

Winter Nuntius



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❧ Important Dates ❧

Dec. 17-23	Roman Festival of Saturnalia (festival of the winter solstice)
Jan. 15	New Applications for Office Due!
Jan. 23	Odyssey Fun World!
Feb. 25-27	2016 IJCL North Convention!

Salvete Omnes!

So you're new to the IJCL and you're wondering what Convention is like. Or maybe you've been attending for years and you want to know about all the activities you missed out on while you were playing in the bouncy castle. No matter who you are, how many conventions you've attended, or what level of Latin you're in, you're bound to have a great time and make memories that you'll never forget.

The numbers: It's a 3-day convention attended by over 500 students from roughly 20 schools across the state, held at the Westin in Itasca, coordinated by 6 student board members and your state chairs. This year, it will be held from February 25-27th.

The good:

1. You get to wear a toga in public as if it's totally normal.
2. Colloquia sessions! These are entertaining sessions where you can learn about different classical topics.
3. The board will be wearing crocs.

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What is Odyssey Fun World?

Odyssey Fun World is a large family fun center with rides, an arcade, paintball, laser tag, go-karts, an inflatable park & a cafe.



Lina Kapp's Festivus Recap

On behalf of the IJCL board and Northside College Prep, thank you to everyone who came to Festivus! It was a lovely day and a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones!

We hope you enjoyed the many spectacles of General Assembly, including a dramatic performance of the auspices. We decided to make the auspices as authentic as possible this year, and do things as the augurs do (complete with entrails).

Congratulations to all those who participated in certamen and certudi! Regardless of how many points you earned, your love of learning and silly obstacle courses will serve you well in life. Further congratulations are owed to the participants in the costume contest!

You all looked amazing, and you put the board's pipe cleaner dog ears to shame.

Thanks for coming to colloquia! Whether you helped with our exceedingly successful cat toy service project, played Latin pictionary, learned about Zeus's affairs (although you might need more than 40 minutes to really learn about all of them), or were one of the curious who came to learn about cults, thank you for being engaged and ready to handle catnip!

It's through events like this that the IJCL community stays as strong as it is, and it's so exciting that so many people participate. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the IJCL convention in February!

Lina Kapp sporting her dog ears!





An EPIC Journey (lol puns)

After the _____ of Troy, our hero
verb ending in "ing"
 Aeneas leads a small band of _____
pl. noun
 to go search for a new _____ in
noun
 Italy. However, _____ Juno has other
adjective
 plans for them. She is _____ that
adjective
 they are going _____ Carthage, her
infinitive
 _____ city, so she creates a big
superlative adj.
 _____, which forces the Trojans to
weather event
 take refuge at Carthage. Venus, Aeneas'
 _____, takes him into the city
family member
 disguised in a _____, then
noun
 introduces him to Queen Dido. With the help of
 Cupid, Dido falls _____ in love
adverb
 with the _____ foreigner. Aeneas
adjective
 spends a(n) _____ time telling the
adjective
 queen about his travels, recounting how they
 _____ the sea and _____
verb ending in "ed" verb ending in "ed"
 strange creatures. Since Dido is so in love
 with Aeneas, they _____
verb
 into _____ to consummate their
place
 marriage. Shortly after, Mercury tells Aeneas he

Epic Mad Libs!

needs _____ on his journey, so Aeneas
infinitive
 tries _____ away _____.
infinitive adverb
 Dido knows what is going on, and _____,
adjective
 tosses herself on a fiery heap of _____
pl. noun
 and burns to death on her own funeral
 _____. Aeneas goes to Sicily next, where
noun
 he holds funeral _____ for his dead father.
activity
 Juno later _____ his _____.
verb ending in "s" pl. noun
 After this tragedy, Aeneas goes to Cumae where he
 meets _____, who takes him to
celebrity
 _____. He has to get the golden _____
place noun
 first, then venture into _____ where he sees
same place
 a lot of _____ stuff, including his dad,
adjective
 unborn _____, and his spurned lover Dido.
pl. noun
 Our hero then _____ to Latium, where he
verb ending in "s"
 is offered the hand of Lavinia, the princess, who has
 _____ already been promised to Turnus.
adverb
 A war breaks out between the _____ and
pl. noun
 the Trojans, and after much _____ and
verb ending in "ing"
 death, Aeneas _____ Turnus and the
verb ending in "s"
 prophecy is fulfilled: he became the _____ of
job
 Rome.



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3. All the contests: Certamen, Graphic Arts, Creative Arts (costume contest, Latin oratory, English oratory, Modern Myth, etc.), various tests, and Impromptu Art. You can seize this opportunity to show your stuff or just try something new.
4. The Roman Banquet and the dance!
5. The SCL (Senior Classical League). This is the “omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent” group of college students that evidently don't sleep for the entirety of convention.
6. The Westin's breakfast. So much bacon.
7. SPIRIT! Before every general assembly, each school competes to have to most spirit and creative interpretation of that day's theme. Yes, this does mean the hotel is full of 500 yelling kids.

The bad: You'll spend the week after convention wishing you could go back.

The ugly: Your post-convention voice. Chances are, your voice will be practically non-existent after three days of competitive spirit.

Overall, at the IJCL Convention you can choose to buckle down on competitions and testing or let loose during spirit. You can bond with the Latin kids from your school or meet the students other schools. No matter what you choose to do at convention, you'll create lifelong friendships and priceless memories. It's really easy to register; just talk to your teacher and mark your calendar for February 25-27th.

Sincerely,
Valerie Scimeca, *President*

Lina Wang preparing for Certamen

Odyssey Fun World!

Salvete v'omnes!

It's-a-me, Lina Wang! Your Second Vice President! I'm here to cordially invite you to our very formal, very serious event at Odyssey Fun World in Naperville.

On January 23rd, we will embark on an epic journey. Through the barrage of flying paintballs, a four-story labyrinth, and new-age chariot racing (that is to say, bumper cars) we shall persevere until we arrive at Ithaca (i.e. the game token redemption counter).

All this adventure and excitement, all for the low price of \$20, shipping and handling not included. Just kidding. But really. \$20 and the time of your life could be yours.

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The service project at Festivus was a huge success!

We raised money and made catnip cat toys for an animal shelter in Barrington in loving memory of 1st VP Emily Tokarski's cat, Bob.



UBI CONCORDIA,
IBI VICTORIA

"Where there is unity,
there is victory."

Convention Spirit Theme
Days:

Thursday: Sidekicks (School
T-Shirt Day)

Friday: Classical Rock
(Purple & Gold Day)

Saturday: Fac Id (Just Do It)

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This will be our last IJCL event until convention, so it will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends and get hyped. No freaking, though, especially not around impressionable young children.

Make sure to RSVP on Facebook to let us know if you're coming!

E corde,
Lina Wang, *Second Vice President*

❧ A Note About Elections ~ Pt. 2

Salvete Amici!

As many of you know, there is a brand new election process for this upcoming convention! To leave room for the other updates, I will briefly run down the new procedures. Feel free to contact me at parliamentarian@iljcl.org if you have any questions!

- In order to be elected, there will be an application process. This application is similar to applications in years past, but will include a writing portion more specific to the board position of interest.
- There will be a speech given to a modified nominations committee. There will NOT be any speeches given at GA.
- Unlike last year, there will be NO active campaigning and NO nominations committee or open forum. However, there will be some kind of "candidate's corner" at convention to meet all of the candidates.
- Finally, there is an interview with a panel of qualified individuals. This panel will consist of "3 current board members (who are not currently "running" for office), 2 of the 5 state chairs, 2 sponsors who are not chairs and do not have candidates running, 2 students from schools not represented by the board members on the panel, and 1 SCLer/former IJCL board member."
- The panel will determine who is the most qualified candidate after hearing speeches, interviews, and reading applications. The panel may also refer a candidate to another position if they think the candidate is better fit for that position.
- There are a few changes in the holding of board positions: a school CAN hold the same elective position two years in succession, however no school can have more than two

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officers on the same board. All other qualifications remain the same.

If you are interested in running for office, email me and the person who holds your office of interest. We will walk you through the application process in more detail.

Being Parliamentarian includes suggesting amendments, educating the delegation about elections at both the state and national levels, and working with the other board members. If you are interested in running for Parliamentarian, you should have a good handle on *Robert's Rules of Order*, be open to helping and working with others, and be familiar with our ILJCL constitution.

Hopefully this helps clarify the election process for this year! Again, feel free to email me or refer to our constitution on the ILJCL website if you have questions.

Pax et gratias,
Charlie Young

Roman Numeral Sudoku!

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		VII		IX			V	
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	II			V		VI		
	V					VIII		
I			VII	III		IV		V
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