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A Welcome Letter from Our Caesar

Salvete Omnes!

Welcome back to Miramonte! It has been a crazy past year, to say the least. Like many of you, I am super excited to be back in school. We are finally able to chant Exegi the way Horace intended it to be done instead of over Zoom. Students can now participate in a variety of engaging activities in Latin class. Like turning Marvel heroes into Roman characters in Latin stories or Latin V students making a play based on the myth Psyche et Cupid. And of course, nothing gets better than taking vocab quizzes every week!

With us back in school obviously brings up the question: What is Latin Club? To answer in short, Latin Club is a place for Miramonte students to engage with the study of Classics outside of the classroom. Miramonte Latin Club is the largest and most active club at Miramonte. This means that the Latin Club provides students with a supportive community and many opportunities to interact with one another and students from other schools!

Miramonte Latin holds activities every other week, which are planned by its officers. Many of you have already participated in the first club activities of the school year. In August, Latin students played a thrilling game of Kahoot! Later, in September, dozens of students participated in the annual Trojan Horse parade. The month of September was finished off with a very tasty lasagna feed! The Miramonte certamen team has also resumed its meetings. Club members look forward to Ludi and State Convention among many CAJCL activities occurring in the next few months.

But maybe academics are not your strong point. Never fear! Latin Club is here! Miramonte Latin Club does not only offer academic activities, many athletic and art activities are held each year as well! Whether it is dodgeball at State Convention or impromptu art at Ludi, there are many opportunities for students to engage in ancient Mediterranean history and culture other than through academics. Finally, as many of you will come to see, Latin Club is nothing without the support of the Magistri. Both of them are incredibly involved in the Club and are always available to help Miramonte students. I am very excited to see what this year holds for us with the help of Magister and Magistra!

Ite Mats!
Mallika Dandamudi
Miramonte Latin Club Caesar 2021-2022



2021 NJCL Convention

Article by: Ricky Davis

Miramonte Latin Club attends multiple different Latin conventions throughout the year. Every summer we attend the National Junior Classical League (NJCL) Convention in late July. National Convention, or Nats as many refer to it, is held in a different state each year. However, the last two years have been held virtually due to the pandemic, but still hosted by a state. In fact, this summer's Nats was hosted by California!

At Nats, students start the day off logging onto Sched to get onto the General Assembly Zooms. Afterwards, students can partake in a plethora of activities ranging from academic tests on ancient geography to athletic competitions like the push-up contest. Additionally, students can participate in Open Certamen and Competitive Certamen. The Convention lasts for a whole week, and during that week, each day has different activities and events. At National Convention, each state comes together to enter spirit submissions and vote for national student officers. California submitted videos of delegates at various Californian landmarks and at the beach along with many more photos.

To wrap up each day at convention all states have a fellowship meeting in the night where all the delegates meet together to discuss how the day went and to plan for spirit competitions. Nationals is a great time to meet other people who take Latin from around our state and the country and have an amazing, classical-filled week!



2021 NJCL Convention

1st

Publicity Contest Best School Affiliated Media
Publicity Contest Best Posters Outside of School
September Photo of the Month

2nd

Local Publications
Social Media Contest

3rd

Publicity Contest Best Portfolio
Programs and Activities Contest

The Job of A Historian

Article by: Malayna Chang

The role of the Latin Club Historian is interesting, to say the least. Latin students from all grades and Latin levels make up this year's Historians, providing a diverse and collaborative environment within the larger Latin community.

The main job of the Historian is to coordinate the preparation of the scrapbook used in the annual CAJCL Convention contests and Latin Banquet event at the end of the school year. Historians also keep historical documentation of all MJCL activities and create a roster of all of the current Latin Club officers. Additionally, Historians take pictures or delegates others to take pictures of any and all MJCL events and uploads the photos to the Latin Club Google Drive photo for the use of the Consul Editors and other officers.

A more fun responsibility of the Historian is to prepare entries for the NJCL Club of the Month Contests, as well as submit any and all "memes" for the monthly meme contests. Historians also maintain and display awards and trophies from MJCL events.

"I am most excited to complete the scrapbook at the end of the year and be able to look back on everything we did this year," Historian Kaylin Chang said.

The role of the Historian is broad but fun. It is one of the only group roles and allows for increased collaboration, communication, and teamwork.

Augustus' Birthday

Article by: Mallika Dandamundi



Have you ever celebrated your 2084th birthday? Probably not, unless you are Divus Augustus who turned 2084 years old on September 23rd this year! Like most birthdays, Latin Club celebrated it with a fun party. Afterward, Latin Club members were able to participate or watch a play based on the life of Augustus himself. Jessica Milmo(11) was an actor in the play and “thought it was a really unique experience because it allowed [her] to interact with Roman history in a fun and enjoyable way”! Lila Insalaco (11) was also a member of the cast and enjoyed acting in the play because previously she was only able to be a spectator.

In addition to the play, there was a large assortment of food brought in by volunteers! With that came a great Latin controversy between which foods are best to include in such a festive celebration as Divus Augustus' birthday. Lydia Shamin (12) and Vivienne Arndt (10) are in agreement that chips are the way to go, while Megan Chui (11) is set on oatmeal cookies as her go-to birthday party food. Either way you stand, Divus Augustus' birthday party was a great opportunity to celebrate with fellow Latin Club members and learn a little bit more about Roman history. I find that there is no better way to spend lunch than chanting “We love Augustus” or watching Mark Anthony fall in love with Cleo.

The reasons why we celebrate Divus Augustus' birthday go beyond the number 2084. We cannot forget the immense impact Augustus had on the past and the influence he has even now. He was Rome's first emperor and his contributions make it even more important that the study of Classics is continued today!



The Trojan Horse Emerges Yet Again

Article by: Grace Liu

As a newly-minted high school freshman, Julie is unaware of the rich traditions that are rife at Miramonte High School, especially those that accompany the renowned Miramonte Latin program. Sitting at her table at lunch on the Miramonte quad, Julie notices a large group of students, some dressed in togas and carrying swords, marching towards the middle of the quad, being led by none other than one of the fearless Latin teachers: Magister Davis. As Julie looks closer, she notices that all the students seem to be pulling something large and wooden behind them. Could that possibly be... the Trojan Horse?

Certe (certainly)! Every year during the first couple months of school, we Miramonte Latin students wheel our very own Trojan Horse all the way from the shed by the tennis courts to the center of the quad in the middle of lunch. Some non-Latin students may cast weird looks our way, but no matter. We are upholding an ancient, sacred tradition!

You'd think that once the Trojan Horse has been wheeled into the middle of the quad and we have fully captured everyone's attention, the event would be over. Sike! Next, us Latin students chant the iconic "Exegi" poem by Horace, the leading Roman lyric poet during the time of Augustus, that we can all recite from memory. It seems scary, but I promise you will have it unintentionally memorized by the end of Latin I.

"Exegi monumentum aere perennius / regalique situ pyramidum altius, / quod non imber edax, non aquilo impotens..." junior and Latin Club Spirit Leader Sanjeeta Pannu said.

Apologies, I had to cut her short.

Anyways, after we chant "Exegi" and take a huge group picture in front of the Trojan Horse, we are rewarded with Safeway cookies and are free to enjoy the rest of our lunch. Valete discipuli! See you at the next Trojan Horse event!



Jessica Milmoe: Why I Take Latin

When asked why I take Latin, my answer is simple: I use the knowledge I've gained in every aspect of my life. Latin at Miramonte is much more than a language class; it is a class wherein you meet amazing people from around the state and even the country. Latin has an undeniable community that fosters friendships; more than that, Latin aids one in achieving academic excellence. Every year, twice a year, Miramonte Latin students compete for glory with fellow Latin students at the local convention (Ludi) and State convention. The bus rides to and from are the perfect places for Miramonte Latin students to get to know each other better. Even more than that, the blood sport of Certamen allows students to test their knowledge amongst other schools and win eternal glory for Miramonte Latin Club. Other events hosted by the Latin Club create an unquestionable community. These activities include the pasta feed, Divus Augustus' birthday, caroling every Christmas, and the bi-weekly activities. Every period of Latin also establishes a unique bond. How could they not? Between acting out different passages of stories, the competitive Quizlet lives, and the struggle of grammar, a bond is guaranteed. In addition to the amazing, one-of-a-kind community, Latin has been proven to aid in academic excellence. Latin students understand the English language easier because a large portion of the English language is derived from Latin. Latin has also been proven to increase scores on standardized tests (UK College of Arts and Sciences). Furthermore, Latin is all around us. We can find Latin on our money, in our mottos, and the legal and medical fields. Latin is more than a language, it's an experience, a community. Latin is a class I will never regret taking, and I am indebted to the Miramonte Latin Club.





Meet the 2021-22 Club Officers



Mallika Dandamundi
Caesar

In my free time I love hanging out with my friends, reading, hiking, and learning new languages!



Reagan Kaelle
Consul Editor

I'm a junior here at Miramonte and I love Latin Club because of the spirit!



Jessica Milmo
Secundus Caesar
I love latin!



Grace Bell
Consul Editor

I am a sophomore at Miramonte taking Latin II and in my free time I love to run and hang out with friends!



Megan Chui
Tertius Caesar

Salve! I like to eat good food, listen to good music, and sleep.



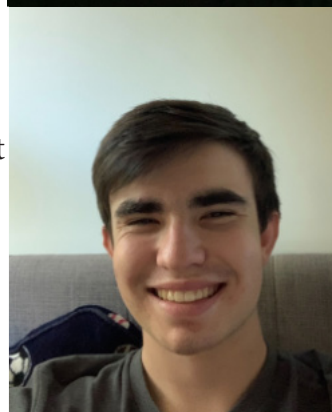
Wyatt Barnes
Dux Certaminis

I'm looking forward to a great Certamen season this year alongside all of our amazing new and returning members!



Grace Liu
Secretary

I'm a junior and I like reading, playing tennis, and hanging out with my friends. I'm excited to serve as your Latin Club Secretary this year! Ite Mats!



Ryan Gardner
Secundus Dux
Certaminis

I like to play tennis and video games in my free time. I am a huge sports enthusiast.

Meet the 2021-22 Club Officers



Malayna Chang
Historian

Salve! My name is Malayna Chang and I am a senior in AP Latin IV this year.



Melissa Krochmal

Hi!! I'm Melissa, I am a junior and Latin III.



Marina Kim
Master of Communications

I am a junior in Latin III.



Vivienne Arndt
Historian

Salve! My name is Vivienne and I am a sophomore at Miramonte.



Lila Insalaco
Spirit Leader

My name is Lila Insalaco and I am a junior at Miramonte.



Ricky Davis
Webmaster

Hi! I'm Ricky, a junior in Latin III.



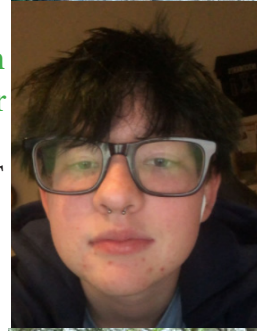
Sammy Ishikawa
Historian

I am a Sophomore, Latin II, and I enjoy naval history.



Jonathan Hagendoorn
Spirit Leader

LINGUA LATINA EST VITA!



Nikko Englund
Class Senator

My name is Nikko, I am a sophomore.



Kaylin Chang
Historian

Hello, my name is Kaylin Chang some of my hobbies are writing, drawing, and watching shows!



Brian Hu
Primus Pilus

I'm a senior on the Certamen team who likes learning about mythology and Latin.



Rowan Neasmith
Dux Discordis

I joined Latin Club as soon as I could in 9th grade, even in covid, I figured out quick how great this community is.



Aaron Zelman
Dux Dramatis

Salve! My name is Aaron and I am super excited to be your Dux Dramatis this year!



Alex Aoki
Dux

Optimissimi I'm currently a junior in AP Latin.



Magister Davis
Staff Advisor

WE'RE SUPER EXCITED FOR A GREAT YEAR!!

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