



Summer 2009 Latin Newsletter

Lone Pine Classical School

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“O Fortunam Natam Me Consule Roman” – I’m excited to introduce Cicero to the 300’s!

Welcome to all of the new families, and welcome back to all of the returning families!

New families: Please visit www.lonepineclassical.com for policy details and other information.

We have many exciting things happening this year – I look forward to beginning in August!



NOTA BENE

Everyone - SURVEY: Please return the Survey (last page of this newsletter) ASAP, if you have not already sent one for 2009-2010. The survey will confirm your enrollment in your desired course. I will use it to plan the help session (Tuesday vs. Thursday evening) and to assess Convention interest.

Everyone - Early Payment: If you wish to send fall tuition during the summer, **please email me first to check that the total is correct. Tuition is not due until after the second week of class.** I will email an invoice to each family after the first week of classes with discounts & scholarships calculated.

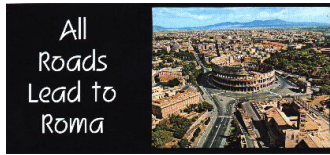
RETURNING students: You do NOT need to send the \$25 materials deposit separate from fall tuition.

Latin 200 and 300 students: I sent a summer review assignment via email in mid-June; please let me know if you have not received it.

NEW Latin 100 and 200 students: Please be sure that the following registration steps are complete.

- 1) If you have not yet sent your **Survey, New Student Information** form, and the **\$25 materials deposit** (\$26 if via paypal), please send those to secure your seat in the class. At this point, please check with me BEFORE sending the deposit – your desired course may be full.
- 2) Purchase the textbook:
Link: http://www.amazon.com/Lingua-Latina-Pars-Familia-Romana/dp/1585102016/ref=pd_bxgy_b_text_b/102-2561904-8012146
You do NOT need to purchase any ancillaries; most are included in the packet I mail you.
- 3) Plan to attend **the New Student Meeting on THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time** (7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Eastern). See WebEx login directions later in this newsletter. We will begin and end with software testing. I will do a brief presentation to explain course procedures once everyone is logged in.

Courses are filling! If any students are planning to refer friends, please have them contact me ASAP while a few open seats still remain (Latin 100 and 200).



Save These Dates:

New Student/Parent Orientation Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

First Week of Class: Week of August 24th

NATIONAL LATIN EXAM:

Quiz Bowl Review: Probably **Saturday March 6th**, 11 a.m. Mountain Time. (Let me know if conflicts exist!) Backup date: Saturday February 27th.

Exam: Monday March 8th. LET ME KNOW ASAP IF YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO TAKE IT THIS DAY – We would need to petition for early exam administration (for everyone – we all must take it at the same time) by October.

CoJCL State Convention: The tentative dates are April 8-9, 2010, at the YMCA camp in Estes Park, Colorado (for all Latin students age 12 and older) – but please check with me BEFORE booking tickets; the COJCL officers and sponsors meet in September to set the dates in stone.

End-of-year awards party: A Saturday TBD (in late May or early June) at 11 a.m. Mountain Time.

Holidays & End of Class: We do take very short breaks for the high-school courses – we need to cover a great deal of material before the March NLE. **Breaks: Thursday Nov 26, Dec 21 – Jan 1**, and a spring break **March 8 – 12**, if no classes before then have been cancelled due to unusual circumstances.

We end class for the year when our syllabus is completed. This is **usually mid-May for Latin 300, mid to late May for Latin 200, and late May for Latin 100**. Dates will be announced in May. Please block out your calendars through May 28, just to be safe. (A late Memorial Day will help us end earlier this year.)



Junior Classical League / CONVENTION!!!!!!!

Last year was our third year participating in JCL; students were registered at both the national level (National Junior Classical League) and state level (Colorado Junior Classical League). The state convention (4/16/09 – 4/17/09) was a lot of fun, and good motivation to study! I very much hope that we will have a sizeable group participate again this year. **All students who are able to travel to Colorado for Thurs-Fri April 8-9, 2010 are strongly encouraged to participate!** You must be age 12 or older by the convention date. (Again, wait for a final “Yes” on those dates from the COJCL officers before booking the trip; they may have to move the dates based on YMCA availability.)

Logistics: We can easily arrange airport pickup/dropoff as needed (I’ll rent a van), and find host families for the students to stay with before/after the convention, if desired. Please ask if interested – I can put you in contact with students who participated in 2009, if you wish. I do think it’s well worth the plane ticket; it’s quite a unique experience! **Colorado is a fun place to visit in the spring, if you’d like to make it a family trip!** The convention is held right next to Rocky Mountain National Park, and there are many places near the convention site for families to stay.

Convention Preview: (General schedule from 2009; it may be rearranged slightly this year.)

Wednesday: Arrive in Colorado, if from out of state. Stay with one of our local families if desired. I’d like to gather for dinner and/or an evening activity (Certamen prep!), if there is interest.

Thursday:

7 a.m. – Drive (carpool) to Estes Park.

8 a.m. – Arrive, check in (put things in dorm rooms), submit art projects, get schedule/map.

9 a.m. – General Assembly, Athletic (Olympics) competitions, lunch (cafeteria), possibly free time to use YMCA camp facilities or time to look at art exhibits.

12:30 p.m. – Academic tests, drama competitions (if you entered), possibly free time to use YMCA camp facilities or time to look at art exhibits – or to prepare for certamen!

5 p.m. – Dinner & get ready for Certamen

6 p.m. – Certamen! (Lasts until 9ish) – Compete and/or observe.

(Initial rounds with two teams competing vs. each other are all in different little cabins.)

9:30 p.m. – Assembly (final certamen contest between 3 top teams) and a social event: skits, talent show, or dance.

11:30 p.m. – Go to dorm rooms; check-in with chaperones.

Friday:

8 a.m. – Breakfast, gather as a group (just our students) to hold a short meeting.

9 a.m. – Watch catapult contest.

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Awards / Closing Ceremony

Friday Afternoon: If there is interest, we could have lunch at a local restaurant and tour Rocky Mountain National Park (and the cute tourist town Estes Park). If your travel plans do not have you leaving Colorado today, you could spend the night with a local host family if you wish (ask me to arrange it).

For more details:

Colorado JCL: <http://www.cojcl.com/> (down for maintenance as of 6/26/09)

National Website: <http://www.njcl.org>

Fundraisers (CONVENTION & Scholarships):

Our 2007 fundraiser (Domino's Pizza coupon cards) yielded \$200 for individual student fees and \$350 for scholarships toward 2008 tuition! At the awards party, one \$150, one \$100, and two \$50 scholarships were awarded to students who held the highest grades in their respective classes. I'm hoping that this year we can pay for convention travel expenses for those who are attending, and fund some good scholarships for 2010-2011. **Interested students should contact me ASAP so we can get a discussion going!**

Here are some ideas which we can vote on as a class. **Please do not start any of these fundraisers on your own until we decide which ones to do!**

QUIZ BOWL: Entrants pay \$10 to compete in a quiz bowl (run like the National Spelling Bee or like Jeopardy?) – Winner gets a \$25 prize and second place gets \$10 prize.

Advantages: No selling.

Disadvantages: None that I can see, except that I will need to run it.

Funding: If we can get 21 people per round, that's \$210 raised. Minus the \$35 prizes, that's \$175 profit per round. We can split this between all the students who want to come to convention... OR we can (randomly?) award it all to one student. We can decide as a group.

Logistics: I imagine us holding multiple rounds at multiple levels (even one for "people who took Latin in high school at least 10 years ago, but haven't studied since"), so we could raise up to \$2000. If 10 people want to go, that's \$200 each – halfway there!

"HELP-A-THON" (Unique idea) - Get pledges (per hour), then do work that would typically be community service -- volunteer work for needy neighbors or a charity/nonprofit. Examples: Babysit for a single mom, tutor at a Boys' & Girls' Club, run errands or do house/yardwork for the elderly/disabled, work at your church (office work, cleaning, yardwork, nursery, etc.), visit with residents at a nursing home, help at local food bank, or whatever else is available near you. When done, collect pledged money from donors.

Advantages: Does good as well as raises funds. We can do this over a period of many months, so that you can work a couple hours/week of volunteering into your schedule.

Disadvantages: None. You can't predict how much you will earn until you get all of your pledges, but I'd bet you could get \$20/hour worth of pledges. If you work 20 hours, that's \$400 – enough to cover all your expenses!

TRADITIONAL "SELLING" FUNDRAISERS: Sell things (examples below) to raise money.

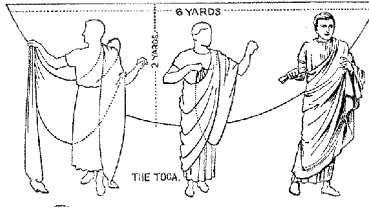
Advantages: Profits are clear.

Disadvantages: Have to keep inventory of the items, have to deal with leftovers, have to ask people to buy stuff that they usually don't need or want. (I'm a terrible saleswoman.)

Funding: Usually low profit, but the Domino's cards are great.

Items:

- Cookie Dough (earn \$5/tub)
- Candy (very low profit for name brand, \$1/bar for special "fundraiser" brand)
- Healthy snacks - <http://www.partnersforhealthykids.com/HealthyFundraising.html>
- Fridge frames - <http://www.fasttrackfundraising.com/fridge-frame-fundraiser.php>
- Domino's Pizza cards – sell coupon cards for \$10 each; keep \$9.
- Grocery certificates – Profit margin too small for me to consider doing again.



Online Directions:

All Latin 100-400 students MUST have working microphones!

To Attend a Class: Please use the following instructions to attend class.

Please go to <https://escondidotutorial.webex.com>

Click on the small tab on the middle bar in your window that says Meeting Center (for me, it's the third-from-left button). You will see a list of all the meetings currently running. If the meeting room has been opened, you will see "Ms. Karppinen's Meeting" (or a related title, such as Lone Pine Latin) on the list. Click "**Join**" next to this room.

When prompted, enter your first and last name and email address and then use the **password "lonepine."** The software will take a little while to download when you enter the first time, so please be patient if nothing appears to be happening. Once you are in the room you will be asked if you would like to join the VOIP audio conference -- you need to join this to hear the audio, so please accept it. You will need a microphone on your computer if you would like to participate in the discussion.

If you are having technical difficulties, you can call the webex tech support number - 1-866-229-3239. Please do not call tech support unless the room is running.

Email me with questions! :)

To Watch a Recorded Class:

Recordings are posted for ~1 month then deleted, unless I receive a request to leave them up.

Please go to <https://escondidotutorial.webex.com>

Click on the small tab on the middle bar in your window that says **TRAINING** Center (for me, it's the second-from-left button). Under "Attend a Session," click on "Recorded Sessions." Then choose your desired class recording from the list. Use the same password as you do to attend class.

Email me with questions! :)

If you go to class and the room is empty: You are likely in the "Training Center." Log out and re-enter through the "Meeting Center."

If you can't find a recording: You are likely in the "Meeting Center." Go back and re-enter through the "Training Center."



Class web pages:

(“View Calendar” – top right corner - for homework)

Latin 100: <http://www.quia.com/pages/kkarppinen/latin100>

Latin 200: <http://www.quia.com/pages/kkarppinen/latin200>

Latin 300: <http://www.quia.com/pages/kkarppinen/latin300>

**You will need a username and password for Quia.
Let me know if you don't have one by the orientation meeting date.
(I usually send them in early August.)**



National Latin Exam:

Congratulations on another outstanding year!

~90% of this year's students won awards!

Nationally, fewer than half the students who take the exam receive awards.

Overall summary as of Spring 2009:

76 exams have been taken (over a 5-year period). 68 awards have been received!

33 gold, 23 silver, 8 magna cum laude, 4 cum laude.

Great work, everyone!

2009 NLE Awards:

GOLD Medal (Summa Cum Laude): JD (100), MW (100), AB (100), ET (100), LZ (100), DaIC (100), GT (100), GabR (100), GC (100), RB (100), CE (200), MC (200), AIB (200), JW (200 + Perfect paper), ZB (100 + Perfect paper).

SILVER Medal (Maxima Cum Laude): CB (200), AndB (200), EL (200), MS (100), JP (100), DT (100), AC (100), BZ (100), DiIC (100).

Magna Cum Laude: ME (200), JB (200).

Summary: 29 took the exam, and 26 received awards! 15 gold, 9 silver, 2 magna cum laude. Excellent!

National Latin Honors Society:

Congratulations to our students who were inducted this year! This is a pure “resume-builder” – students maintaining an A (93%) in their Latin course are nominated based upon citizenship/scholarship. The student does not have any obligations as a member.

This year’s inductees were: Catherine Biewer, JulieAnne Bixby, Ryan Bumpers, Zachary Bumpers, Alex Burnham, Andre Burnham, Anna Chen, Grace Clark, Dalton Crum, Dillon Crum, Julianna DeTrane, Catherine Enwright, Gab Reinares, Maria Starrs, Grace Tate, Emma Toomer, Jeffrey Winter, Matthew Wood, and Lauren Zuck.

All students (Latin 100-400) are eligible for '09-'10 – try to maintain your “A” from Day 1!



Fall 2009 Latin REGISTRATION FORM & Survey – TO BE FILLED OUT BY EVERYONE!!!

STUDENT NAME: _____

COURSE NAME: _____

Times you ABSOLUTELY CANNOT meet:

- Sunday: _____
- Monday: _____
- Tuesday: _____
- Wednesday: _____
- Thursday: _____
- Friday: _____
- Saturday: _____

Times that are generally GOOD for you (to have class, a help session, or other event):

- Sunday: _____
- Monday: _____
- Tuesday: _____
- Wednesday: _____
- Thursday: _____
- Friday: _____
- Saturday: _____

Any major **TRIPS/ABSENCES** planned for this school year (give dates, e.g. March 1-8): _____

LATIN 100-400: Your tuition includes membership in the National and Colorado Junior Classical Leagues (allows you to be nominated for National Latin Honor Society if you earn an A first semester). This makes you eligible to attend the Colorado state convention in April.

I **will definitely NOT** **MIGHT** attend the Colorado state convention (in person -- a Thurs-Fri in late April; stay overnight in Estes Park, CO). Please consider attending – it will be a memorable trip!!! We'll run some fundraisers to help with travel costs! Check your response above as if travel were paid for; i.e., would you go if it were free?

National Latin Exam Date: The test will be **Monday March 8th, 2010** (selected by the national committee).

Note any problems with this date: _____

The exam will be mailed to you, and you will need to take **AND POSTMARK** it on March 8th!

NEW STUDENTS: Mark the evenings during which you **could** attend a new student/parent meeting (Online, all courses: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time – Stellae will be done around 6:15):

 Mon 8/10 Tue 8/11 Wed 8/12 Thurs 8/13 Fri 8/14 (Eastern time zone – add 2 hours)

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Thank you!

NEW Latin 100-400: If physically mailing this survey, please include a \$25 check for the CD/materials, and the New Student Information Page.

You may also submit this by email and pay \$26 (\$25 + \$1 paypal fee) via paypal
(see www.lonepineclassical.com)

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