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Valparaiso High School Students Kick Off Indiana Latin Week with Certamen Competition

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- Follow us on Social Media for current information and funny memes. See page 2 for details.
- On page 2, check out our comic section with a special dedication to John Hurt, our favorite portrayal of Caligula.
- For more information about Indiana Latin Week, see page 3.
- For interviews of our amazing Latin teachers, see page 4.



Our Certamen players outside of Herron High School.

On January 21st, 13 of our Valparaiso High School Latin Club students competed at the IJCL's 35th Annual Hoosier Certamen Invitational located at Herron High School. For those who don't know, Certamen is a team Jeopardy-style competition that tests the participants' knowledge of Roman culture, mythology, history, and Latin grammar.

At this invitational, 8 different Indiana schools submitted a total of 29 teams

in three divisions.

Throughout the event our students competed very well. Our Novice team of Elli Bezotte and Jak Krouse placed 5th in their division. In the Intermediate division, the team of Larissa Chavarria, Noah Hendershott, and Alita Caron placed 7th, while the team of Erin Rockhill and Tristan Hargett placed 5th. The Advanced team of Elise Lee, Emily McGuire, and Hope Johnson placed 8th.

We did have one team advance to the finals round! The Advanced team of Jacob Mathews, David Paris, and Abby Wester, which earned an overall 3rd place.

We are very proud of all of our teams and hope to do even better next time.

The next Certamen Invitational is at Notre Dame on February 4th. The Latin Club hold Certamen practices every Friday after school. Latin students of all levels are welcome.



Students pose for a selfie with Miss Krowiarz.



Website and Social Media Accounts

Our Website

Valpo-latin.weebly.com



Facebook Group

Valparaiso High School Latin



Twitter

@VHSLatinClub



Instagram

@vhslatinclub



Fall Latin Day

On November 12th more than 170 high school Latin students, including some of our very own Valparaiso High School students, attended the 39th annual Indiana Junior Classical League at Butler University. Participants were able to attend three different breakout sessions in academic competitions, workshops about the Junior Classical League, and lectures by professors of Classical studies who were from around the state.

For the academic competitions students could pick between playing Kahoot!, Blockbuster, or Certamen. During Kahoot!, the most popular of the game choices



Valparaiso High School students with the IJCL President, Casey Akers.

for Valparaiso students, it was every man for himself while participants scrambled to be the first one to answer the trivia question on the screen. Some of our Latin I students also played the popular game of Certamen, while a handful of Latin II students participated in Blockbuster. Ludi erant magni.

During the workshops about the Junior Classical League, students

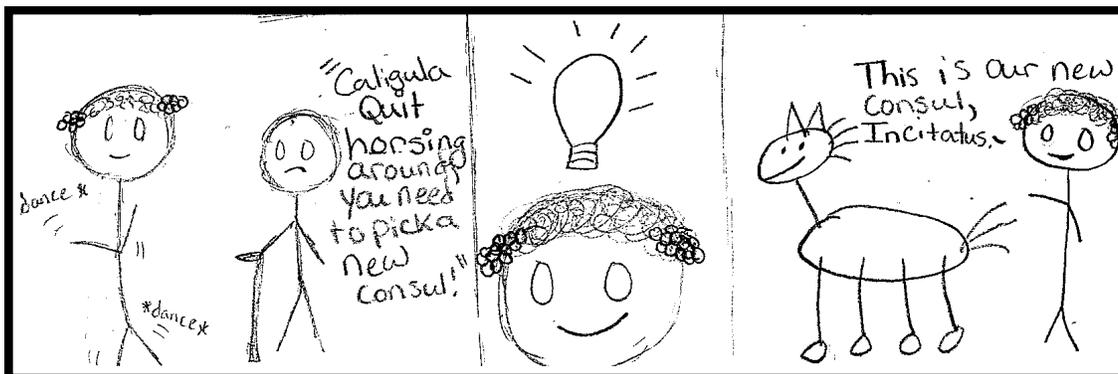
learned about information and history about the organization. Students also participated in sessions that aimed towards preparing them for the IJCL's annual state convention. The areas of these sessions included: art competitions, Latin pronunciation, and school spirit.

Overall, Fall Latin Day was a good time and we are excited to return next year.



Tiffany Johnson, Sophomore Officer

The Funnies



Quiescat in Pace
John Hurt
1940-2017

VHS Latin Students Celebrate Indiana Latin Week

My Maiden Muse Monday

Valparaiso High School students created get well cards and coloring pages for children at Riley’s Children’s Hospital. The cards were themed with the different muses to teach them about mythology.



(Top) Students wearing their Latin Club T-shirt. (Bottom) Hope Ferkull, Tiffany Johnson, & Alita Caron sporting their stolas for Way Back (Whens) day

Ca(tell)us a Verse Thursday

Students read Catullus and Horace poems to all their classes to inform their peers on Classical poetry. After school, the Latin Club held a fundraiser at the ice rink downtown. Many students learned to ice skate and all had fun.

Trendy T-Shirt Tuesday

On Tuesday, students wore their Latin Club t-shirts to show their club spirit. We also held a clothing drive for a local shelter. The club collected about 350 pieces of clothing.



Fortuna Friday

During lunch periods, Latin students became fortune-tellers and informed other students about their futures in Latin.

Way Back (Whens)day

A handful of dedicated Latin students wore their togas and stolas during the school day. They had a great time showing off their passion for Roman fashion.



(Top) Students enjoying a beautiful night for ice skating. (Bottom) John McDowell and Alita Caron become fortune tellers at lunch.



Omnis Ars Naturae

Imitatio Est

All art is but an imitation of nature.

-Seneca the Younger

Younger

Meet the Fabulous VHS Latin Teachers

VHS Sophomore Chloe George interviewed the two Latin teachers, Miss Krowiarz and Mr. Kerezman.

1. What made you interested in studying the classics?

Miss K: I began taking Latin as a freshman in high school.

Mr. K: My high school Latin teacher, Bill Schott, was an inspirational teacher. He made the discipline interesting and fun.

2. When did you start enjoying the classics?

Miss K: I really started enjoying the classics when we began reading authentic Latin works in my high school Latin III class.

Mr. K: I really started enjoying the Classics when I was in college. It was then that I realized how broad the discipline is with its involvement in the Humanities.

3. Did you take Latin in high school?

Miss K: I took Latin for all four years of high school.

Mr. K: Yes, I took Latin in high school, but not until I was a senior.

4. What is your favorite memory from anything associated with Latin?

Miss K: My favorite Latin memories come from Indiana Junior Classical League Conventions. At the last 9 conventions I've attended, I have won awards, made lifelong friends, and danced to a sweet song parody on stage.

Mr. K: My favorite memories of anything associated with Latin is spending time in Rome with my students. This is the moment when the teaching becomes truly authentic.

5. What is your favorite Latin word & translation of that word?

Miss K: My favorite Latin words are onomatopoeic words (words that sound like their meaning): ululare - to howl, susurrare - to whisper, tinnire - to jingle or clink

Mr. K: Pudor- A psychological mechanism which ensures that one will not expose themselves to a potentially demeaning social standing.



Upcoming Events for the VHS Latin Club



VHS Latin Students show their school spirit at the Homecoming Parade.

February 4th: Notre Dame Certamen Invitational

February 6th: Scrapbook Meeting

February 14th: Officers' Meeting

February 25th: Indiana Certamen Invitational

February 28th: Latin Club Meeting

March 9th: Mandatory State Convention Meeting.

March 10th-11th: IJCL State Convention

March 14th: Movie Night

March 19th: AIA Lecture at Valparaiso University

April 15: Trip to Art Institute of Chicago

****Certamen Practices are every Friday****