



The Latin Club

Tallahassee Classical Conversations

We hope all the Latin Club members have enjoyed a wonderful Spring Break!

Dear Latin Club,

As I said before, I have been immensely blessed to have served you thus far in the Latin Club. We have been far more successful than even I imagined. I was not surprised that our Certamen team placed at Regionals; but more than that, I am confident that, by the grace of God, our club members can, not only place at State, but also qualify for Nationals. Whereas I knew that we had the potential for such achievement, I never suspected that I might actually witness the day! I offer my sincere thanks to those of you who are striving for excellence -- for the glory of God, it has been a great beginning to our Homeschool NJCL/FJCL Chapter. In many ways, we have been the forerunners, those who follow, may achieve much more! In doing so, we have a greater opportunity *declare Deum*.

What I fear, now, in my senior year, is that we shall begin to hope in ourselves, begin to allow our studies to envelope our days, and forget the God who gives us breath EVERY moment. God is not to be forgotten! I love Latin, I am competitive, and I would love to come away from State with the biggest trophy! Even so, I know, and you too must always remember, that more than anything else, before anything else, we must seek Christ and repent of our wayward, and sinful nature! We do not deserve the mercy of Christ, yet He gave it. How can we then withhold the first fruits of our thoughts and affections from Him who graciously gave everything He has to rebellious sinners who hated Him?

It is my great hope that you have noticed and taken to heart my emphasis on the glory of God in saying, "*Solí Deo Gloria*." This means to God ALONE be the glory. We are nothing, but as Martin Luther said, "Until a man is nothing, God can do nothing for him."

It is all God!

Remember your purpose and seek to perform it well, both male and female, for we were created with different responsibilities. Work

Upcoming Events:

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:
March 29th

Next Latin Club Meeting:
April 18th

State Latin Forum:
April 3rd – 5th

Latin Olympics: April 10th

Latin Banquet: April 10th

Important Announcement:

For those of you who are going to the Florida State Latin Forum, please begin preparing as soon as possible! Please go to this link to gain access to the tests that have been administered over the years: <http://www.fjcl.org/past-fjcl-tests--certamen.html> If you are unsure as to what two tests you will be taking at the Forum, please email us at cclatinclub@gmail.com.

hard, read your Bibles, pray, and do so with a joyful spirit, that others might see you and rejoice (Psalm 119:74), and many would be led to Christ by your example (1 Peter 2:12) .

Please, let me know how I can serve you, in any way. You are frequently on my heart and on my mind, I shall pray for you often!

Soli Deo Gloria!

In Christ,

Vester Servus Chris

**Per Angusta Ad Augusta
Through Difficulties to
Honors**

This popular Latin phrase has motivated people in the army for

years. It can also be translated as “through trial to triumph” or “through difficulties to great things.” We are now down to the last four weeks of CC!!! You are very close to the finish line, but before you get a break everything must get harder. Do not fear! Even though it will be challenging, don’t let the work get you down! Through hard work you can move on to accomplish great things, whether it may be a good test score or simply the satisfaction of finishing. Don’t give up! You can do it, and you will be brilliant.

-Elizabeth Lehman, Treasurer of the Latin Club

A Paradoxical Myth

Once, long ago in the mists of time, Zeus, the king of the gods, became displeased with Thebes, that great city. In punishment for this, he sent out a fox. Normally, a fox would not be considered a punishment. However, this fox was different. Fated, even. Fated to never be caught. This was, indeed, a plague. A fox, never to be caught, causing extreme mischief, and delivering justice to the city, could not be borne. But it was. The citizens of Thebes hunted the beast many times, hoping against hope, that it could be caught, all in vain. At last, one thought to call Kephalos of Athens. Long before, one of his ancestors had been given a gift. A gift with particular relevance to their trial. A hound, named Laelaps, fated to catch all he pursued. Kephalos came, with great pomp and ceremony, and let slip Laelaps upon the fox's trail. How great was that chase! The fox which could never be caught, chased by the hound which would catch anything. Long it lasted, and long they ran, until Zeus once again looked down. He saw but one solution, so he took it, and turned both the the beasts to stone. The king of the gods could not bear such a paradox.

-Caleb Stephens, Official Secretariat of the Latin Club

Finishing the Race Victoriously

The finish line is so close, yet it feels so far away. The end of the semester is just around the corner, yet it still feels like a few more months away. Have you ever felt like this? I know it can sometimes be hard to get back into a normal routine after enjoying such a wonderful Spring break!

Sometimes we get so caught up in all we are doing, that we forget why we are doing it. Let's refocus. Let's remember why Latin is so important, and get back on track with our studies. While there are so many benefits to learning Latin, I would like to focus on a few principal ones which create the pathway for excelling in all other subjects. Studying Latin helps us to sharpen our minds and improve our critical thinking skills. Translating a sentence is often no small task, requiring a careful analytical approach. While this may often seem tedious – and unnecessary, even – as you translate sentence after sentence, exercise after exercise, week after week, think about how this stretches your mind and causes you to improve your study habits and skills! Additionally, possessing a better understanding of Latin is often useful in our everyday conversations. Knowing Latin enriches our vocabulary as there are so many derivatives in the English language. Finally, remember that everything we do should ultimately be done for the purposes of pleasing and glorifying our Heavenly Father. In Colossians 3 verse 23, Paul urges us, saying, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men," (NKJV)

In these last few weeks of school, I encourage each of you to continue to persevere. I urge you to keep on doing your best and giving your all. Let us all finish this school year strongly and successfully. If need be, set some new goals; try to work it into your schedule so that you can devote a set amount of time to studying Latin each day. Consider your level of Latin and your schedule, then plan accordingly. Truly, Latin is worth learning; there are countless benefits to it. I encourage each of you not to lose heart and begin to slack off in these final weeks of this school year, but to persevere diligently and finish the race victoriously!

-Sophie Silver, Vice President of the Latin Club

Whose Success Is It?

Only three short years ago we formed the Classical Conversation's Chapter of the NJCL and FJCL. At that time, Mrs Carla Wilson was our sponsor and I offered to '*help*.' Since then, as most of you know, Mrs Wilson's life has taken many a difficult turn and here we are with a willing, but very inexperienced sponsor --me.

It is amazing to think that in the past two years we have actually managed to have the name "Classical Conversations" recognized at the Regional Forum. This is due to our bold students who have earned places in both the Regional tests and Olympics. The number of awards that we have taken have both increased in number and in size. Today, we are only days away from taking our first delegation to the State Latin Forum in Orlando. I am humbled to have the dedicated officers and students striving for such success, but I know, it is not really our success, but Christ's, who lives in us. Let us never forget our Sovereign and Holy God who has made all this possible. I pray that we would honor Him through our diligent study and never steal the credit from the One who deserves it all. Seek the LORD always and never be content to remain foreign to any field which may further your understanding of the Bible, but with all diligence, strive to know God and make Him known!

-Mrs. Barnard

Latin Club Member's Contribution...

We welcome your own writing! If you would like to write about something Latin-related, please email it to us at cclatinclub@gmail.com with "For the LC Newsletter" in the subject line.

As a reminder from the last monthly issue of the newsletter, your article must meet the following requirements:

1. It does not exceed 150 words.
2. It focuses on a Latin-related topic (The topics within may be anything – from the history of a Latin word to how the Romans used a certain tool/recipe to a short biography of an important figure in Roman history.)
3. It conveys interesting, practical, funny, or educational information.
4. It contains only accurate information!

Note: while we anticipate minimal need of grammatical correction, etc., you must be willing to allow us to make any necessary corrections before including it in the newsletter ☺.

