

Iason et Karena magistrīs praeclārīs Marylandensibus s.p.d.

Salvēte, omnēs! Sī vōs valētis, bonum est, nōs etiam valēmus. Hopefully, you've had a relaxing and productive summer, and are as eager as we are to get started.

Last year Maryland Junior Classical League had a goal to increase our membership, meet new teachers and students, and provide more opportunities for participation throughout the year. In this, we feel that we have been very successful. We registered 20 local JCL chapters and had more than 700 student members. Additionally, we hosted three MDJCL Certamen competitions, and held a very successful Spring Convention, with a number of first time attendees. Finally, this summer we sent a group of student leaders to the National JCL Convention in California. We are extremely proud of what we've accomplished, and are looking forward to continuing to grow and support a positive Latin experience throughout the state.

Maryland Junior Classical League is a subsidiary of the National Junior Classical League. We are fortunate in Maryland to have a thriving Latin community, both in the state and the region. We'd like the opportunity to meet each of you and for you to meet one another. This year, we hope to hold even more Certamen competitions, and other events throughout the year. Our first competition, a Halloween themed Certamen, will be on October 31st at Dulaney High School. If your school has not been a member of Junior Classical League in the past, or if you've never played Certamen, we encourage you to come out and see what the Maryland (and National) Latin community has to offer you and your students.

In the spring we will host our annual MDJCL state convention, a preview of the week-long National JCL convention held each summer. In addition to Certamen, the convention will include awards for academics, athletics, a chariot race, visual arts, and dramatic interpretation. In July, we will attend the NJCL Convention in Fargo, ND. We hope that you and your students will join us and hundreds of other Latin students and teachers from around the country, for a week of academics, arts, and athletics.

Cum studiō procēdimus. Dīs volentibus vōs omnēs mox vidēbimus.

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In this packet you will find:

- Letters from MDJCL student officers
- An invitation to the Halloween Certamen
- Important dates and MDJCL information
- Information about National JCL and other opportunities
- Registration form and return envelope