

Lorica Nostra: Saturnalia Edition

Key Dates: Christmas Carols from Magistra

Sunday,
December 17:
Satrunalia

quae sunt haec carmina Diēi Nātālis Christī?

Saturday, March
3: Carcer

1. *Nox Silēns*
2. *Ō Sancta Nox*
3. *Santa Claus ad Oppidum Venit*
4. *Tintinābula Tintinantia*
5. *Duodecim Diēs Nātālis Diēi Christī*
6. *Accidit Mediā Nocte Clārā*
7. *Ecce, Angelī Nūntiantēs Cantant*
8. *Salvēte, Laetī Comitēs*
9. *Sumus Trēs Rēgēs Orientis*
10. *Bonus Wenceslaūs Rēx Prōspectāvit*
11. *Ātria Vēlāte Ramīs Aquifoliī*
12. *Avia ā Tarandrō Necāta est*
13. *Gaudium Mundō*
14. *Rudolphus, Nāsō Rubrō Tarandrum*
15. *Aderō Domī Diē Nātālī Christī*
16. *Somniō dē Diē Nātālī Christī Albō*
17. *Adeste, Fīdēlēs*
18. *Brūmā Immitī*
19. *Prīmō Diē Nātālī Christī*
20. *Ō Parve Vīce Bethlehem*
21. *Tympanīsta Parvulus*
22. *Volumus Tē Diem Nātālem Christī Festum*

Friday and
Saturday, April
13 & 14: CJCL
Convention at
Menlo School

da magistrae aut magistrō tuās explicātiōnēs!

2017-2018 Menlo JCL Officers: A Convention Update from your Consuls

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The last month, Menlo JCL has been hard at work on the 2018 State Convention. As we finalize paperwork and prepare to send out registration packets to schools all over California, we have finished the schedule, arranged food and hotels for the 1,300 delegates expected to arrive on Menlo campus in April, and continued to plan events, old and new alike. We are bringing back *carpe amicum*, which will be run by senior Will Abbott; there will also be a Latin Lunch based on the spoken Latin club run by seniors Katelyn Eustace and Connor Kennedy. In addition to Competitive Certamen, there will be Open Certamen, Classical Kahoot and Harry Potter Kahoot. In sports, we have them all, including swimming which has not been a part of the last few conventions. These events are just the tip of the iceberg. At convention, there is an event for every talent and every interest, some new (JCLHack and Escape Rooms) and some not so new anymore (Bubble Soccer, Quidditch, STEM Challenge, Project Runway, Rap Battle).

Most people who attend convention want to know about food. Flik will be providing the first three meals—dinner, breakfast, and lunch—in the new cafeteria. Friday night will be pasta, salad and bread; breakfast will include bagels, muffins, cereal, and fresh orange juice, tea, and coffee; and lunch will feature bread bowls of chili, clam chowder, and tomato soup. For the banquet, we will again have food trucks, but to reduce wait time there will be 12 trucks and each truck will be serving only one item. Here is what we have:

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| 2 Waffle Roost: | fried chicken |
| 2 Hula: | sliders and chicken adobo |
| 2 Taqueria Angelica: | super burritos of beef or chicken |
| 2 Paddy Wagon Sliders: | burgers and tater tots |
| 1 Curveball Sliders: | chicken sliders |
| 1 Curry Up Now: | chicken burrito masala |
| 1 We Sushi: | veggie sushi burritos |

Visit the Menlo JCL Website!

<http://jcl.menloschool.org/>

You can find pictures, copies of past and present renditions of the Lorica, a calendar of upcoming events, and weekly summaries of JCL meetings. In addition, you will find updates on Convention as they are released and finalized.

1 333 Fusion: mushroom tofu rice bowls.
There will be plenty of choices for every taste and all dietary restrictions. If you have any great ideas, let us know. We don't know yet which caterer will serve dessert at the banquet, so, again, contact sophie.reynolds@menloschool.org.

In the first week of January, we will begin meeting often with the committee heads to plan each event. In the months running up to the actual convention, more and more people will begin working on the convention, and hopefully everyone will become involved in the planning and execution of convention by the time it begins on Friday, April 13th. We are very excited to be hosting this event, and we hope that you are too! This project needs a whole village, and you, as Latin students, are it.

magna cum animi commotione,
Natalie Hilderbrand and Drew Wadsworth
CJCL Convention Presidents 2017-2018
Menlo JCL Presidents 2017-2018

Saturnalia

By: Trevor Bernard

Saturnalia was much like the Roman version of Christmas. Originally only a day long on the 17th of December, the holiday soon grew to run through the 23rd. During this time, freedom was widely celebrated, with slaves receiving the ability to live almost as equals to their masters. For example, slaves were treated to banquets akin to those their masters would experience year-round, with some sources claiming that they would eat with their masters and others that they would even eat before their masters. In addition, slaves would be offered the ability to speak openly to their masters without fear of punishment.

Accompanying this celebration of freedom came other specific rituals. For example, the statue of Saturn (the god of agriculture and freedom)

List of Latin Classes:

Menlo offers classes in Latin ranging from an introductory class (Latin 1) up through a Post-AP class. The classes are as follows:

Latin 1

Latin 2 (regular and accelerated)

Latin 3 (regular and honors)

Latin 4 & 5

AP Latin

Post-AP

had its wool bindings that wrapped around his ankles throughout the rest of the year removed to symbolize this new freedom. In addition, many sacrifices would take place, and businesses would close so that everyone could celebrate the holiday from the safety of their homes. There was a public banquet on the 17th which officially opened with everyone yelling, “*Io Saturnalia!*”

On the 19th, gift giving began. This day was referred to as the *Sigillaria* as the mainstay of the day was giving others special gifts designed just for this occasion, generally pottery or *sigillaria* (wax figurines). These gifts tended to be very cheap so that status was not a primary focus during this festive season. Children, on the other hand, would receive toys, closely resembling our modern take on gift giving during the Christmas season. Not everyone followed this convention; Martial relays tales of both cheap and expensive gifts being given in his many poems on Saturnalia, suggesting that there was not a stringent rule dictating the price and quality of the gifts that were traded.

In the end however the main point of the holiday was to relax and have a good time. Seneca once observed that “the whole mob has let itself go in pleasures”; at the end of the day, people took it as a chance to let loose and enjoy themselves, a model we should most definitely follow.

Individuals celebrating at the public banquet during Saturnalia, ‘Saturnalia’ (1783) by Antoine Callet

Famous Quotes:

*“nescis quid vesper
vehat”*

- Macrobius

“io Saturnalia!”

“non ducor, duco”

- Motto of Sao
Paulo

“aqua vitae”

*“Sic loquendum
esse cum
hominibus,
tanquam dii
audiant; sic
loquendum cum
hominibus,
tanquam homines
audiant.”*

- Macrobius

*“audemus jura
nostra defendere”*

- Motto of
Alabama



Ludi Recap

By: Natalie Hilderbrand

Ludi Novembres was held at Saint Francis High School in Sacramento, on November 18th, 2017. Twelve delegates from Menlo attended and participated in a variety of activities, favorites including the *Uvae Iactatae* (grape toss), Roman speed dating, and impromptu art. The grape toss was hugely popular. Delegates lined up and threw grapes to their partners, who had to catch them in their mouths. Roman speed dating, a relatively new JCL event started by Woodbridge High School in 2016, was the personal favorite of Clark Safran. At State Convention, we were already planning to incorporate this event into the schedule. Impromptu art included both coloring and drawing materials and edible mosaics with crackers, frosting and jelly beans. Delegates could choose to decorate their crackers with an edible pattern or draw with paper and pencils.

Ludi was a successful event for Menlo JCL. Two of Menlo's delegates scored in academic testing. Peridot Park brought home a second in the Advanced Derivatives and Aaron Morgan scored third in Reading Comprehension for Latin 2.

*“vitam regit
fortuna, non
sapientia”*

- Cicero

*“vitanda est
improba siren
desidia”*

- Horace

*“a fronte
praeipitium a
tergo lupi”*

*“extinctus ambitur
idem”*

- Horace

There were also several workshops at Ludi. David Traill, Professor Emeritus and former department chair of Classics from UC Davis, presented on Schliemann’s excavations in Troy and talked about his stay in Sacramento in the 1850s. John Rundin from UC Davis taught about the place of demons in Western traditions, Platonic traditions, Christianity and Latin texts, and Rex Stem also from UC Davis and Damien Harmony from McClatchy High School posed the theory that Caesar was really fighting zombies in Gaul, not the Gauls. The CAJCL board members in attendance, including Natalie Hilderbrand and Drew Wadsworth from Menlo, also ran a workshop detailing the board election process and offering descriptions of each board position. This workshop was a huge success, with a full classroom of delegates considering running for office. CAJCL historian Ethan Vovan additionally ran a historian’s workshop to help chapter historians construct a successful scrapbook and to remind them to send photos for the CAJCL scrapbook.

It was a long drive (2 and ½ hours each way), but it was worth it. It was fun to see the kids from Northern California who had attended the National Convention in Alabama last summer, and there was ample opportunity to hang out with Menlo Latinists as well as meet new people during the day.

Drew Wadsworth and
Natalie Hilderbrand
speaking about
Convention at the end of
Ludi

Now on to our State Convention! Save the dates of April 13-14, and remember to plan your spring break to be back by Thursday night. We need all hands on deck.



Christmas Party

By: Rachel Howard

Senior Jackson Polverari with one of the Christmas trees he cut down for the party

On December 5, Menlo JCL hosted its annual Christmas Party for the Redwood Family House. Although it is still a few weeks from Christmas, everybody was eager to begin the festivities by spending time together. Some of the major highlights included decorating shortbread cookies and making a variety of ornaments for their trees. There were snowmen that you could scratch to reveal rainbow colors, clear plastic balls in which many swirled colored paints and glitter, and colored balls that the children decorated with glitter on the outside. Among the favorites were various picture frames that kids could put together and place a Polaroid photo taken at the party inside.

At the end of the night, we sat down to share a delicious meal of two kinds of pasta, salad, and bread from Buca di Beppo. To keep the Christmas spirit going, we were also able to provide each of the nine families with a Christmas tree (cut down in Half Moon Bay by Jackson Polverari), a stand, a tree topper, and ornaments, along with the ones they made at the party.

A young girl from one of the nine families present creates her own Christmas ornament



Thanks go out to all of you who brought in waffle items or ate them to provide money for this event as well as to those who gave items for the party and especially to those who attended: Cam, Rachel, Katelyn, Jack, Will, Clark, and Jackson. We made a big difference for these nine families.



Games!

Sudoku:

By: Will Abbott

Rules: Try to fill each row, column, and square with the numbers

I - IX once and only once

Easy:

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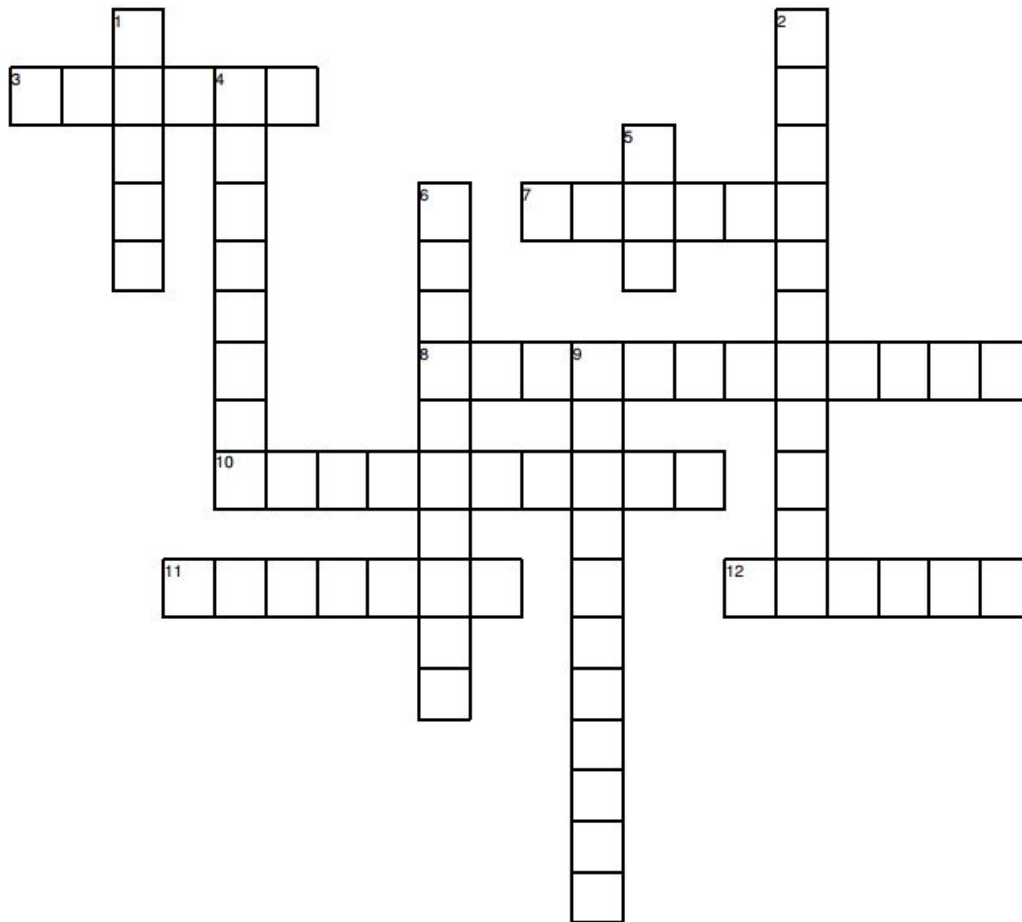
Hard:

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Crossword Puzzle

By: Will Buxton

Saturnalia



Across

3. When was the first Saturnalia? (use BCE suffix)
7. Who traded position with the masters?
8. Customary latin greeting. (2 words: remove the space)
10. Type of gift given during Saturnalia.
11. Which group of people were the first to celebrate Saturnalia?
12. Who complained that "the whole mob has let itself go in pleasures" when describing Saturnalia?

Down

1. Saturnalia spanned these days in December (dd-dd).
2. Who created Christmas in order for the Christians to stop worshipping the Roman gods?
4. Who called Saturnalia "the best of all days"?
5. What were most gifts made out of.
6. Manufacturers of the typical gift.
9. Saturn was the god of _____.