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**MDJCL
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Lupercalia Certamen

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Missed the
December Torch?
Check it out here!



SATURNALIA CERTAMEN WINNERS

Advanced

- 1st** Bryn Mawr School
- 2nd** Easton High School (A)
- 3rd** Easton High School (B)

Novice

- Easton High School
- Calvert
- Boys' Latin

REVERSE CERTAMEN WINNERS

Magistra Miller (Gilman)
Magister Moore (Mala Mala)
Magister Vega (The Country School)



LUPERCALIA



Schedule

10:30-11:00 Registration

11:00-11:30 Icebreaker

11:45-1:00 Certamen

1:00-1:45 Lunch

2:00 Awards

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.



2024 Lupercalia Certamen Winners



CONTEST HIGHLIGHT

Maryland T-Shirt Design Contest

Design the T-Shirt to be given out at the 2025 State Convention!

Shirt must feature the 2024-2025 National J.C.L. Theme
"Non scholae sed vitae discimus"!

Submit designs to Kunz.Teach@Gmail.com!

Entries are due by February 28th, 2025!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

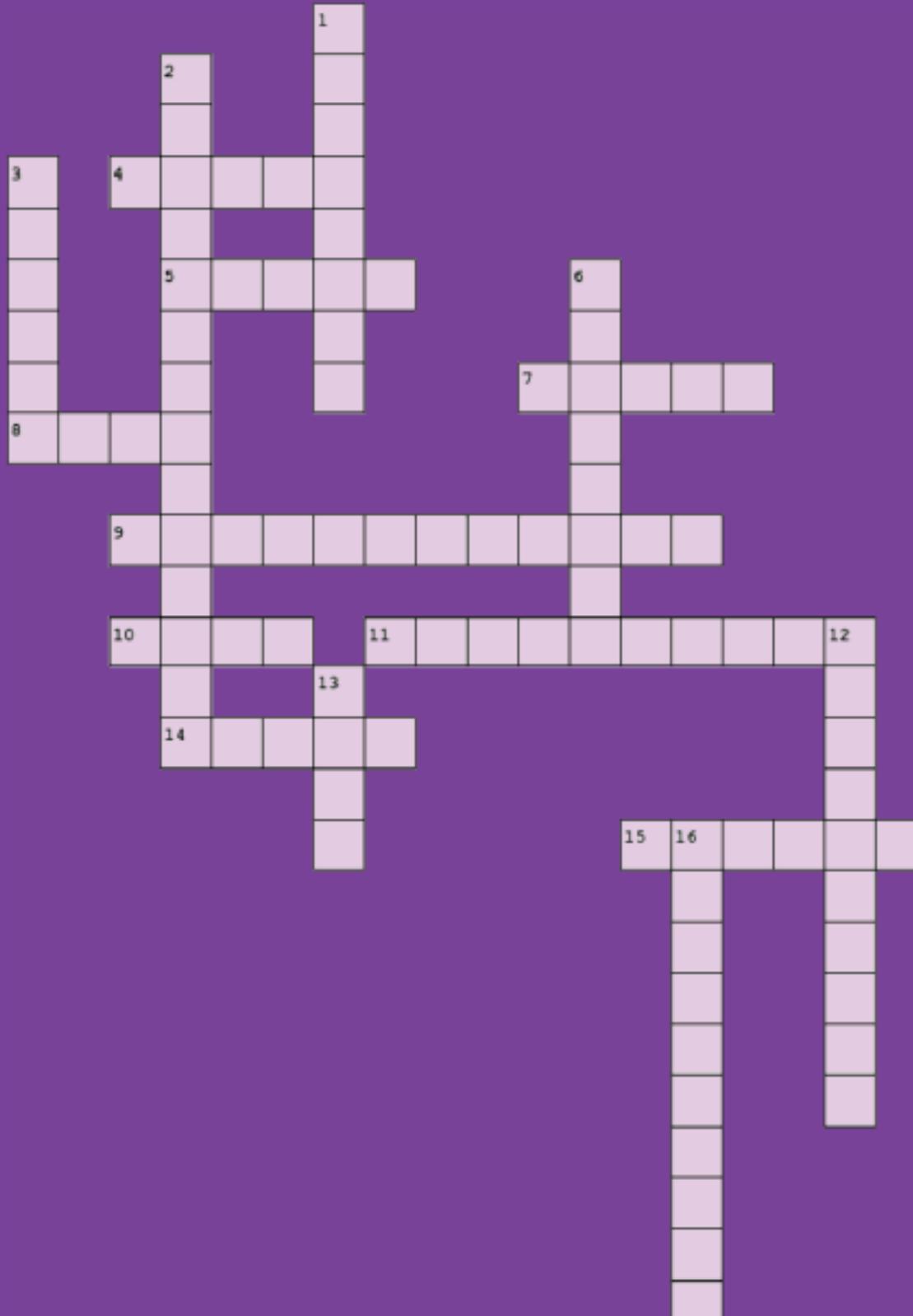
**"Vivamus mea Lesbia, atque amemus,
rumoresque senum severiorum
omnes unius aestimemus assis!"**

"Let us live, my Lesbia, let us love,
and all the words of the old, and so moral,
may they be worth less than nothing to us!"

-Catallus

ACTIVITY CORNER

FEBRUARY CROSSWORD



Across

4. Nominative of what a groundhog might see, in Latine.
5. What love conquers, in Latine?
7. Weapon wielded by Cupid, in Latine.
8. Author of the *Amores* and *Ars Amatoria*, whose sixth foot was stolen by Cupid.
9. Place to which the *Luperci* returned after running their circuit.
10. Color made by combining *rubrum* and *album*, in English.
11. Y'all will have been loved, in Latine.
14. Declension of *Amor*.
15. How long Whitney Houston will love you for, in Latine.

Down

1. Hill circled by the *Luperci*.
2. Star-crossed lovers inspired by *Pyramus* and *Thisbe*.
3. Greek isle's poet.
6. Kingdom of a scorned lover, which ought to be destroyed.
12. In an epic poem, a place to which one might shove down feelings.
13. Grandson of *Zeus* whose Roman counterpart might be spotted on a card.
16. Number of the poem in which *Catallus* expresses his conflicting feelings.

Virtual Version!



Up next...

MARCH AT MCLEAN

March 1st, 2025

March in Ancient Rome

Named “Martius” after Mars, March was originally considered the first month of the year, and contained a number of festivals.

- **Kalends (March 1st):** Sacred, perpetual fires were renewed at the Temple of Vesta to mark the new year.
- **Equiria (March 14th):** Two-horse chariots raced on the Campius Martius to honor Mars, support the army, and boost morale. Two Equiria were held annually; the first on February 27th, and the second in March. A limited number of evidence of this festival remains, indicating that the Equiria was potentially preserved for the sake of tradition, but not widely celebrated.
- **Ides of March (March 15th):** Beware the Ides of March! Julius Caesar was assassinated at a Senate meeting on this day in 44 B.C.E.
- **Liberalia (March 17th):** Feast celebrating the transition between boyhood and manhood. Around age 15-16, boys would remove the Bulla Praetexta, a charm parents placed on boys' necks to ward off evil spirits.
- **Quinquatria (March 19th):** Festival sacred to Minerva.
- **Tubilustrium (March 23rd):** Ceremony involving the sacrifice of a ewe to commemorate the start of the army's campaign season. The Salii (priests of Mars) introduced by King Numa Pompilius) processed through the city, potentially from March 1st-March 24th.

FLASHBACK CORNER

There hasn't been a March event in the past few years, so get ready for something new!

Keep an eye out for the State Convention Information Packet, which will be posted on the MDJCL.Org today!

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



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



*Submit to the Spring 2025
National Torch by February
15th!*



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

