

Non scholae sed vitae discimus!



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Saturnalia Certamen

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Missed the
October Torch?
Check it out here!



SPIRIT STANDINGS

- 1st** Bryn Mawr School (30 Points)
- 1st** Easton High School (30 Points)
- 2nd** Gilman (20 Points)
- 2nd** The Country School (20 Points)

U.M.D. CERTAMEN WINNERS

	Advanced	Intermediate	Novice
1st	Gilman	Key School	The Country School (A)
2nd	Mala Mala (ERHS)	School Without Walls	Key School
3rd	Bryn Mawr School		National Cathedral School

Io Saturnalia!



Schedule



10:00-10:30	Registration in the Science Library
10:30-11:00	Introduction, Gift Drop-Off, AND Latin Carols in Katherine Hall
11:00-12:15	Certamen in the Science Library Roman Board Games in FHI
12:15-1:00	Lunch and Gift Swap in Katherine Hall
1:00-1:30	Reverse (Teacher) Certamen in Katherine Hall
1:30-2:00	Awards and Farewell in the Ampitheatre



SATURNALIA FAST FACTS

- ★ December 17-23, 2024
- ★ Roman festival that honored Saturn, the god of agriculture.
- ★ Overturning of social norms: Societal roles were reversed and gambling was permitted.
- ★ Elected a “King of Saturnalia,” who presided over the celebrations and gave orders to people.



2023 Saturnalia Certamen Winners



CONTEST HIGHLIGHT

National JCL Creative Writing Contest

Write a story revolving around this year's NJCL theme
("Non scholae sed vitae discimus" – "We learn not for school, but for life")!

All entries must be 900-1,100 words, and more information on this contest can be found by clicking on this box, scanning this Q.R. Code, or under the "Students" tab of the NJCL Website!

***Entries are due by
February 7th, 2025!***



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Sapere aude!”

“Dare to know!”

-Horace

ACTIVITY CORNER

MadLibs: Divine Assistance

Grab a friend and fill these out (story on next page)!

1. Name of classical figure
2. Verb ending in *ing*
3. Name of a god/goddess
4. Name of a mythological creature
5. Adjective
6. Adjective
7. Exclamation
8. Object
9. Verb, ending in *ing*
10. Object

MadLibs: Divine Assistance

Once, 1 _____ was 2 _____
by the temple of 3 _____, when they
suddenly saw a 4 _____ run by!
This 4 _____ was especially
dangerous: it was 5 _____
and 6 _____! 1 _____
exclaimed "7 _____," took out
a(n) 8 _____, and
started 9 _____
the 4 _____.

This mighty sight
impressed 3 _____, so they appeared
before 1 _____ and assisted in the
battle, using a(n) 10 _____.
Together, they defeated the 4 _____,
and 1 _____ was lauded as a hero
forevermore!

Up next...

LUPERCALIA CERTAMEN

February 1st, 2025

Lupercalia Fast Facts

- February 15th, 2025
- Annual festival observed to purify the city and promote fertility.
- The **Luperci** (Lupercalia priesthood) made blood sacrifices at an altar in the Lupercal cave.
- The **Luperci** ran counterclockwise around the Palatine Hill, striking those they encountered with thongs cut from the sacrifices.
- This practice was believed to promote fertility.

FLASHBACK CORNER

2024 Throwback Corner



A playground?
How whimsical!

*Got something to share?
Submit to the Torch here!*



*Join the N.J.C.L. Goole Space to
stay updated on news and
events!*



*Are you a leader of your
school's chapter? Fill out this
form so that
thw M.D.J.C.L. Officers can
contact you!*



*Latin lesson plans students can
use to help engage younger
students in the classics!*

