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 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 22nd year here at Summit, and Lisa is starting her 5th 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 – 8th grade Latin
* US – CP/Honors Latin 3
* US – CP/Honors Latin 4
* US – AP Latin

Lisa teaches 1 MS and 4 US classes:

* MS - 1 section of 7th grade Latin
* US – CP Latin 1
* US – CP Latin 2
* US - Honors Latin 2
* US – Ancient Greek (12th grade elective)

**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.
* 30 7th/8th grade students take Latin (28%), and 56 US students take Latin (15%).
* 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 (199 total community service hours by last year’s Latin students).

**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)

 **On Friday November 13th, there will be a virtual version of 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 Vergil’s Aeneid.
* Composed by the Greek poet Homer in the 8th century BC, the Iliad is one of the seminal works in Western literature. The epic poem tells the story of the legendary Trojan War. More specifically, the poem focuses on the rage of the Greek warrior Achilles and its consequences for both the Greeks and the Trojans. The event includes art projects, student presentations, and ‘Jeopardy!’-style competitions.  ALL LATIN STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE A PROJECT FOR THIS EVENT – DUE DATE IS WED NOV 11.

**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. 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 $$ – Tullus Dean (’17) received a $1500 Latin-sponsored scholarship for his first year at Xavier University; Joseph Delamerced (’18) won a $500 Cash Award for his excellence on the NJCL Online Exams; Julia Dean (’19) and Ryan Burns (’20) earned $4000 Latin-sponsored scholarships for their first year at the University of Cincinnati and the University of Pennsylvania.

* National Mythology Exam
* Medusa Mythology Exam
* National Latin Exam
* National Greek Exam – 12th grade only
* National Classical Etymology Exam
* National Roman Civilization Exam
* National Latin Vocabulary Exam
* ‘Classical Association of Middle and Western States’ Translation Contest
* Vergilian Society Sight Translation Exam
* Classical Literacy Exam

**Certamen**:  Certamen (which is a Latin word meaning ‘competition’) is a Jeopardy!-style game on all aspects of the classical world.  This year, competitions will occur on Zoom: locally, they will be on Saturdays (from 9 am-11ish am) every month or so; a state competition will be held in March during the virtual Convention; and a national competition will take place during the summer. 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 (’16 alumnus, now a senior 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 do extra work outside the normal classroom curriculum.

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**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!  **This year, the convention will be virtual, and the dates are Fri March 5 – Sun March 7.**  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 group always wins bunch of ribbons, medals, and trophies!  Summit has won the State Championship in Overall Points for 9 of the past 12 years! Here is the article about the 2019 victory: [Summit Latin Wins Academic Per Capita and Overall Points at the 2019 Ohio Junior Classical League Convention](https://summitcds-my.sharepoint.com/personal/dean_l_summitcds_org/Documents/Latin%20Club%20pix%20and%20docs/2019%20Ohio%20Junior%20Classical%20League%20Convention%20Article.pdf).

**National Latin Convention**:  There is also a National Convention in the summer.  Here is [the article about the 2019 National Convention](https://summitcds-my.sharepoint.com/personal/dean_l_summitcds_org/Documents/Latin%20Club%20pix%20and%20docs/2019%20NJCL%20article.pdf). For my Instagram about the 2019 NJCL Convention at Miami University (OH), click here:  <https://www.instagram.com/larry81dean/>.  Here is [the article by Lisa Mays](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cdean_l%5COneDrive%20-%20Summit%20Country%20Day%20School%5CLatin%20Club%20pix%20and%20docs%5C2020%20NJCL%20article%20by%20Lisa%20Mays.docx) about the 2020 virtual NJCL Convention during which Irene Calderon was elected as the National Editor. **In 2021, Nationals will be at San Diego State University CA, July 26-31, or it will be held virtually.**