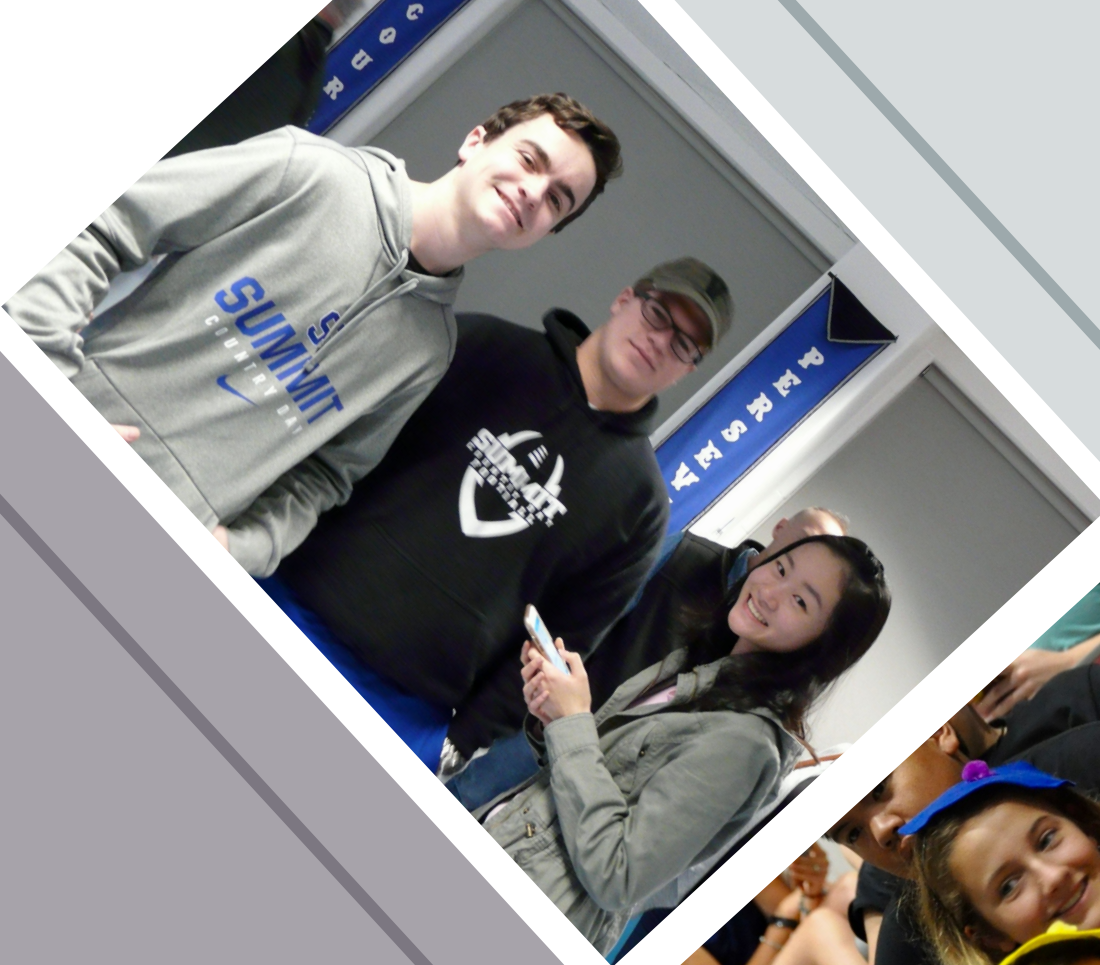




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# What is Convention?

By: Kendall Richard

Convention in a nutshell:

Will you-

A- not study for your tests

B- oversleep and miss breakfast

C- drink a Red Bull and not go to sleep

D- all of the above

If you're anything like me you chose option "D". I was asked to describe convention as quickly as I could, I said "it's the best and worst week."

Whether you're prepping for certamen or training for ludi there's something for everybody.

And it's so much more than just tests.

Convention is Mr. Dean's Wookiee impression, it's watching blowouts in certamen; convention is drinking too much coffee because there's not enough time in the day to do everything you want to do.

And what people don't tell you is convention isn't about winning certamen, or beating the competition, or that one project you spent way too much time on. Convention is about the hug your teammate gives you when you win a match. Convention is about that awesome catch during ultimate frisbee.

Convention is the thrill of hearing your name read at the awards ceremony. In all honesty, no matter what you do at convention, you're bound to have a great time, even if you drink a Red Bull and don't sleep at all.

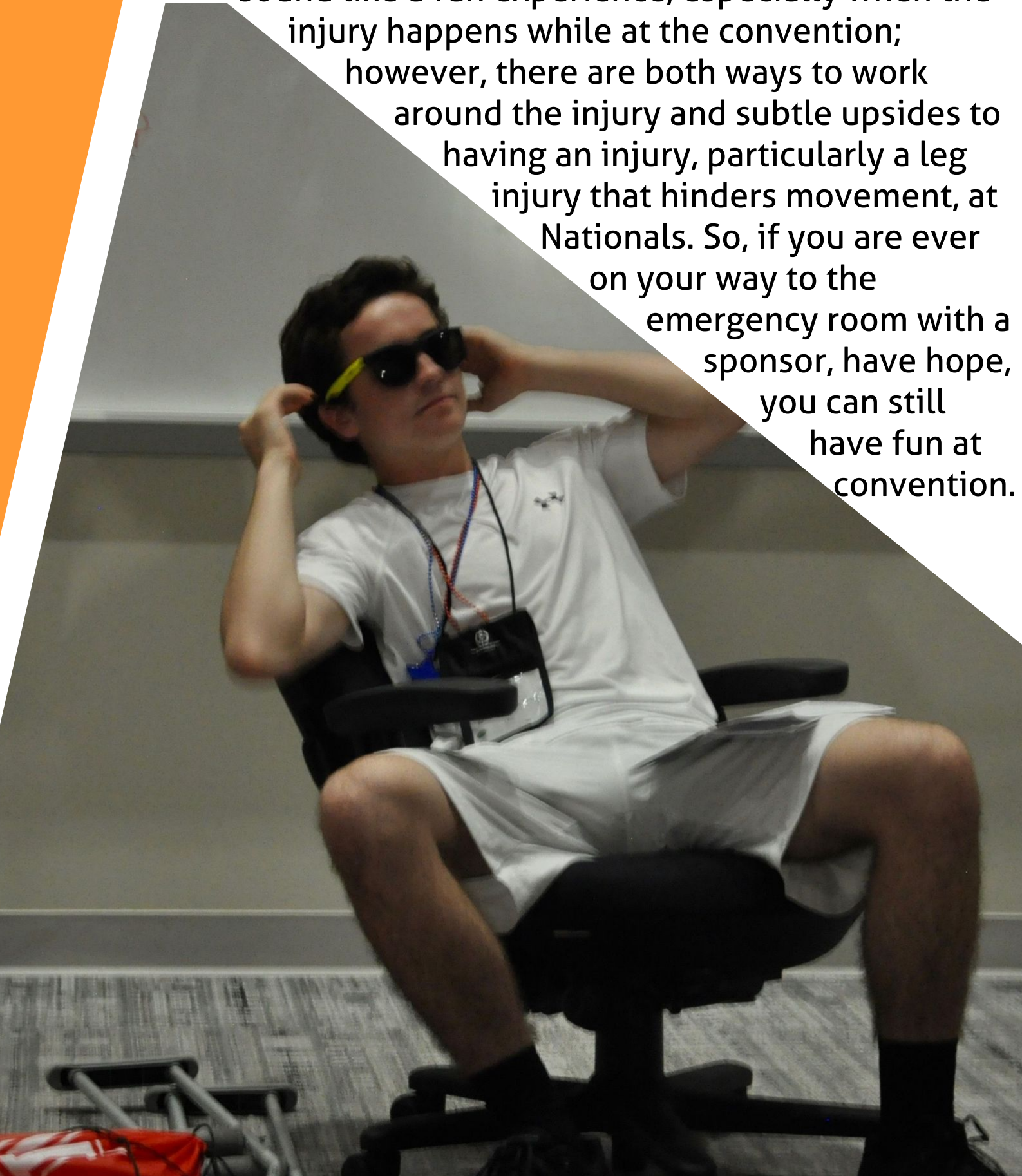




# Being Injured at Nationals

By Ryan Burns

Having an injury at National Convention does not sound like a fun experience, especially when the injury happens while at the convention; however, there are both ways to work around the injury and subtle upsides to having an injury, particularly a leg injury that hinders movement, at Nationals. So, if you are ever on your way to the emergency room with a sponsor, have hope, you can still have fun at convention.



The ways to work around an injury are more fun than you may think. First, crutches can be fun to hop around on once you get the hang of it, and if the doctor lets you have a wheelchair, you can basically move at the same pace as everyone else (but you'll be a little shorter than them). One of the toughest places to work around any injury is in the dining hall; however, it is not so difficult if you just find someone to eat with, and they will have to get your food for you. Plus, that person probably feels bad that you are injured, so they will get your food first, which is good because food is good. The last way to truly work around an injury is to keep your explanation of the injury short and sweet. Most of you probably know that when you have crutches or a cast, people are always asking what happened, so keep your explanation short so that you do not have to recite an essay every time someone says hi to you.

Next, the subtle upsides to having an injury may seem few and far between, but they exist. An upside to the transportation aspect of having an injury is that you don't always have to walk everywhere. When I was injured, I was given the phone number of a sponsor named Mr. Dan from South Carolina. Mr. Dan had a golf cart that he drove around, so I got to know Mr. Dan pretty well because National Convention at Miami University involves a lot of walking. Another upside to having a bad leg at Nationals is that you can get to know people from other states because everyone is so curious about a guy on crutches. They ask all types of questions, and eventually some of those little conversations can become lasting friendships.

The dreaded injury at Nationals may seem like an experience that can almost ruin Nationals for a delegate, but if you can figure out how to use your surroundings, injuries do not have to stop the fun.

# What They Don't Tell You About National Convention

By Abby Almaguer

Do as many projects as you can. If you have already taken a graphic arts project to OJCL convention, you can still take it to NJCL convention! Many people think you can't take graphic arts projects to nationals, but because fewer JCLers take projects to nationals, you have a good chance of placing, and sometimes you could place higher than you did at state convention.

If you forget to sign up for ludi and olympika, there is a good chance they will let you can still participate. The SCLers and sponsors are flexible. Don't skip the 5k because you missed the registration like I did. Skip the 5k because it is a 5k at 7 am.

If you don't make Ohio's certamen team at nationals, you can still play certamen! There is open certamen that anyone can join. It is a great opportunity to meet people from other states and you get to play certamen.

Agora, which is called Bazaar at state convention, is completely different at NJCL. They sell anything Latin related you could imagine. There are books ranging from dictionaries to Latin translations of your favorite novels to a fictional book about a certamen team's effort to win at state convention. They have pins, clothes, flower crowns, stress balls, and even a KFC bucket signed by the national officers. Make sure you bring enough money to buy these treasures, and I suggest you volunteer at the Ohio booth.

Don't stay in your dorm room. If you don't have anything to do or don't know anyone yet, walk around. You might find a group of people from five different states to welcome you into their card game. You might get lost and find people playing twister or a JCL trivia night. If not, there are other places to hang out. Troy had a great bookshop. Miami had an old fashioned diner with amazing milkshakes.

Most importantly, try new things, even if it is scary. Spirit may seem crazy to some people, but it can be super fun if you try to have fun. Try a ludi event you have never done before. Most of the people doing shot put and discus didn't know how, but it was still fun. Take a test in something you know nothing about. Even if you haven't taken Greek, you might place in the Greek derivatives test.

# Things to Expect at Your First Convention

By Isa Bishop

The 2018 OJCL State Convention was the first convention I had ever been to. For those reading this who have never been to a Latin convention before, this list may help give you an idea of what the convention experience is like.

1. Get an ID lanyard that makes you feel cool and official
2. Increase your Latin knowledge through academic tests
3. Putting a toga (bed sheet) on is a real struggle
4. A grand feast including chocolate cake (so delicious)
5. Realize that you do or do not (like me) have artistic talent while viewing contest submissions
6. Meet new friends from different schools
7. And maybe see some old friends too
8. Dress in costumes
9. Lose your voice screaming cheers that you may not know all the words to
10. Watch an intense competition of people racing to press buttons and answer questions (Certamen is lit)
11. Run around a hotel helping people campaign for positions on the OJCL Board
12. Go to a talent show
13. Watch people get pies thrown in their face
14. Win an award or two
15. Make new memories with your fellow Latin peers
16. Realize that you did not make a mistake taking Latin (even though it can be rough)
17. Have lots of fun :)



# Tips to Winning Graphic Arts

By Andrew Murtaugh

With many schools requiring a minimum number of projects at state convention, competition can be stiff. Because of this, I have created this list of important tactics to remember based on my observations which, hopefully will increase your odds of taking home one of those precious ribbons.

- 1. Have a plan**-Think of what you are going to do and how you want to accomplish the project you chose before diving in. This will allow you to more easily map out how you want to break up the enormous task. Also this will help you remember what you want your final product to look like.
- 2. Make sure you have the materials you need**-Running out of supplies during the middle of your project is extremely annoying and ruins your productivity. To fix this, always buy more than you think you need so you don't run out. After your project is completed, simply return the extra materials that were not used. You have two months to return items to Michael's®.
- 3. Be creative**-The winning projects are very often not the best looking projects but the most creative. Using different materials on constructed projects makes yours stand out and show the judge you thought outside of the box.
- 4. Get ideas from others**-Some of my highest achieving projects have come from the omniscient Mr. Dean. But when gathering ideas it doesn't necessarily have to be from a teacher, ask a friend or browse Google® to see new and fresh ideas.
- 5. Enjoy Yourself**-If you don't like the project or topic you are doing then don't do it. You have the choice of what you want to do your project so don't force yourself to do something that you have no interest in. This will result in an overall worse finished product because you lack the motivation and







# Convention Test Taking Strategies

By Jimmy Fraley

**Have you ever wanted to do better on convention tests? Here is a not so official guide on how to do so.**

**DISCLAIMER: This guide is based on personal experience and the advice given has not been in any way (that I know of) proven to be fact.**

**Take as many tests as you can  
You can't win if you don't try. And hey, maybe you'll get lucky.**

**Bring a Pencil  
Always a good idea. Don't use pen.**

**Study Regularly  
Studying regularly for tests will almost guarantee that you place relatively high. Most people don't study for the tests in advance, so doing so will place you at an advantage.**

**Cram study a bit before the test  
It always helps.**

**If you don't know, answer C  
The tried and true strategy**

**Don't put random answers down  
I did this once for the last 5 questions of a test because I wanted to get my smoothie. I missed the next place by 1 question. Nuff' said.**

# The Five C's of Fall Forum

By Irene Calderon

## **(A MINI STATE) CONVENTION**

Do you want to go to State, but you don't have a spare week in March? Or will this be your first Convention, and you want the practice? Go to Fall Forum! It has the activities of State (discussed below) and all the energy and rigor, all in one day, and it takes place on the beautiful campus of Columbus Academy.

## **CAMARADERIE**

You'll have the opportunity to meet new people and catch up with old friends from across Ohio in Fall Forum! Amidst all the activities, there is a lot of time for socialization. You can play dodgeball against each other, sit with new people at lunch (which is provided, btw), or go for a colloquium together. At any rate, there are lots of fun things to do in Fall Forum, and you will inevitably meet new people along the way.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Service is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the world that provides so much for us. In Fall Forum, there is at least one service project that you can do to benefit the community. It is good and fulfilling to serve others, and you will have opportunities to do just that in Fall Forum.

## **CREATIVE ARTS**

Want to express your creativity? Sign up for a creative art in Fall Forum! For Latin Recitation and English Oratory, you will recite a given prompt in front of judges. Is public speaking not your thing? No problem! In Impromptu Art, you will create artwork of your own based on a theme. In this category, you will have the opportunity of winning prizes in various categories, such as Most Unique, Best Use of Materials, and even Best Worst, so there's something for everybody.

## **CERTAMEN**

The pinnacle of Latin society! Is the last time you pressed a buzzer in April, and you need to get back into the swing of things? Do you need to satisfy your inner Certamen monster? Smash your opponents (with your good sportsmanship, of course) in this jeopardy-style game! You'll get a feel of the questions asked at your level, and it's great practice for State.



# 5 Types of People You'll Meet at Convention

By Michelle Chen

The one who takes everything a bit too seriously:

You'll probably see this fun person competing in Certamen, leaning halfway over the table, thumb ready to press the buzzer. Or, if you're lucky enough, you'll be seated right next to this guy during testing with his 5 different sharpened pencils, counting off the declensions with intense focus.

2. The one who doesn't cheer during spirit:

This fellow is the #lifeoftheparty as he stands quietly in the edge of the row, either mouthing the words or just staring at everyone. You'll be able to spot him as the unmoving figure, amongst the crowd of crazy chanters, with one eye half-closed and just wondering why he came here in the first place.

3. The creative try-hard:

This gal is ready for convention with her 15x15 foot beaded mosaic, hand sewn costume of Athena embedded with Swarovski crystals, life-sized replica of a chariot, and so much more. You may be standing next to her in line for breakfast hearing her recite her 4 monologues with alacrity.

4. The #nerd

It's this dude's favorite time of the year! He readily whips out his authentic roman toga and leather strapped sandals. He will only speak to you in Latin as he finds himself at home in his natural environment.

5. The winners

These people are the most envied at convention. They stride into spirit with confidence and take each test with ease. This group never fails to come out on top. Oh and did I mention they're from Summit?



## How School was Different in Ancient Rome By Ava Norton

In the early days of Rome, kids did not go to school. Boys were taught how to read and write only if a family member knew how to. During the republic, things changed when the Romans saw the Greeks teaching their kids together with teachers. The only bad thing was, teachers were hired so poor kids did not go to school. In school, teachers taught math and Greek literature as well as reading and writing. The main subject in school was public speaking. Weird to think about, right? In ancient times, school started before sunrise (EWW) and went until late afternoon with a break for lunch in between. At age 12 or 13, boys studied Latin, Greek, grammar, and literature in grammar school. At 16, some went on to study public speaking and become an orator. The goal of education in ancient Rome was to be a powerful speaker. Further, this is quite different from today where one can study subjects such as religion and science, then go on to possibly focus on a subject other than public speaking.



## The Children of Rome: A Short (and Not Very Sweet) Childhood

By Erin Devine

Young boys in Rome were usually raised by their mothers until they were seven years old. During this time they were allowed to be children, play with toys and with their brothers and sisters, and spend their time freely, with some education from their mother or an educated slave. They accompanied their fathers who taught their child their trade. The children that were from wealthy families usually attended some form of school. When they were properly educated, (whether it be in trade or school) and mature enough mentally and physically, his father would decide if it was time for his coming of age ceremony. When a Roman boy reached adulthood, he laid aside his bulla, an amulet given to him at birth, as well as the toga praetexta of his childhood. Girls were raised with a differing upbringing. The main similarity is the very early childhood, when the girl was too young to learn homely ways and free to play with toys and act childish. When they were able to carry out tasks, their mother began teaching them how to perform womanly duties like cooking and sewing; wealthy families would educate their daughters in music, weaving, and other elegant trades. They attended no school outside the home and were not educated in topics such as mathematics or sciences. If she did receive additional education, it was from her mother or an educated slave. Also unlike males, girls would prepare to marry at ages from 12, rather than 14. The night before her wedding, a young girl would return her bulla to her father and then give away all her toys.



## Dig This!

By Anna Catherine Sansalone

In July, 2018, archaeologists discovered a clay tablet with 13 verses of the Odyssey inscribed on it. It was found near a temple of Zeus in Ancient Olympia, the original site of the Olympic Games, in the Peloponnese region of Greece. It is a momentous find; it is believed to be the oldest written record of the odyssey, the epic tale of Odysseus' journey home after the Trojan War. Researchers believe the tablet dates back to the 3rd century A.D. On May 28, 2015, a team of archaeologists from the

University of Cincinnati unearthed the 3,500-year-old tomb of a Greek Warrior. The tomb was found on a

## Roman Coins Found

By Matthew Warden

In early September of this year, there was a great discovery related to the culture of the Ancient Romans. In Como, Italy (in northern Italy near its border with Switzerland), archaeologists were digging in the basement of an old theater that had been closed since 1997, the Cressoni Theater. During excavation for restructuring of the theater, the archeologists found something very special. There was a jar with hundreds of ancient gold coins that date back to the Roman Empire. The archeologists believed the coins are from the 4th or 5th century A.D. The large number of gold coins were found in a two-handled soapstone jar, called an amphora. This jar protected the coins very well and they are in very good condition for their great age. The elaborate images depicted on all of these gold coins are being studied at a restoration lab in Milan, Italy now. Inside of the jar, the coins were arranged in rolls, similar to how coins are stacked today, which lead the archaeologists to believe that this theater stands over were an ancient bank once stood. Adding to this hypothesis, they also found a gold bar in a similar jar in the same place. Archaeologists believe that there is more ancient Roman treasure hidden in the basement of this theater so they will continue to excavate the area to hopefully make more discoveries about the life and culture of the Ancient Romans.

This gravesite has become one of the most amazing archaeological discoveries in Greece in the last half century.

# New Eruption Date Of Mount Vesuvius

By Parker Bricking

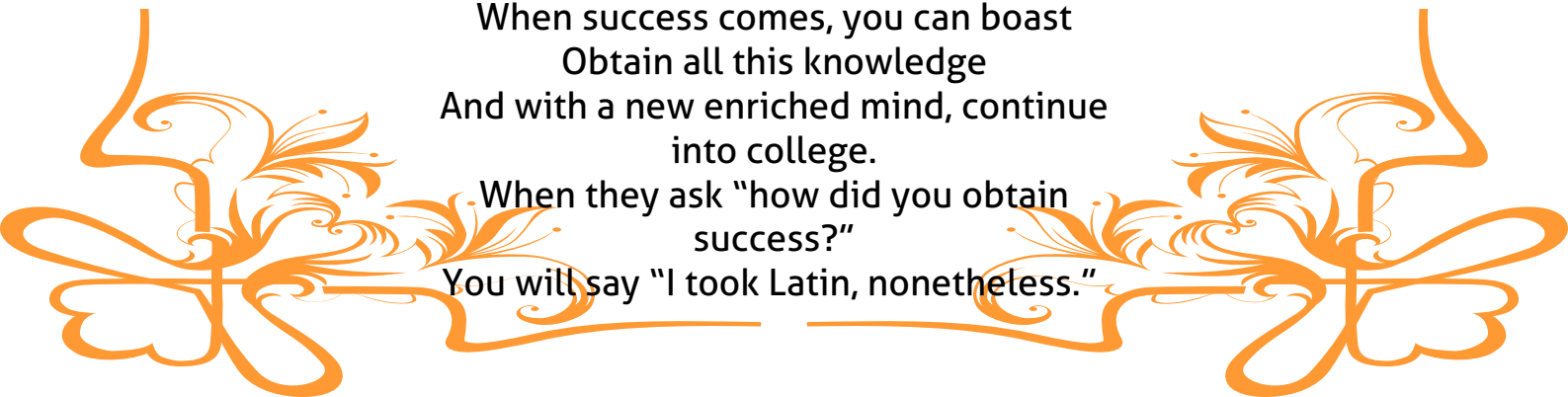
According to Pliny the Younger who was on the opposite side of the bay of Naples during the eruption, in his letter to Tacitus written thirty years after the eruption that destroyed Pompeii and Herculaneum, the eruption of Mount Vesuvius was on August 24 79 AD. There has recently been a charcoal inscription uncovered that was written before the eruption found that is dated October 17. The inscription was written as graffiti by a builder and was quickly covered by clay as the building process progressed. When first excavating the ruins of this building, archeologists were confused why many features of the house were missing like the walls of the atrium or some parts of the floor and ceiling. This is because the construction was not yet finished. The inscription has been confirmed to be written around the time that says by experts. Though it is controversial, there has been previous evidence that the eruption did not take place in the summer. There have been branches preserved by the eruption that are only present in the months of fall. There have also been braziers, which are boxes of coal used to heat houses, found that were preserved during use.

## Why Latin?

By Matthew Casanas



Latin is cool, Latin is fun  
It could be for everyone.  
Latin is the true root language,  
Study it and it will cure your anguish.  
It can even make you money  
Even the stories are pretty funny  
The nouns, the verbs  
Read some myth, all the words  
Look at all the parts of speech  
Not too difficult, not out of reach.  
Latin can challenge your mind,  
While you learn the history of mankind.  
Vergil, Homer, Ovid, Whomever you may  
read,  
Mythology teaches lessons to which your  
mind can feed.  
Understand culture, all the most  
When success comes, you can boast  
Obtain all this knowledge  
And with a new enriched mind, continue  
into college.  
When they ask "how did you obtain  
success?"  
You will say "I took Latin, nonetheless."





## Famous Latin Phrases: Silly Edition By Brigid Devine

1. Sextus est molestus!

"Sextus is annoying!"

Our favorite Roman youth from the classic, beloved *Ecce Romani* story who is the epitome of annoyance!

3. Panem et circenses

"Bread and circuses"

This quote refers to basic needs and desires—which are still largely applicable today—food and entertainment (did someone say Netflix)?

5. Quo signo nata es?

"What is your sign?"

When using this corny pick-up line, saying it in Latin will give it a special twist!

7. Stultus est sicut stultus facit

"Stupid is as stupid does"

This classic insult, famously said in *Forrest Gump*, is one cliché that your non-Latin-taking friends definitely won't recognize!

Note: Please don't insult your friends

2. Castigat ridendo mores

"Laughing corrects morals"

Much like when we laugh at our friend's (or our own) mistakes, laughter is often the best medicine!

4. Raeda in fossa est

"The carriage is in the ditch"

If this isn't your favorite Latin phrase, it should be! The iconic moment of the *Ecce Romani* family's carriage getting stuck in a ditch, as beautifully depicted over 7+ chapters of *Ecce Romani*, is forever branded in our minds like Geta's forehead was branded with the letters "FUG".

6. Radix lecti

"Couch potato"

A very relatable Latin phrase, your parents may describe you with this when you're procrastinating your Latin homework (which you totally shouldn't do, by the way)!

## Letters to the Delphic Oracle By Julia Dean

Dear Delphic Oracle,

I need your help! There's a certain nymph that is *pulcherrimus*, but she keeps rejecting my advances. Eheu! What can I do so she thinks I'm *fortissimus* and we have a love story greater than *Pyramus and Thisbe*?

-Lovesick in Latium

Dear Lovesick,

That situation is *difficillimus*. First of all, the key to landing a femina is to hone your dashing good looks. Just like *Polyphemus* in *Ovid's Metamorphosis*, you need to spruce up your appearance a little. Run a rake through those gnarly locks. Trim your beard with a sickle. Maybe even take a trip to the *thermae*. Ladies can't resist a man who actually takes the time for sanitation- this is pretty rare (considering Rome doesn't have 21st century plumbing).

Next, visit *Circe* for a looooooove potion. Even though she tricked *Glaucus* and turned his girlfriend's feet into dogs, who knows? There's always the off chance she actually helps you. If *Circe* is playing her usual dirty games, just say a quick prayer to *Cupid*. Your lovely will be hit with a gold tipped arrow in no time.

Lastly, never give up! Maybe this woman wishes to never marry, but if you chase her down for long enough, she's bound to turn into a tree which you can worship and love forever (like *Apollo* and *Daphne*!). As long as you're *bonus* and not *molestus*, you can never go wrong.

Hope this helps. *Bonam fortunam!*

*-Delphic Oracle*

# Amicitiae Latinae

By Connie Nelson

When I first started Latin, I thought of it as just a language that would look good on my transcript. I didn't realize how much more it is. Latin has helped me find who I truly am, and who I want to become. But the biggest change in my life that Latin has made is all of the friendships that come with being a Latin student. Our Latin club goes to two major events throughout the year: State Convention and National Convention. Both consist of people from around the state, or at Nationals, around the country, getting together and sharing in the joys of Latin. At State Convention, you compete against other schools in Ohio, but at Nationals, you bond with your fellow Ohioans as you complete projects, take tests, and give speeches to try and show that our state is in fact, the best. For me, I made the most friendships at Nationals, where I had the time of my life with other Latin students from all over Ohio. And this year, thanks to the efforts of the OJCL board, I was fortunate enough to see them again at Fall Forum! Many people think that Latin is just a dead language, but it's more - it's a culture. It's a community, filled with bright minds from all over, and every year, we bring those bright minds together to compete against each other, but also bond with one another to create friendships that will last a lifetime. And trust me, they do last.









# The Game Corner

By Elizabeth Fahrmeier and Maliah Bricking

## Things to Bring to Convention

C	I	B	F	J	S	H	A	M	P	O	O	G	S	SHAMPOO
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E	C	N	E	G	I	L	L	E	T	N	I	Y	C	TOOTHBRU
L	O	C	H	A	R	G	E	R	W	A	Z	T	A	FRIENDS
T	E	E	H	S	D	E	B	G	W	V	U	G	N	CARDS
Q	Q	T	O	O	T	H	B	R	U	S	H	A	S	MONEY
Q	T	N	A	R	O	D	O	E	D	T	Q	C	W	PROJECTS
E	R	R	D	T	V	M	F	T	F	M	M	S	L	INTELLIGE
C	A	R	D	S	X	D	G	R	N	A	I	W	J	CLOTHES
I	A	H	D	B	W	R	C	W	I	Y	H	F	T	REDBULL
O	C	S	B	D	L	L	U	B	D	E	R	S	Q	CHARGER
V	N	H	B	Y	P	P	L	S	O	K	N	P	G	VOICE
J	G	D	C	L	O	T	H	E	S	Q	H	D	E	SNACKS
N	H	G	V	Y	T	P	R	O	J	E	C	T	S	BEDSHEET
E	K	S	B	N	L	I	V	K	E	K	M	X	K	

### Across

- Muse of Dance
- Called the "Tenth Muse" by Plato
- Muse of Astronomy
- Muse of Comedy
- Muse of Tragedy
- Muse of Epic Poetry
- Son of Calliope

### Down

- Titaness; Mother of the Muses
- God regarded as a sort of choir leader for the Muses
- Father of the Muses
- Believed home of the Muses; Mount \_\_\_
- Muse of Sacred Poetry
- Muse of Music
- Muse of Love Poetry
- Muse of History

## The Muses Crossword