**General Information about the Summit Latin Program**

**The Latin teachers**:  Larry Dean and Lisa Mays are the 2 Latin teachers at The Summit.  Larry is beginning his 27th year, and Lisa is starting her 10th year.

Larry teaches 3 MS and 2 US classes:

* MS - 3 sections of the 6th grade ‘Intro to Latin’ (65 minutes, once a week)
* MS – 7th grade Latin
* MS – 8th grade Latin
* US – Honors Latin 3
* US – CP/Honors Latin 4 and Latin 5

Lisa teaches 1 MS and 4 US classes:

* MS – 7th grade Latin
* US – CP Latin 1
* US – CP/Honors Latin 2
* US – Latin 3
* US – Honors 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.
* 44 7th/8th grade students take Latin (35%), and 39 US students take Latin (11%).
* 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.

**The Latin Club**:  All Latin students are members of the Latin Club and can participate in Latin Club events.  All events will be announced in class and emailed in advance to students & parents.  Events range from academic to artistic to social to service.

**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
* demonstrate dedication and enthusiasm for the language
* participate in at least 3 events sponsored by the Latin Club (service activities count double)

**Academic Competitions**:  The Latin program offers students a number of opportunities 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; and Wali Khan (’23) earned a full scholarship to the University of Cincinnati through the Semple Scholars in the Classics program.

* Pegasus 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
* National Hellenic 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.  Competitions will be on Saturdays (from 9 am-11ish am) every month or so, and a state competition will be held in March during the State Convention; and a national competition will take place during the summer. The Summit Latin program has a proud tradition of excellence in certamen and has won many State Championships.

**Ohio Latin Convention**:  Each March, a group of about 30 Summit students spend a weekend in a hotel in Columbus with 400 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 take place from Fri March 6 to Sun March 8.**  More information will be given out during the school year, but the Ohio Junior Classical League Convention is a wonderful opportunity for your child to earn awards (in academics, in graphic arts, and in performance arts), to meet other students their age from around the state, and to have state leadership opportunities (Summit has had a state officer for 27 years).  The Summit group always wins bunch of ribbons, medals, and trophies!  Summit has won the State Championship in Overall Points for 12 of the past 15 years! [Click here for more information.](https://ojcl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2026-conv-letter.docx)

**National Latin Convention**:  There is also a National Convention in the summer.  For my Instagram about the 2019 NJCL Convention at Miami University (OH), click here:  <https://www.instagram.com/larry81dean/>.   **In 2026, the national convention will be at the nearby Indiana University (Bloomington IN), July 21-26.**