



TEMPUS CANIS



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State Convention

Every March, the Indiana Junior Classical League hosts state convention. (The Indiana Junior Classical League is the state organization of the CP Latin Club.) Filled with numerous activities from every aspect of the ancient world, many Latin students proclaim these conventions as highlights of their high school careers.

Held annually at Indiana University, Latin students from around the state gather to take part in activities such as graphic arts contests, creative arts contests, as well as academic tests. Academic testing and spirit are also traditional activities many students enjoy participating in. Students have the opportunity to take tests on

vocabulary, mythology, Roman history, etc. Chapters (schools) fiercely compete against one another to win prizes in publicity, spirit, and sweepstakes while displaying their love of the ancient world.

At convention, Certamen teams also battle for state titles. Last year Crown Point's novice and intermediate teams both placed first while the advanced team placed second.

This year Crown Point also looks to defend its title as state champion. Last year CP ended up with 3000 points, double the points of the second place team. Four students re-

ceived academic achievement awards as well.

Crown Point also has two students on the state board. Wesley Wood and Stephanie Krause are this year's first vice president and recording secretary respectively.

State convention is a two day event. This year CP students will leave the school after first hour on Friday, March 13 and return Saturday, March 14 in the evening.

Fortuna nobis vi animi tantum frenabitur, "The level of our success is limited only by our imagination," is the theme for this year.

This convention will no doubt be a very memorable event!

Knowing one Latin stem increases your vocabulary by 300 words.

- *Newsweek*



Students participate in a Roman Banquet.

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:::Indiana *Latin* Week:::

Indiana Latin Week is proclaimed each year by the state governor to honor the Latin language and the students who study it.

Across the state, Latin students compete to be the most spirited following the daily themes established by state officers.

Each of these days was a fantastic way for club members to earn publicity points for the club which goes towards the sweepstakes and publicity contests at the National and State Junior Classical League Conventions (page 1).

Other events that also took place this week were bowling on Monday and a Game and Movie Night on Thursday. Both events were great successes and gave Latin students a way to hang out with friends while celebrating the classics!



Joey Fallon proudly displays his toga in a Roman Procession.

Club Meetings

Crown Point's Latin Club meets once a month. Presided over by current club president, Ali VanCleaf, meetings tend to be fun and educational.

Usually these meetings begin with highlights of future events and fundraisers available for the club to participate in. These events are explained either by VanCleaf; Katherine Keilman, vice president; Elizabeth Szymanski, treasurer; or Mr. Walker, sponsor.

Within the club are sub-committees that also take time during general club meetings to meet and plan their future events. Committees include foods committee, game committee, and publicity committee. Later, refreshments are also served.

Meetings are held on Fridays and last for about an hour. These meetings are great ways of learning about Latin events and fundraisers and meeting fellow Latin students.

Did you know that 31 out of 40 of our presidents since Thomas Jefferson studied Latin?
- *The New York Times*



Crown Point's proud officers:
Ali VanCleaf, Elizabeth Szymanski, and Katherine Keilman.

2009 Hoosier Certamen Invitational

On Saturday, January 31, Certamen teams from around the state gathered at Guerin Catholic High School to compete in the Hoosier Certamen Invitational. *Certamen* means "struggle" in Latin and is a quiz-show-like game that many Latin students delight in playing.

Crown Point's teams did very well with a team from each level advancing to the final round. Novice, first year Latin students, placed first and second, and Intermediate and Advanced both placed second. The first place Novice team consisted of Ashley Pascarella, Josh Obzanski, and Dominique Bass.

Practices for Certamen are held every Friday and all are encouraged to join!



Crown Point 1st Place
Novice team

Ready, Set...Test!

Every year there are various contests and exams Crown Point Latin students have the opportunity to participate in. This year these include the National Latin Exam, the Medusa Mythology Exam, National Mythology Exam, and the Classical Association of the Middle West and South's (CAMWS) Latin Translation Contest.

The National Latin Exam is an exam that all students participate in. Scoring well on this test allows student to achieve recognition and various awards. Crown Point did very well last year with 35% of students receiving gold medals. (Most local chapters have only one or two winners.) A total of 72% received national commendation as well.



Latin club members prepare candy canes for elementary students.

Last year out of the 10 students who received ... awards [in this contest], two of them were
CPHS students

The Medusa Mythology Exam is open to all Latin students. Each year a different theme is chosen. This year's theme is "Adventures on the High Seas" which focuses on the myths of Jason and the Argonauts, and Theseus. The test will

be sometime during the week of March 30.

The National Mythology Exam is open to students from grades six to nine. Students learn about various mythological stories and also have the opportunity to place nationally.

The CAMWS Latin Translation Contest is an hour-long translating test for students across the

country. Last year out of the 10 students who received \$250 cash awards, two of them were CPHS students: Joey Fallon and Gretchen



Latin students wait for test to begin.

Hensley.

Taking part in these tests and contests give students great opportunities to find out how they rank against other Latin-studying-students from around the country.

Additional information can be obtained from Mr. Walker.



Samsung's phone Omnia claims that it's an all-functioning phone.

Omnia in Latin means "all-things."

.:Candy Canes Help Publicity:.

Every year as part of a push for publicity, Crown Point Latin Club distributes candy canes to local elementary schools. Taped to the candy canes is a short explanation about the Roman's version of Christmas, Saturnalia. Candy canes are prepared during club meetings and are later distributed by Katherine Keilman, vice president of CP's Latin Club. These small red and white striped candies are fun ways to spread the holiday and Latin cheer!

Studies show that Latin-studying students perform much better on the English portion of college entrance exams (e.g. SAT and ACT tests) compared to non-Latin-studying students.

-collegeboard.com

How has **Latin** changed your life?

TC asked CP Latin students about the impacts of taking Latin

“Everything I didn’t understand about English grammar I learned in Latin grammar.”

-Bekah Maddack,
2nd Year
Latin Student

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Ali VanCleaf -
Consul (President)
Katherine Keilman -
Praetor (Vice President)
Elizabeth Szymnaski -
Quaestor (Treasurer)
Wesley Wood -
IJCL 2nd Vice President
Stephanie Krause -
IJCL Recording Secretary
Jeremy Walker -
Sponsor

“Through my studies in Latin, I have gained a deeper appreciation for more than just Latin as a language; I have gained an appreciation for the culture, history, and traditions of classical antiquity.”

-Joey Fallon
4th Year
Latin Student

“Studying Latin has lifted a veil that used to shield my world. Latin surrounds our every movement and through this completely enlightening language, I have begun to gradually understand that.

-Carmen Siew,
2nd Year
Latin Student

“I am unable to go more than a few steps anywhere without noticing the influences of the Romans in our society. Roads, currency, and English words are all connections to the classical civilizations which I am proud to recognize.”

- Wesley Wood
4th Year Latin Student

Upcoming Activities

February:

13:: Latin Club meeting in SGI from 2:30-3:30

21:: Indiana Certamen Invitational

March: @ Homestead HS, Ft. Wayne

3&4:: State Convention Meeting

13:: National Latin Exam (Zero Period)

13&14:: State Convention

30:: Medusa Mythology Exam

April:

21-25 National Classics Week

* Near the end of May there will be a Latin Awards Ceremony.

Look for more information coming soon!

“I definitely learned a lot more about the English language through Latin class than I ever learned in English class.”

-Jon Glass,
CPHS’s Class of
2008 Valedictorian