



"Aspirat Primō Fortūna Labōrī"

"Fortune Smiles on Our First Attempt"

The Forty-First Annual Convention of the

TENNESSEE JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

Red Bank High School
 Chattanooga, Tennessee

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Important Places During the Convention

JCL Office (first aid, name tags, info., etc.)
--end of hall, across from Gym

Sponsors'/Chaperones' Hospitality Room
--Room 1320 and Teachers' Lounge

Post-It Place (leave fun notes for people!)
--Gym hallway

Concessions
--Gym hallway



Red Bank High School has done a great job of preparing to host this convention. Please be sure that we leave the school as nice as we found it and pick up after yourself and others. Have a good time but be safe, courteous, and clean! We want to be invited back again some day!

The 1996-97 TJCL Executive Board

President: Michael Ripski, Hillsboro High School
Vice-President: Grant Tucker, White Station High School
Secretary: Elshaday Gebreyes, Germantown High School
Treasurer: Elizabeth Brown, Clarksville High School
Parliamentarian: Chanda Ho, Hutchison School
Historians: Dana Bobbitt and Alesha Handy, Hume-Fogg High School
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Middle TN Area Sponsor: Mrs. Joyce Ward, Harpeth Hall School
East TN Area Sponsor: Mrs. Laura Long, Montgomery Central H.S.
Academics Chair: Mr. James Long, Nashville
Publicity Chair: Miss Dawn LaFon, White Station High School

TJCL Convention Hall of Fame

The adults listed below have attended at least ten TJCL Conventions. Those with an * have attended at least twenty, while those with an ** have attended thirty!!

Virginia Baird	Dawn LaFon	Alice Sanford *
Marion Birge	Edward Long	Bette Carol Scott
Wayne Duff *	Laura Long *	Kathryn Tebbe
Richard Ellis	Janis Martin	Lila Thurmond
Sue Gilmore *	Connie Matlock	Joyce Ward *
Barbara Hardin	Pamela Mize	Grady Warren **
Robert Harper **	Virginia Peak	Kaye Warren **
Nancy Howell **	Barney Reed *	

Special Thanks From Mr. Long To:

Mrs. Brenda Myers	Grady and Kaye Warren
RBHS JCL	Sabrina Bonner
RBHS Parent Volunteers	David Lindsey
RBHS Faculty and Staff	Amanda Cooper
Mrs. Evelyn Kennedy	Robert Harper
Mrs. Valerie Rutledge	Mark Rogers
TJCL Officers	Kim Hagan
Laura Long	Linda Long
Kathryn Tebbe	UTK Classics Dept.
Joyce Ward	

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 10

9:00 - 10:00 p.m. Executive Board meeting

Friday, April 11

7:15 - 8:15am	General Registration	
8:30 - 9:00	General Assembly	Gymnasium
9:00 - 9:30	Procession / Spirit Contest	outside
9:00 - 9:45	Nominations Committee Meeting	Cafeteria
9:15 - 9:45	Academic Proctors' Meeting	Gymnasium
9:30 - 9:45	Chariot Race	
9:45 - 10:00am	report to testing room	see pages 4 and 5
10:00 - 1:00pm	Academic Testing	see pages 4 and 5
10:00 - 1:30pm	Art Registration	Cafeteria
10:00 - 1:30pm	Lunch	
10:00 - 4:30pm	Sponsors'/Chaperones' Hospitality	Room 1320
1:30	Art Judging begins	Cafeteria
1:30 - 4:30	Track and Field Olympika	Track
1:30	recommended departure for swimmers	
1:45 - 2:15	Certamen Testing	Gymnasium
2:00 - 4:00	Swimming Olympika	Baylor School
2:00 - 2:30	English Oratory Judges' Meeting	Room 2190
2:00 - 2:30	English Oratory Registration	Room 2190
2:30 - 4:30	English Oratory	Room 2190
3:00 - 5:00	Certamen	Office: Rm. 1410
3:00 - 3:30	Novice Certamen (Latin 1)	Rms. 1380/1400/1420
3:30 - 4:00	Novice Certamen Finals	Room 1430
3:30 - 4:00	Lower Certamen (Latin 2)	Rms. 1380/1400/1420
4:00 - 4:30	Lower Certamen Finals	Room 1430
4:00 - 4:30	Upper Certamen (Latin 3-4)	Rms. 1380/1400/1420
4:30 - 5:00	Upper Certamen Finals	Room 1430
5:00	Candidates' Open Forum question deadline (JCL Office)	
5:00 - 8:00	Dinner Break	
8:00 - 8:30	Dramatic Latin Registration	Room 2190
8:00 - 8:30	Dramatic Latin Judges' Meeting	Room 2190
8:30 - 10:30	Dramatic Latin	Room 2190
8:00 - 8:30	Costume Contest Registration	Room 2370
8:00 - 8:30	Costume Contest Judges' Meeting	Room 2370
8:30 - 10:30	Costume Contest	Room 2370
8:00 - 11:00	Skits	Gymnasium
8:00 - 11:00	Dance	Old Gym
8:00 - 11:00	Sponsors'/Chaperones' Hospitality	Room 1320
8:30 - 9:30	Candidates' Open Forum	Library
9:00 - 10:00	Art Viewing (no claims)	Cafeteria
10:00 - 11:00	Art Claim (with claim ticket)	Cafeteria

CONVENTION SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Saturday, April 12

8:30 - 9:00	Art Claim (with claim ticket)	
9:15 - 12:00	General Assembly (Gymnasium)	
	Call to Order	Michael Ripski
	Pledge of Allegiance	Grant Tucker
	JCL Creed (see page 6)	all delegates, standing
	JCL Song (see page 6)	all delegates, standing
	Announcements	Michael Ripski, Mr. Long
	Roll Call of Schools	1 JCLer from each school
	Olympika Awards	Mrs. Joyce Ward
	Publicity Awards	Miss Dawn LaFon
	Certamen Awards	Mrs. Laura Long
	Election Procedures	Chanda Ho
	Campaign Speeches	Candidates
	Distribution of Ballots	Chanda Ho
	20-minute recess for voting and evaluations	
	Call to Order	Grant Tucker
	Creative Arts Awards	Mrs. Kathryn Tebbe
	Dramatic Latin recitation	1st place winner
	Graphic Arts Awards	Mrs. Kathryn Tebbe
	Academics Awards	Mr. Edward Long
	Election Results	1996-97 TJCL Officers
	Minutes of Fri. Assembly	Elshaday Gebreyes
	Attendance Report	Elshaday Gebreyes
	Membership Awards	Grant Tucker
	Treasurer's Report	Elizabeth Brown
	Spirit Contest Awards	Elizabeth Brown
	Historians' Report	Dana Bobbitt and Alesha Handy
	<u>Torch</u> Report	Melissa Mahoney
	Pentathlon Awards	Mr. Edward Long
	Best of Show Awards	Mr. Edward Long
	Sweepstakes Awards	Mr. Edward Long
	Presidential Farewell	Michael Ripski
	Presidential Inauguration	Michael Ripski
	Inauguration of Officers	1997-98 President
	Announcements	Michael Ripski, Mr. Long
	Adjournment	1997-98 President
	Meeting with New Officers	Mr. Long

ACADEMIC TESTING LOCATIONS

School	Level				
	1/2	1	2	3	4 and 5
BEARDEN			1490	1490	1490
CLAIBORNE COUNTY		2040			
CLARKSVILLE ACADEMY		1430	1430		1430
CLARKSVILLE		1390	1390	1390	1390
COLLIERVILLE		1580	1580	2180	2180
COLUMBIA CENTRAL		2510	1410	1410	
DAVIDSON ACADEMY		1430	1430		1430
FARRAGUT		2300	2300	2300	2300
FRANKLIN ROAD		1490	1490	1490	1490
GATLINBURG-PITTMAN		1400	1400	1400	1400
GERMANTOWN		2340	2540	1290	1290
HARPETH HALL	2550	2530	2530	2440	2440
HENDERSONVILLE		2510	2510	2510	2510
HILLSBORO		2160	2160	2160	2160
HOUSTON		1570	1570	2180	2180
HUME-FOGG		2370	2370	2540	2540
HUTCHISON	A-->He 2250, Ho-->Z 2240		2470	2440	2440
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		1380	1380		
J.T. MOORE		1370	1370		
JACKSON CENTRAL-MERRY		1420	1420	1420	1420
KIRBY		2050	2050		
M.L.K. MAGNET		1370	1370		
MEIGS	2030	2030			
MEMPHIS UNIV. SCHOOL		2170	2170	1290	1290
MONTGOMERY CENTRAL		2470			
NORTH LAUREL (KY)		2040	2040	2040	
NORTHEAST		2360	2360	2360	2360
NORTHWEST		2360		2360	2360
OOLTEWAH HIGH			2160		
OOLTEWAH MIDDLE		Gym			
RED BANK HIGH		Gym	1160	1410	2440
RED BANK MIDDLE	1370				
RIVERDALE		1490	1490		
SEVIER COUNTY		2180	2180	2180	2180
SEYMOUR		2190		2190	
SIGNAL MT.	1370				
SOUTH-DOYLE		1390	1390	1390	
SOUTHSIDE			1420		
ST. MARY'S	A-->P 2350, R-->Z 2430	2430	2430	1410	
UNIV. SCH. OF NASHVILLE	2420	2420	2420	2420	
WHITE STATION		2030	2320	2320	2320

Pledge of Allegiance

Fidem meam obligō vexillō Civitatum Americae Foederatarum, et rei publicae prō quā stat, ūnī natiōne, Deō ducente, nōn dividendae, cum libertate iustitiāque omnibus.

JCL Creed

We, the members of the Junior Classical League, covenant to hand on the torch of classical civilization in the modern world. We believe an acquaintance with the civilization of Greece and Rome will help us understand and appraise this world of today, which is indebted to the ancient civilization in its government and laws, literature, language, and arts.

We affirm the JCL experience develops responsibility, fosters brotherhood, promotes enthusiasm, encourages competition, inspires dedication, and enriches our total growth.

JCL Song

Seeking the best, the highest our goal,
Working for greatness through glories of old,
Searching the realms of the golden past,
We follow the classics' truths that last.

In knowledge, truth, and fellowship,
We're growing every day;
The friendly hand of J - C - L
Aids in every way.

In Rome's proud steps we're marching on
With every true colleague,
And forever we'll hold
To the purple and gold
Of the Junior Classical League!

TJCL Oath of Office

I (state your name) do hereby affirm and promise to pass on the torch of classical learning; to aid in all ways possible the growth of the Tennessee Junior Classical League; to accept my duties and responsibilities as an elected or appointed officer; to exert myself to the fullest; to cooperate with my fellow officers; to accept the guidance and advice of those appointed over me; and to respect and adhere to the recommendations of the Executive Board as set down in our Constitution. I realize that in doing so I shall bring both honor and credit to the Tennessee Junior Classical League and to myself.

Some Conventional Wisdom

What is the Nominations Committee Meeting?

Each school is expected to send a delegate to this meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday so that the candidates for the TJCL Board may be selected. Each school that sends a delegate to this meeting and is in good standing shall receive two votes instead of one in the election on Saturday.

What is the Candidates' Open Forum?

It's a chance to meet the candidates face-to-face and ask them about the ideas they have for TJCL. At least one delegate from each school is expected to attend, though more may attend if they wish.

What do I do if I finish my tests early?

Go eat lunch. Meet new people. Play a game of spades. Try out Ludi Paper/Rock/Scissors. Study for Certamen. Warm up for the Olympika. Practice your English Oratory or Dramatic Latin. Put those final stitches on your Costume. Or, practice those keen dance moves for tonight!

What is 'Certamen' and how is it pronounced?

Accent the middle syllable, and pronounce the 'c' as in 'cat'. Certamen (the Latin word for 'contest') is a fast-paced game involving recall of facts related to Latin and classical studies. Certamen required preregistration, but it is nevertheless an exciting competition to watch. Certamen is like team Jeopardy but with no Alex Trebek.

Do I have to wear a toga to the dance tonight?

No, but please do wear your Roman attire throughout the daytime hours. The dance will have a modern DJ playing modern music, and you should wear regular school clothes. Please do remember to wear your name tag too, as it serves as your admission ticket to the dance.

Can I win any money at this convention?

Yes, if you applied for a scholarship to attend the National JCL Convention or you get first place in Latin 4/5 Pentathlon. Otherwise, you can win money by designing a t-shirt for the entire Tennessee delegation to wear at the national convention. Turn in your ideas at the JCL Office or send them to Mr. Long after the convention. The winning designer will receive \$50.00! You may use up to four colors in your design.

You mean there's a National JCL Convention too?

Yes, from August 3 to August 8 at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. About 50 - 75 Tennesseans will be there, so why not join them? The NJCL Convention is like this convention, but on a much grander scale. There are people there from all over the country, cheering for their state and for JCL. Ask a JCL Officer or your sponsor how you can sign up to go.

