



TJCL WINTER TORCH 2022



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Salvete omnes!

I can't believe the second Torch is already out! Time certainly flies. Anyway, I hope everyone enjoys this edition and considers submitting for the Spring Torch! I love hearing about activities different chapters are participating in across Tennessee, and I know everyone else will too! This can be in the form of articles, photos, or even memes. Speaking of photos, Photo of the Month will continue on in the next few months, so please consider submitting for that! Any submissions can be sent to my email: torcheditor.tjcl@gmail.com. Of course, I must give a giant thank you to everyone who submitted, and I can't wait to see everyone at state convention this April in [insert number of days from countdown at <https://www.tjcl.org>] days! And now...onto the magazine!

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CHAPTER UPDATES

Blackman High School

Our Latin club has had a slow start-up this year due to Covid-19 but we are looking forward to competing at the TJCL state convention in April! Our classes are in full swing though! Our Latin One class is covering Gods in Love, studying stories such as Eros and Psyche, Aphrodite and Adonis, and the various relationships of Zeus. Our Latin Two classes are covering time and space. And our highest-level Latin Three classes have done deep dives into the Iliad, The Odyssey, and The Aeneid.

-Morgan Stephens, Blackman High School Latin Club President

Brentwood High School

Salvete! The Brentwood JCL Chapter has been having an eventful year, learning Latin through various games. We have done Roman-style mafia, a scavenger hunt around the school, jeopardy, and even a Latin-themed Squid Game, just to name a few! We also hosted a Saturnalia party in December, where everyone brought food and exchanged gifts through a game of Dirty Saturn. Now, we are looking forward to going in-person to the state convention in April!

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Elaine Zhang

CHAPTER UPDATES

Clarksville High School

Salvete from CHS' TJCL Program,

Our JCL program is in full swing, and we are excited to continue broadening our dive into the classical world. At all levels, we have been working to engage our students outside of their regular Latin class and promote interest in History, Mythology, Trivia, and all other aspects of the JCL program. We look forward to the day we are able to meet all of you, and we wish you the best of luck in your future classical endeavors.

-Andrew Bailey and Allister Banasiak

Houston High School

Salvete from Houston High School's TJCL Chapter!

HHS Latin students have kicked off this school year with a field trip to the Memphis Greek Festival. Students enjoyed Greek delicacies, dancing, music, culture, and an exhibit from the University of Mississippi antiquity collection. We appreciated connecting ancient influences to their modern counterparts. We look forward to exploring mythological monsters at our next club meeting.

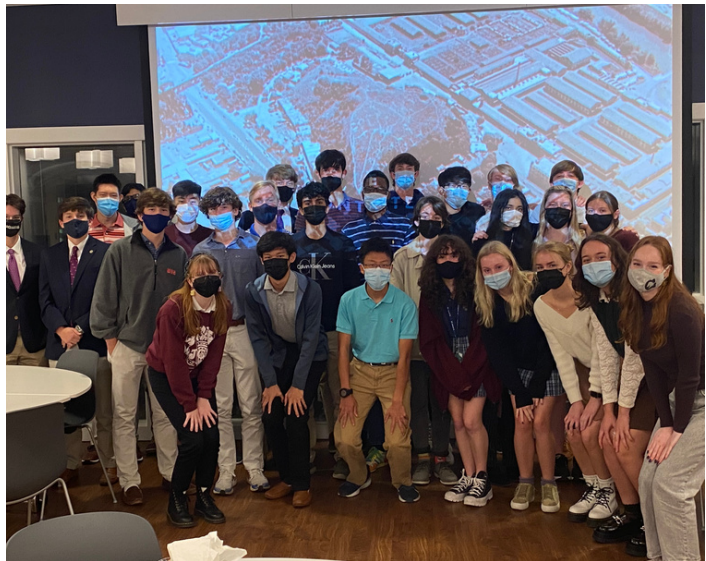
-Lilly Booth and Adele Ferguson

VETERANI DINNER

Late in the evening on Monday, October 25, a small sea of Latin students and I gathered in the dining hall to celebrate the Veterani Dinner. After a brief speech from [St. Mary's] Latin Club president Ann Wilson, we sat to eat while Professor Ben Graham from University of Memphis gave a presentation about Roman dining.

Like many similar Latin club traditions, such as Festivus and the Cena Romana, the Veterani Dinner was first implemented as a way to provide enrichment and community for Memphis Latin scholars, particularly higher level students.

Consisting of upperclassmen and teachers from several area schools, the Veterani Dinner is a yearly gathering of Latin students fourth year and up, where Latin scholars share interesting facts like those shared by Professor Graham. The dinner, founded in the 1990s and later revived in 2014, was hosted in St. Mary's dining hall with the dining service providing Italian dishes, such as penne pomodoro and sage winter squash.



Professor Graham's talk was full of interesting facts. One anecdote was about the Monte Testaccio, a pile made of the Roman's smashed olive oil urns that grew to the size of a small hill. He also explained countless aspects of Roman dining, from population records to food transportation to the eventual fall of Rome.

The dinner left me feeling I had expanded my understanding of Roman tradition. Not only that, but I had been invited to witness a facet of a much deeper passion for Latin in Memphis.

-Ella Curlin

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHT

With the fall came time for Festivus. But questions were ubiquitous. Could we have it? Would it be online? How many schools could we host? Last year, we were only able to hold a virtual competition, but this year, we were glad to be back in person. We weren't sure if we would be able to hold Festivus in the first place, but luckily we were able to hold the event. Unfortunately, we had to limit the competition to an intramural one open only to MUS students. Despite these limitations, we were able to pull off an extremely successful Festivus competition.

When the day for Festivus arrived, over fifty students showed out to compete and have fun. We hosted a fire sale of old merch to raise money for our annual Salvation Army Angel Tree project. Certamen buzzers rang through the halls of MUS, and students from Latin I to Latin V competed in the eternal contest. Our Catapult competition inspired great feats of high school engineering. We tested our knowledge of ancient history and culture in several written tests. Latin memes created by our very own club members abounded. Everyone got involved, and we ended up with a Festivus to remember.

-Forest Rudd



PHOTO OF THE MONTH



December

St. Mary's Episcopal School

Lydia Glomski

"Medusa"



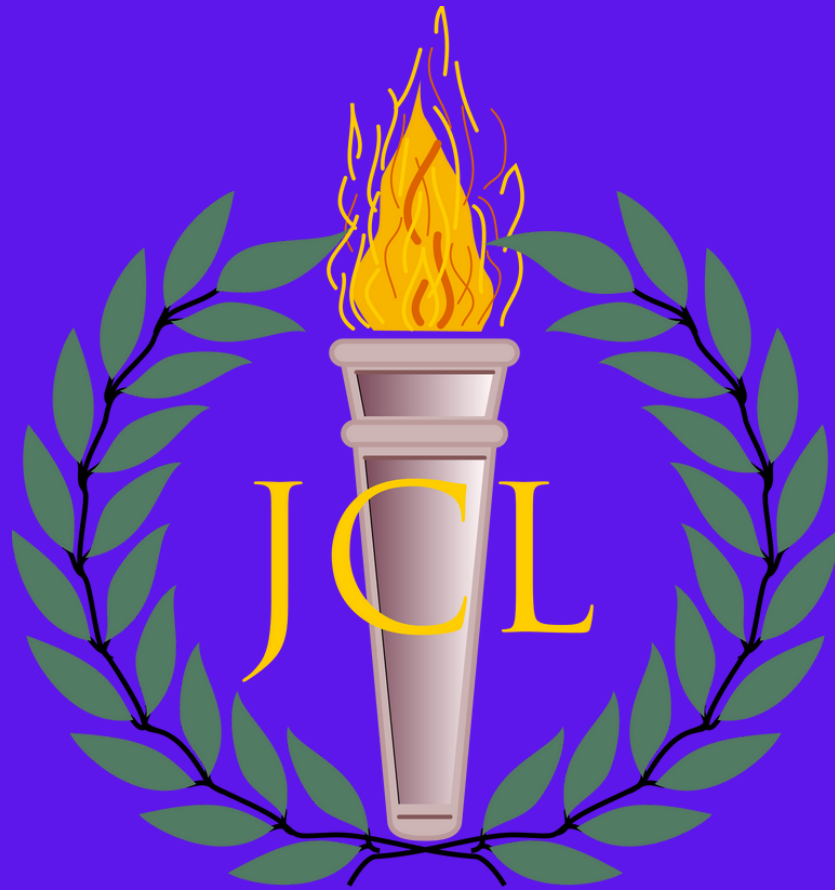
January

St. Mary's Episcopal School

Lydia Glomski

"Football Julius"





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