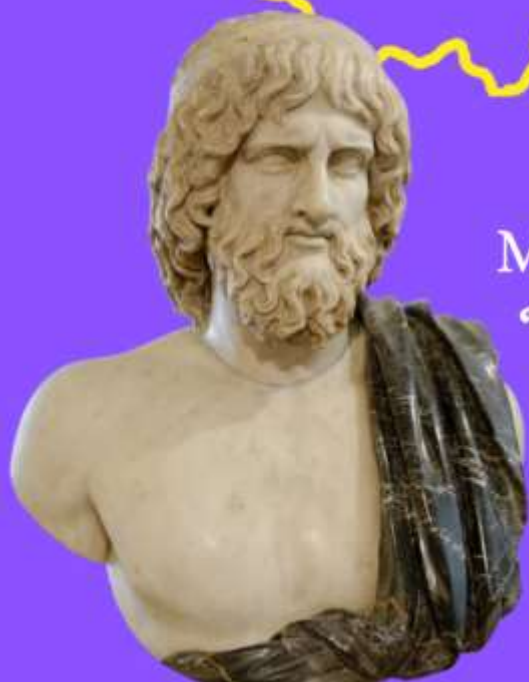


THE OHIO JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
PRESENTS...

The 74th Annual OJCL Convention



Vivamus,
Moriendum Est
“Let us live, for we
must die”

-Seneca,
Declamations

Letter from OJCL President

Daniel Kim, Sycamore

Salvēte OJCL Amīcī,

Welcome to the 74th Annual Ohio Junior Classical League State Convention. My name is Daniel Kim, your 2024-2025 president. I, along with the rest of the board, am thrilled and beyond thankful that you are here and I hope this weekend can be an experience that you can remember for years to come.

The theme of this year's convention is, "*vivāmus moriendum est*" or 'let us live, for we must die'. This line from Seneca's *Declamations* can be used to encourage people to make the most of their time in this world and, like the quotation, I encourage you all to make the most out of your time here, even if things seem overwhelming. Participate in contests, hyperbuzz in certamen, take part in colloquia, try your best in all the tests, or even take the risk to run for office! Believe me when I say that this weekend is one of the best but it is only as fun as you make it.

Whatever it is that you decide to do, whether you make a new friend, earn an award for a graphic arts project, or even get elected to office, just make sure to have fun. Your officers have worked diligently to make this convention as best as it can be for you and I hope you all take advantage of as many opportunities as you can!

Grātiās Vōbīs Agō,
Daniel Kim
2024-2025 OJCL President

OJCL Executive Board Members

Executive Board 2024-2025	State Chairs 2024-2025
President: Daniel Kim (Sycamore)	Convention/Technology: Tullus Dean (OJCL at-large)
1st Vice President: Nora Raab (Wellington)	Sponsors/Contests: Samantha Frodge (Indian Hill)
2nd Vice President: Hana Conte (Summit)	Students: Lisa Mays (Summit Country Day)
Secretary: Carter Riordan (St. Edward)	
Treasurer: Sabrina Bong (Wellington)	OSCL Advisors: Abagayle Witzgall (Primary)
Parliamentarian: Ella Chi (Sycamore)	Margaret Kammerer (Secondary)
Editor: Sai Harini Basava (Seven Hills)	
Historian: Kori McLane (Summit)	
North Gubernator: Meredith Hurley (Shaker Heights)	
Central Gubernator: Carolina Mize (Columbus Academy)	
South Gubernator: Ana Smith (Walnut Hills)	

Grātiās Maximās!

Convention Coordinators

- Larry Dean (Summit): Test Preparation and Coordination
- Elise Gursahaney (Columbus Academy): Graphic Arts Coordination
- Nora Denning (St. Xavier): Creative Arts Coordination
- Sean Minion (Sycamore): Pre-Convention Coordination
- Alan Zhang (at-Large): Certamen Chair
- Jason Long (OSCL): Results Tabulation
- Phyllis Williamson (Summit): Editing
- Lauren Stevenson, Prabhjot Singh, Reno Houston, and the staff of the Crown Plaza Columbus North

State Chairs Emeriti/Emeritae (in Attendance)

- Melissa Burgess (Indian Hill) 2000-2003
- Brian Compton (Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy) 2002-2005
- Lisa Patton (Westlake) 2006-2009
- Jenn Bruening (Madeira) 2008-2013
- Bryan Inderhees (OJCL at-Large) 2007-2016
- Larry Dean (Summit) 2009-2018
- Emelie Inderhees (Wellington) 2013-2023

OJCL Chapters in Attendance

Attendance and Fellowship Assignments

- Beaumont (5) – Christino’s
- Bexley (8) – Ballroom 1
- Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (4) – Ballroom 4
- Columbus Academy (19) – Christino’s
- Granville (1) – Room 325
- Indian Hill (27) – Salon B
- Madeira (47) – Buckeye Room
- Mariemont (21) – Ohio Room
- Mercy McAuley (23) – Salon D
- Mt. Notre Dame (10) – Ballroom 2
- Northwest Ohio Classical Academy (20) – Salon A
- Seven Hills (14) – Ballroom 4
- Shaker Heights (38) – Salon C
- St. Edward (5) – Christino’s
- St. Ursula Academy (15) – Salon 113
- St. Xavier (15) – Ballroom 3
- Summit (32) – Cardinal Room
- Sycamore (40) – Salons E & F
- Ursuline Academy (10) – Ballroom 2
- Walnut Hills (16) – Executive Board Room
- Wellington (10) – Room 325
- Westlake (10) – Ballroom 1
- Wyoming (3) – Ballroom 3

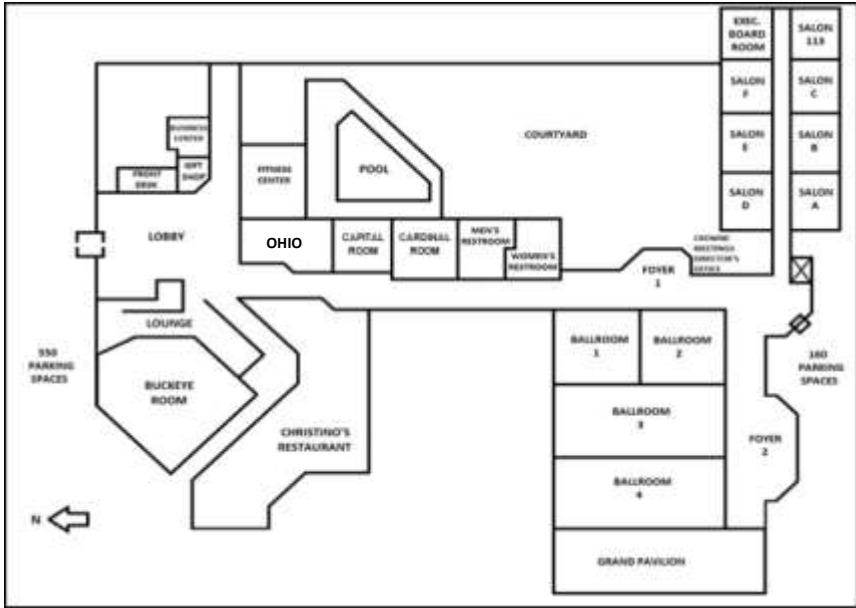
Convention Rules

Each Student is expected to conduct themselves in a mature and responsible manner during Convention. The first person who is responsible for your conduct is YOU. Everyone is encouraged to have a good time and enjoy the experience, so we ask that you refrain from behavior that will prevent others around you from enjoying their time at Convention too! Simply said, attendance is a privilege, not a right. In extreme cases, if an individual's or group's behavior is deemed to be unacceptable, OJCL reserves the right to require that the offender(s) return home at their own expense.

Rules and expectations that each Convention Attendee shall observe:

1. Curfew for Student Delegates is 12:30 A.M. and may be enforced by ANY Sponsor, Chaperone, or Hotel Staff Member. All Students (except Executive Board Officers) shall be in - and stay in - their respective assigned rooms after that time.
2. Delegates are not permitted to change rooms without the prior consent of BOTH their Sponsor and a State Chair.
3. Delegates are reminded that ALL Sponsors, SCLers, and Chaperones serve as monitors during the Convention on behalf of OJCL, and each Delegate shall show respect for them and comply with their instructions.
4. Behavior that disturbs other guests will not be tolerated. Delegates should remember that they are representing OJCL, their school, and themselves.
5. Use or possession by any Convention Delegate of alcohol or illegal drugs (including marijuana) is prohibited.
6. Any illegal activity, including (but not limited to) gambling, lotteries, betting activities for profit, or other activity in violation of Local, State, or Federal Laws will be reported to the local Authorities and School Officials.
7. There shall be no smoking by Student Delegates during Convention. (We ask any Adult who chooses to smoke to do so in designated smoking areas or to refrain in general.)
8. General Assembly Attendance is mandatory for all Delegates, including commuters, unless otherwise indicated in the Program.
9. Only persons attending Convention may participate in contests or Convention activities of any kind.
10. Nametags issued at registration shall be worn visibly at all times. You will not be permitted to participate in a TEST or CONTEST or other events without your nametag clearly visible (Creative Contest competitors must have their tags with them and wear them when not being judged for competition.)
11. Students having access to vehicles at Convention is STRONGLY discouraged. Any student who drives his or her own car to Convention must have written permission from both Sponsor and Parent to drive and/or leave the hotel premises during Convention. Absent such permission, students are prohibited from leaving the hotel during Convention. Students riding in a vehicle driven by a student MUST have written consent of BOTH their Sponsor and Parent to ride in the specific vehicle. Sponsors are highly encouraged to collect car keys.
12. Neat school clothes are appropriate attire for everyone. Classical costumes are required for the Roman Banquet. Dressing in hotel sheets is not permitted.
13. It is not permitted to put campaign posters/fliers on the walls. Stickers are not allowed. Campaign materials can be handed out to delegates. OJCL reserves the right to review any and all campaign material prior to its being displayed. Inappropriate or slanderous materials will not be permitted.
14. Any missing or damaged articles/property will be charged to your chapter and ultimately to you. Any additional charges to your room will be charged to your school.
15. During testing sessions, you may not sit adjacent to individuals with the same color nametag as your own. You SHALL NOT request assistance from a Sponsor/Chaperone from your Club. Use of any outside sources, including smart watches and opening additional tabs/windows, during any competition is prohibited.
16. Officers and those assisting the OJCL Officers are not responsible for individual attendee's actions and are not responsible for damages related to those actions by individual attendees.
17. Students must not misuse the elevators with overcrowding, continuous riding, horseplay, etc.
18. Use of the pool is prohibited throughout Convention.

Hotel Map



Ohio's delegates at NJCL '24 prepare for the toga procession

Convention Schedule

Friday, March 7th

3:00-6:00	Convention Registration	Lobby
3:00-6:00	SCL Registration	Lobby
3:00-6:00	Project Repair Station	Foyer 2
3:00-6:00	Banner Drop-Off	Salon D
3:00-6:00	Certamen Buzzer Drop-Off	Capital
3:00-6:00	Graphic Arts, Club Project, Scrapbook Registration	Grand Pavilion
4:00-5:30	Creative Contest Scheduling for Certamen Players	Salon A
4:00-4:20	New Club/Sponsor/Chaperone Orientation	Ohio
5:55-6:10	Assembly Seating – Spirit	Ballroom

6:10-7:15 General Assembly I “Apollo on Aux:

Club T-Shirt” Ballroom

Call to Order & Welcome	President Daniel Kim
Introduction of OJCL Board	President Daniel Kim
Introduction of Special Guests	President Daniel Kim
Introduction of OSCL Board	OSCL President Allie Leech
Convention Charity Organization	2 nd VP Hana Conte
Recognition of Longtime Service to OJCL	Mark Atwood
Roll Call	Treasurer Sabrina Bong
Convention Rules	State Chair Ms Mays
Contest Orientation	State Chair Ms Frodge
Certamen Rules	Certamen Chair Alan Zhang
Election Orientation	Parliamentarian Ella Chi
Photo of the Season Recognition	Historian Kori McLane
Spirit Contest Orientation & Awards	Treasurer Sabrina Bong
Closing Remarks	Natalie Allen
Announcements & Messages	1 st VP Nora Raab
Adjournment	President Daniel Kim

7:14-8:40	Agora	Foyers
7:20-7:45	Sponsors and Chaperones Meeting	Ballroom
7:20-8:30	Creative Contest Registration	Salon A
7:45-8:45	Club/Presentation Contests Viewing	Buckeye
8:00-8:30	New Certamen Team Orientation	Cardinal
8:45-10:15	Test Session I <i>(Reading Comprehension – Grammar)</i>	Ballroom
9:20-9:45	Creative Contests Judges Meeting (evening events only)	Salons E & F
9:45-11:15	Dramatic Interpretation, Costume (must be checked in by 10:30 in order to be eligible to compete)	Salons E & F
10:30-11:45	JCL's Got Talent Auditions	Ohio
10:30-11:45	Karaoke	Ballroom 4
10:45-11:30	Nominations Committee Meeting	Buckeye
11:00-11:35	SCL General Assembly I	Cardinal
11:45-12:15	Fellowship	Assigned Locations (see p. 4)
12:15	Call to Rooms	
12:30	Lights Out	



Students at Fall Forum meet Latin Youtuber Magister Craft

Convention Schedule

Saturday, March 8th

7:15-7:45	Creative Contest Judges Meeting (coffee/hot cocoa/juice, bagels & fruit provided – Adults Only)	Salons E & F
7:30-8:00	Certamen Readers and Judges Meeting (coffee/hot cocoa/juice, bagels & fruit provided – Adults Only)	Ballroom 1
7:45-11:30	Sight Latin Reading	Salons E & F
7:45-11:45	Latin Recitation	Salons E & F
8:00-8:50	Certamen Level I	Ballrooms, Buckeye, Cardinal, Salon B, Salon C, Ohio
9:00-9:50	Certamen Level II	See Above
10:00-10:50	Certamen Upper Level	See Above
11:00-11:30	Certamen Semi-Finals, All Levels	See Above
11:00-12:30	Bagged Lunch	Foyers
12:15-1:45	Test Session II <i>(Latin Literature – Roman History – Mythology – Roman Life)</i>	Ballroom
1:15-2:00	Sponsors Meeting	Cardinal
2:00-3:30	Test Session III <i>(Derivatives – Vocabulary – Pentathlon)</i>	Ballroom

Colloquia:

2:30-6:30	Legio XIII Gemina (come & go!)	Foyer 1
3:00-4:45	Packing Seeds & Card Making	Salons E & F
3:00-3:45	Roman Army 101	Foyer 1
3:00-3:45	Pliny of Fish in the Sea (UC Lecture)	Salon A
3:00-3:45	Fashion Fun for Middle Schoolers	Salon B
3:00-3:45	And the Crowd Goes Wild! (UC Lecture)	Salon C
3:00-3:45	Board Games (limit 30 people)	Salon D
3:00-3:45	Lares & Penates Sculpting	Cardinal
3:00-3:45	SCL Mixer	Ohio

3:45-4:30	Latin Rosary with Q & A	Cardinal
3:45-4:30	What Can Coins Tell us?	Foyer 1
3:45-4:30	Pliny of Fish in the Sea (UC Lecture)	Salon A
3:45-4:30	LGBTQ+ Mixer	Salon B
3:45-4:30	And the Crowd Goes Wild! (UC Lecture)	Salon C
3:45-4:30	Julius Caesar Dramatic Interpretation	Salon D
3:45-4:30	Kahoot! JCL Trivia	Buckeye
3:45-4:30	Curse Tablets: Learn, then Make!	Ohio
4:45-5:30	Roman Selfie Station (open throughout banquet)	Foyer 2
4:45-5:45	Roman Banquet – Roman Attire Preferred	Ballroom
6:45-7:00	Assembly Seating – Spirit	Ballroom

**7:00-8:15 General Assembly II “Constellation Craze:
Purple & Gold Toga Time” Ballroom**

Call to Order	President Daniel Kim
Opening Remarks	Dr. Rebecca Futo Kennedy
JCL Creed	Gubernator Carolina Mize
JCL Song	Gubernator Meredith Hurley
Recognition of Longtime Service to OJCL	Julie York
In Memoriam	DJ Cavoli & KC Kless
Recap of General Assembly I	Secretary Carter Riordan
Candidate Speeches	Parliamentarian Ella Chi
Annual Service Recap	2 nd VP Hana Conte, Gubernators
OJCL Membership Awards	1 st VP Nora Raab
Charity Update	Gubernator Carolina Mize
Spirit Awards	Treasurer Sabrina Bong
Certamen Update	Certamen Chair Alan Zhang
Commercial/Music Video	Gubernator Meredith Hurley
Closing Remarks	NJCL Historian Philip Towbin
Announcements and Messages	1 st VP Nora Raab
Adjournment	President Daniel Kim

8:30-9:25	Certamen Finals	Ballroom
9:00-9:45	Breakout Room – Session I	Salons E & F
9:15-11:00	Project Viewing	Grand Pavilion
9:30-10:15	Meet the Candidates	Buckeye
9:30-11:00	JCL’s Got Talent!	Ballroom
9:30-11:00	Movie Night (with popcorn!)	Salon A
10:10-10:55	Breakout Room – Session II	Salons E & F
10:15-11:15	SCL General Assembly II	Cardinal
11:15-11:45	Fellowship for School Voting	Assigned Locations
11:45-12:00	Casting of Ballots (voting delegates only)	Lobby
11:45	Call to Rooms	
12:00	Lights Out	

(Daylight Saving Time, clocks move forward one hour!)



Students pack up books for the North MaDD

Convention Schedule

Sunday, March 9th

8:30-10:30	Awards Assembly (optional attendance – times approximate)	Ballroom
	8:30 <i>begin</i> Creative Arts	8:50 Graphic Arts
	9:30 Academic Tests	10:00 Pre-Convention
	Election Results announced immediately after awards	
8:30-10:30	Project Viewing	Grand Pavilion
10:00-11:15	Agora	Foyers
10:30-12:00	Bagged Lunch	Foyers
10:00-11:45	Project Claim	Grand Pavilion
11:00-11:45	SCL General Assembly III	Cardinal
11:15-11:45	Current and Incoming State Officers' Meeting. Bring your lunch!	
		Ballroom Stage



OJCLers help families find gifts during the South MaDD

11:45-12:00 Assembly Seating – Spirit Ballroom

12:00-1:45 General Assembly III “Hypnos Hype:

Prop-less PJ Day” Ballroom

Call to Order	President Daniel Kim
Opening Remarks	SCD Middle School
Recognition of Longtime Service to OJCL	Sherwin Little
JCL Creed	Gubernator Ana Smith
Installation of Incoming OSCL President	OSCL President Allie Leech
Installation of Incoming OSCL Board	New OSCL President
Recap of General Assembly II	Secretary Carter Riordan
Recap of Fall Forum	Editor Sai Harini Basava
Charity Update	2 nd VP Hana Conte
Spirit Awards	Treasurer Sabrina Bong
Best in Show	2 nd VP Hana Conte, State Chair Ms Frodge
Commercial/Music Video	1 st VP Nora Raab
Invitation to NJCL	NJCL Historian Philip Towbin

OJCL Officer Reports & Farewells	OJCL Executive Board
Installation of Incoming OJCL President	President Daniel Kim
Installation of Incoming OJCL Officers	New OJCL President
Club, Individual, and Overall Awards	State Chair Ms Frodge
2026 OJCL Convention Theme	New OJCL President
Announcements & Messages	New OJCL 1 st VP
Adjournment	New OJCL President

1:45 Convention Adjournment – Safe Travels! See You Next Year!!



Junior Classical League Creed

We the members of the Junior Classical League, strive to promote the study of Greek, Latin, and ancient cultures.

We believe this study will help us examine the world and expand our understanding of literature, language, arts, sciences, and humanity.

We affirm the JCL experience develops leadership, fosters community, promotes enthusiasm, encourages competition, inspires dedication, and enriches our total growth!

Junior Classical League Song

Seeking to learn, with wisdom our goal,
Looking for lessons through stories of old.

Searching the realms of the ancient past,
We study the classics' works so vast.

In knowledge, service, and fellowship, we're growing everyday
The friendly hand of J-C-L aids in every way.

We'll join our arms and sing along
With every dear colleague.

And forever we'll hold to the Purple and Gold,
of the Junior Classical League.

Certamen



Scan this QR code for up-to-date Certamen round and room assignments!



Colloquia

And the Crowd Goes Wild! A Day at the Gladiatorial Games

Presented by the University of Cincinnati

We've all seen Hollywood's depictions of gladiatorial combat, but what was a day at the games really like? Through the eyes of the Roman citizen Marcus, you'll experience the full program of events at the spectacle that defined the Roman Empire and literally set the stage for many of today's entertainments, including mixed-martial arts events and Spanish bullfights. Enjoy the history of the Colosseum, the greatest amphitheater of the Roman world, and watch as the action pits man against beast in the venationes. Hear about the training of the fighters, learn to tell the difference between types of gladiators based on their armor, and cheer on your favorite fighter in a final battle as an experienced retiarius attempts to win his freedom. Finally, exiting the amphitheater, you will discover the true meaning of what the Romans referred to as a vomitorium!



Board Games

Presented by the OJCL Board

Feeling overwhelmed by convention? Need a break and want a fun activity to do? Come relax and enjoy some board games with your friends in this colloquia. Limit 30 people!

“Caesar’s Ciphers” Breakout Game

Presented by Marcie Handler and Katie Swinford (Seven Hills)

Beware—the Ides of March have struck, and Julius Caesar has been assassinated! But his story isn’t over yet. Hidden among the ruins of his rule are cryptic clues, ancient ciphers, and guarded secrets that could change history forever. Will you and your team decipher the truth before it’s lost to time? The clock is ticking, the challenge is set—only the sharpest minds and quickest hands will uncover the final mystery. Can you unlock the codes, break into the box, and reveal the secrets of Rome before it’s too late?!

Session 1: 9:00-9:45 pm



Session 2: 10:10-10:55 pm



Sign-up via these QR codes!

Club & Presentation Contests Viewing

Presented by the OJCL

Join us to watch the club entries for Music Video and Commercial! The winners of the presentation contest will also present their work. If time allows, some fan favorite presentations from Fall Forum will get a repeat and...just maybe...you can catch an OJCL board member performing a “tight ten”!

Curse Tablets: Learn, then Make

Presented by the OJCL Board

Offerings to Gods for good fortune? Curses to strike down your opponents? The Romans had it all. In our curse tablet colloquium, explore your more...mischievous...side by crafting your very own curse tablet!



Fashion Fun For Middle School!

Presented by the OJCL Board

Calling all middle schoolers! Come show your fashion side and play Roblox Dress to Impress! (Make sure to download the app beforehand). You'll also meet and bond with other OJCLers your age! If you're not interested in playing, there will also be uno and coloring pages! This is open to everyone Grade 8 and under.



Julius Caesar Dramatic Interpretation

Presented by the OJCL Board

Love theater? Hate Caesar? Join us as we stage Act V, Scene III of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. Students will be broken into groups of 5 and given time and guidance to experiment with dramatic interpretation and a touch of stage fighting before sharing their final product. The best and bravest group (as determined by the presiding student officers) will have the chance to bring their performance to OJCL's Got Talent! If you would like to access the text ahead of time, see the QR code below. NB: winning the OJCL's Got Talent Spot does NOT earn you sweepstakes points. Just for funzies!



Kahoot! JCL Trivia

Presented by the OJCL Board

Certamen may be your favorite quiz bowl, but it doesn't beat the silliness of Kahoot. Join us to learn more about the JCL, flaunt your classics knowledge, and have a good time!



Lares & Penates Sculpting

Presented by The OJCL Board

Waltzing into a Roman atrium, you'd find a humble shrine to a Roman family's household gods—the Lararium. In our Lares and Penates colloquium, explore the history of these deities. Then, make your own household gods out of modeling clay and other crafts items!



Latin Rosary with Q & A

All you ever wanted to know about praying the rosary!



Legio XIII Gemina

Ever wonder what life was like for a member of the Roman Legion? Try on armor, meet Roman soldiers, and learn more about history of the Roman army! Now with Greek hoplites!



LGBTQ+ Mixer

Presented by the OJCL Board

A mixer for all different students to meet and make friends. Games included!



Roman Army 101: Life of a Roman Legionary

Presented by Joseph Biggie (Legio XIII)

This presentation will be a broad overview of the Roman military, its history, weapons, equipment, and tactics.



Roman Selfie Station

Presented by Seven Hills

Stop by the OJCL selfie station during the banquet on Saturday night to snap a few pics of yourself and your comitēs in ancient dress with ancient props! Then post and tag your photos on Instagram for a chance at a prize! Awards will be announced at the final GA on Sunday.



SCL Mixer

Presented by SCL

Seniors are invited to come and learn more about the SCL!



Service: Seed Packing/Cardmaking

Presented by the OJCL Board

Make an impact on our Ohio community! This year we will be packing milkweed seeds to make preschool butterflies-in-a-bag and making thank you cards to celebrate Ohio's very own Sherwin Little and his contributions to the NJCL.



What Can Coins Tell Us?: Propaganda and Messaging on Roman Imperial Coinage

Presented by Joseph Biggie (Legio XIII)

This session will cover the history of Roman coinage, how to read an ancient coin, what all the symbols and depictions mean, and how Roman emperors used coins to spread a message to the Roman people in the days before social media, newspapers, radio, and tv.

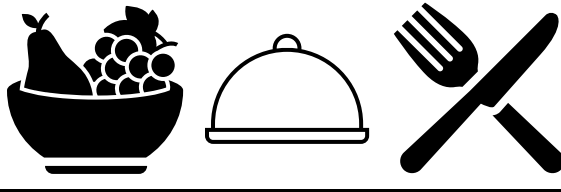


Dining

Breakfast Buffet on Saturday and Sunday from 7:00-10:30 AM

\$16.00 (plus tax and gratuity)

Includes: Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage,
Danish, Toast, Omelet and Waffle Station, Coffee or Juice



Notes



We Can't Wait to See You
Next Year!

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March 6 – 8th, 2026

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