

Lorica Nostra



Menlo JCL smiles for a picture after winning first place overall at State Convention.

Spring Events:

- 3/27-3/28 State Convention at Miramonte
- 5/16 Conference on Berlioz's use of the *Aeneid* in his *Les Troiens*
- 5/20 Waffle Sale
- 5/25 JCL Awards Banquet
- 6/13 SF Zoo Trip

Roots:

- -vad- : to go
 - invade
 - vademecum
- -gress- : to walk
 - progress
 - digress
- -tract- : to pull, drag
 - attract
 - contract

Phrase of the Edition:

"Nemo me impune lacessit"- Scotland
Nobody provokes me with impunity.

Officers:

Consul - Ben B. and Grace C.
Secretary-Will C.
Publicity-Nikky P. and Kelly B.
Treasurer-Ellie Y. and Connor P.
Aedile-Riya M.
Sports-Will B.
Historians- Izzy K. Carla R, Lauren S.,
Helena O.
Webmaster-Akshay S.
Newsletter-Grace H and Claire W.

Convention Awards:

- 1st place for Spirit
- 1st place for Basketball
- 1st place for Chalk/Pastel: Jeff Frenkel-Popell

- 1st place for Reading Comp: Jeff Frenkel-Popell
- 1st place for Instrumental Performance: Dani Wong
- 1st place for Latin Slogan: Claire Wilson
- 1st place overall for High School
- 2nd place for High School Chariot(1M&4F)
- 2nd place for High School Scrapbook
- 2nd place for English Slogan: Jason Li
- 2nd place for Pentathlon: Hwai-Liang Tung
- 2nd place Modern Myth: Grace Costello
- 3rd place Chariot (4M&1F)
- 3rd place for T-Shirt
- 3rd place for Banner
- 3rd place for 200M IM: Jason Li
- 3rd place for 50M Butterfly: Jason Li
- 3rd place for cartoons: Hwiang-Liang Tung
- 3rd place for Constructed Chart: Grace Hammarskjold
- 3rd place for Latin Slogan: Grace Hammarskjold
- 3rd place for Open Certamen: Justin Cardozo

Menlo JCL Brings Home the Gold!

On the weekend of March 27, 27 Menlo School JCLers traveled to Miramonte High School in Orinda for the CJCL State Convention. There were 1,528 Latin students from 45 different schools, including public, private, and homeschools, middle and upper plus their sponsors and chaperones, and about 10 SCLers (college students who had been in JCL) as well. In spite of some horrendous traffic on the way to Orinda, everyone had arrived by the time the convention actually started.

On Friday night, after the first general

assembly, all of the students took academic tests. Later that night there were numerous other competitions, including Dodge ball, Volleyball, Essay, Instrumental, Dance, That's Entertainment auditions, Certamen Semifinals, and Latin Oratory. There were also non-competitive events, including Roman Speed Dating, a mosaic workshop, an SCL mixer (for graduating seniors), and a dance.

On Saturday morning the second general assembly opened with the cheering competition between all the schools. Thanks to Charlie, John, Dylan, and Mackenzie who led us to victory! Then, during the assembly, the candidates running for the state JCL board gave speeches. Voting took place later that day, and our own Grace Costello '16 was elected Northern Representative. That means that Menlo will be running *Ludi Octobres* on October 31, but this time it will be on the Stanford Campus.

After the assembly, there were chariot races and catapult contests on the fields. There were also more sporting events throughout the day, including Soccer, Swimming, Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Tennis, Track, Capture the Flag, and Quidditch. Menlo's basketball team won first place –defeating Miramonte High School with its 165 students in attendance. In addition to sports, there were other activities in the morning, including Competitive Certamen Finals, Latin Sight Reading, Impromptu Art, Project Runway, Graphic Arts Viewing, That's Entertainment callbacks, and the Selfie Game. Menlo Middle School sixth graders won third place in the state in Competitive Certamen.

After lunch, local college and high school faculty offered workshops such as Art of the Roman Republic; Cicero:

Eloquence Personified Then and Now; Romans Rest in Peace; Cybele and her Eunuch Priests; Miraculous Medicine: Galen's Public Dissections; The Beats of Roman Poetry; The Wrath of the Saints: Medieval Vengeance Miracles and Liturgical Curses in Monastic Latin; and Roman Insults. There were also various art workshops, including Mosaics, Finger Puppets, and Edible Art. In addition Aphrodite's Love and Advice Booth, the Costume Contest, Dramatic Interpretation, Open Certamen (run by Menlo's Dobbie Vasquez with help from Sara Hadsell '95), and an Art Sketch Contest were available. In the late afternoon we had our third and final general assembly, followed by dinner from 10 different food trucks.

After dinner, the winners of the competitions were announced. The rest of the banquet included the That's Entertainment performances, a carnival, a movie, a magician, a hypnotist, human hamster balls, laser tag, a dance, a Smash Bros tournament, a casino, jump houses, a bazaar, and a caricature artist.

Menlo students returned home tired, but happy. Congratulations to every one who attended for bringing home so many ribbons for our school. Go Menlo!

Kelly Buck



The boys chariot team competes at convention where they placed 3rd.



The basketball team smiles for a picture after winning.

JCL Elections

On Tuesday, April 28 we hosted elections for our JCL officer positions for the 2015-2016 school year. Thank you to everyone that ran for a position! We are looking forward to a great year next year.

Consul- Grace Costello & Ellie Young
 Secretary- Izzy Koningstein
 Publicity- Grace Hammarskjold
 Treasurer- Jason Moon
 Aedile- Riya Mirchandaney,
 Sports- Nikky Price & Claire Wilson
 Historian- Coco Gray
 Webmaster- Akshay Srivatsan
 Newsletter Jeff Frankel-Popell, Dani Wang

Waffle Sale

On Wednesday, May 20, Menlo JCL hosted our final waffle sale of the year. Our Latin students were very generous and brought in lots of ingredients. The school loved the waffle sale, and our volunteers found themselves particularly busy in between classes and at break. The students topped their waffles off with berries, chocolate chips and/or sauce, whipped cream, syrup, and powdered sugar. The waffle sale was a large success, especially since the fact that the seniors were not there to help or

to buy waffles. The cold morning weather increased student's desires to buy waffles. We raised over \$390 to take families from the Redwood City House to the San Francisco Zoo on June 13. We have taken families to the zoo in previous years, and it has been such a hit with the kids!

Grace Hammarskjold

End of the Year Banquet

On Memorial Day, May 25, we hosted our annual year-end Latin banquet, this year on a Renaissance theme in honor of Mr. Brodie's retirement. It was an event filled with many emotions as students thanked Mr. Brodie for his 21 years of teaching here at Menlo. During the banquet, 47 students also received NLE awards, and 35 earned entrance into the National Latin Honor Society. About 10 more were eligible, but, since this program is sponsored by the National Junior Classical League, all participants have to be members of JCL. As always, Menlo Students did very well on the NLE, in spite of the fact that Magistra thought the exams were to be given the week AFTER March 15 instead of the week before. Thank the gods that Mr. Morris mentioned the exam while he was interviewing for Mr. Brodie's job! Ellie Young wrote a perfect paper, and Alyssa Chao received an Oxford Classical Dictionary for earning four gold medals on the NLE. Magis also honored our seniors by reading her farewell poem for each of them.

Parents were also very generous and donated \$431 and counting to complete our San Francisco Zoo fund. To thank Mr. Brodie for his many years of teaching and for everything he does for the students, JCL bought him a record player so that he can listen to his records which he hasn't heard in over 20 years.

He has some very special spoken word recordings with such greats as George Bernard Shaw and Bertand Russell reading their own work or Richard Burton reading John Dunn. Then Riya read the sonnet she and Kelly wrote in his honor, and Kelly, Tatum, Lauren, Amrita, and P.J. sang "Adieu, Sweet Amaryllis." Latin students are so talented in so many areas!

There were also a number of alums who came back for the occasion: Paul Watt, Ray Tung, Caroline Crandall, Ryan Hammarskjold, Matt Linton, and Riley Burgess.

We would like to thank everyone who came to the banquet and who worked on it, especially Grace and her mom who, along with Carla, created the atmosphere with classical music and fabulous decorations. We think it was our best one to date.

Grace Hammarskjold

Magistra's Corner

*Nunc aestās paene adest, et vōs omnēs
poterunt dormīre serius māne . Spērō
vōs habitūrōs esse quam optimam
aestātem. Putāte dē sentiētīs Ludīs
Octobribus prīdiē Kalendīs
Novembribus et mittite eās ad Grātiam
apud grace.costello@menloschool.org.
Complēte aenigma infrā ante Diem Iōvis
sī vultis puncta addita.*

Latin Slogans from

Convention

Latina:

Hodie Disce; Utere Semper!

(Latin: Learn It Today; Use It Forever!)-

Claire W. (1st.)

Disce Latinam aut Conans Morire!
(Learn Latin or Die Trying!) – Grace H.
(3rd.)

English Slogan:
Latin Rules the World! – Jason L. (2nd)

Ode to the Seniors 2015

It's gone again? Another year?
Old Cronus needs to slow his pace!
We have to take a sec to say
These seniors we cannot replace.

So we will read a few kind words –
Or not- to those who graduate.
It will not be the same, of course,
Without them here to demonstrate

Their genuine intelligence,
Their thoughtfulness, their utter cool.
Their willingness to lend a hand
Wherever there is need at school.

Ben is our techie, that's for sure.
He wrote a sorting program for
Certamen. Now he needs to teach
Me how to use it. That's a chore!

He also soloed as our team
In both Certamen Two and Three
Before he joined Advanced this year
With a full group-as it should be.

He worked as consul too with Grace
To keep our JCL on track.
It's thanks to him and Grace that we
Took the first place at states, in fact.

Now, Janna is our neophyte.
She took up Latin senior year,
And set the tone for the whole class.
Our time with her was short—I fear.

She studied hard; she did her work.
She was attentive all the time.

Intelligent, mature, and wise,
She was a favorite of mine.

Next, Sam kept working in AP
Way past the time when most would say
That seniors are in the home stretch
And they deserve an easier way.

And back last fall he led a team
Of Middle Schoolers on a quest
To find the Latin *ursa* (Bear)
And finished way before the rest.

He kept a balance through the year
Of friends and work and Student Gov.
Aeneas may be *pious*, but
It's Sam whom I'm thinking of.

Next, Helena gave both her time
And talents for our JCL.
Her t-shirt won third place, although
Our hydra lost one head! Oh well...

She also sketched the artwork for
Our scrapbook's second place award.
We'd call in panic for her help,
Then we'd hang up, our calm restored.

She'd do the piece in record time
And then add bits all on her own.
She has a genius both in art
And in AP as she has shown...

Us time and time again in class.
She translates easily and well
And also sees the subtleties.
In many things, she does excel.

Will too has worked for JCL
He oversaw our sporting teams,
He built and rebuilt on his own
Our trebuchet, although it seems...

That only he knew how to fix
The mechanism for the ball
That turned into a lighter bag
At states and caused the bag to fall..

Far short of the desired mark.
“What do you need? What can I do?”
These words fell frequently from him,
And, best of all, he followed through.

In class he worked right to the end,
Though surely he'd prefer to stop.
He took the 'path less traveled by'
And that propelled him toward the top.

In spite of swimming dates galore,
Our Westie gave AP his best.
He could have opted for a change
And found himself so much less
stressed.

He didn't; he worked every day
To translate better, to progress.
His reading grew more fluent, and
His vocab. too was a success.

He always smiled; he took his turn
To translate, all without delay.
He never whined or made excuse.
He simply did his work each day.

Our Connor was in Latin 4.
He also worked for JCL
As treasurer. But thinking of
Ideas is what he does so well.

He was the one who said we should
Ask for donations for the Zoo.
We want to give the shelter folks
Enough for lunch and two rides, too.

He also dragged himself from bed
And rushed to man the waffle sale
To raise more money for the Zoo,
So that our sale would not derail.

John B. was Latin 4 as well.
Though I taught him in previous years.
Always prepared, always polite,
He is attentive, volunteers...

To share his work, to read at site,
To go the extra mile each day.

He does not speak to hear his voice.
But when he has something to say.

Now Carla will not graduate,
She will be back, 2016,
But soon she'll fly to Rome to have
Experiences unforeseen.
St. Stephen's School will be her home.
She'll learn Italian, study lots,
With international classmates,
So many of these are polyglots.

Most people graduate from here
In four or maybe seven years,
Then on to college, graduate school,
And thence to various careers.

But some of us stay longer still,
To work, to learn, to find employ,
To teach the students who pass through.
For us there is no greater joy.

Then one day, after many years,
We too decide to move on through
To do the things we've thought about
But haven't time yet to pursue.

For Peter Brodie, that time's now.
He's made his mark in many spheres:
In Latin, English, Soccer, sure!
He's challenged all of us for years.

But Peter also takes the time
To go to all the sports and arts
Events on campus and away.
He will be missed, when he departs.

For years he's been the focal point
For students and for faculty
Who love to argue, think, observe.
With that I'm sure we all agree.

There aren't too many like this man.
He forces us to think, to doubt.
He asks the questions, makes the points
That we have never thought about.

His love of words is palpable.

His questions too compell us all,
To leave our comfort zone behind,
Rethink assumptions overall.

So now as seniors graduate,
And Peter joins their ranks as well,
Let's celebrate their time with us,
And wish them all a fond farewell.

Magistra Vasquez

National Latin Honor Society

This year 35 students were part of the National Latin Honor Society. To receive this student must maintain a 90 or above average throughout the year and good citizenship.

1. Kelly Buck
2. Andrew Cardozo
3. Justin Cardozo
4. Kevin Cardozo
5. Alyssa Chao
6. Grace Costello
7. Will Crouch
8. Mackenzie Duffner
9. Katelyn Eustace
10. Jeff Frenkel-Popell
11. Grace Hammarskjold
12. Rachel Howard
13. Izzy Koningstein
14. Jason Li
15. Tyler McGraw
16. Riya Mirchandaney
17. Jason Moon
18. Helena Ong
19. Connor Pace
20. Dylan Pace
21. Charlie Pinkus
22. Ellie Pinkus
23. Carla Roevers
24. Sam Rubin
25. Clark Safran
26. Nathan Safran
27. Savion Sample
28. Akshay Srivatsan
29. Hwai-Liang Tung

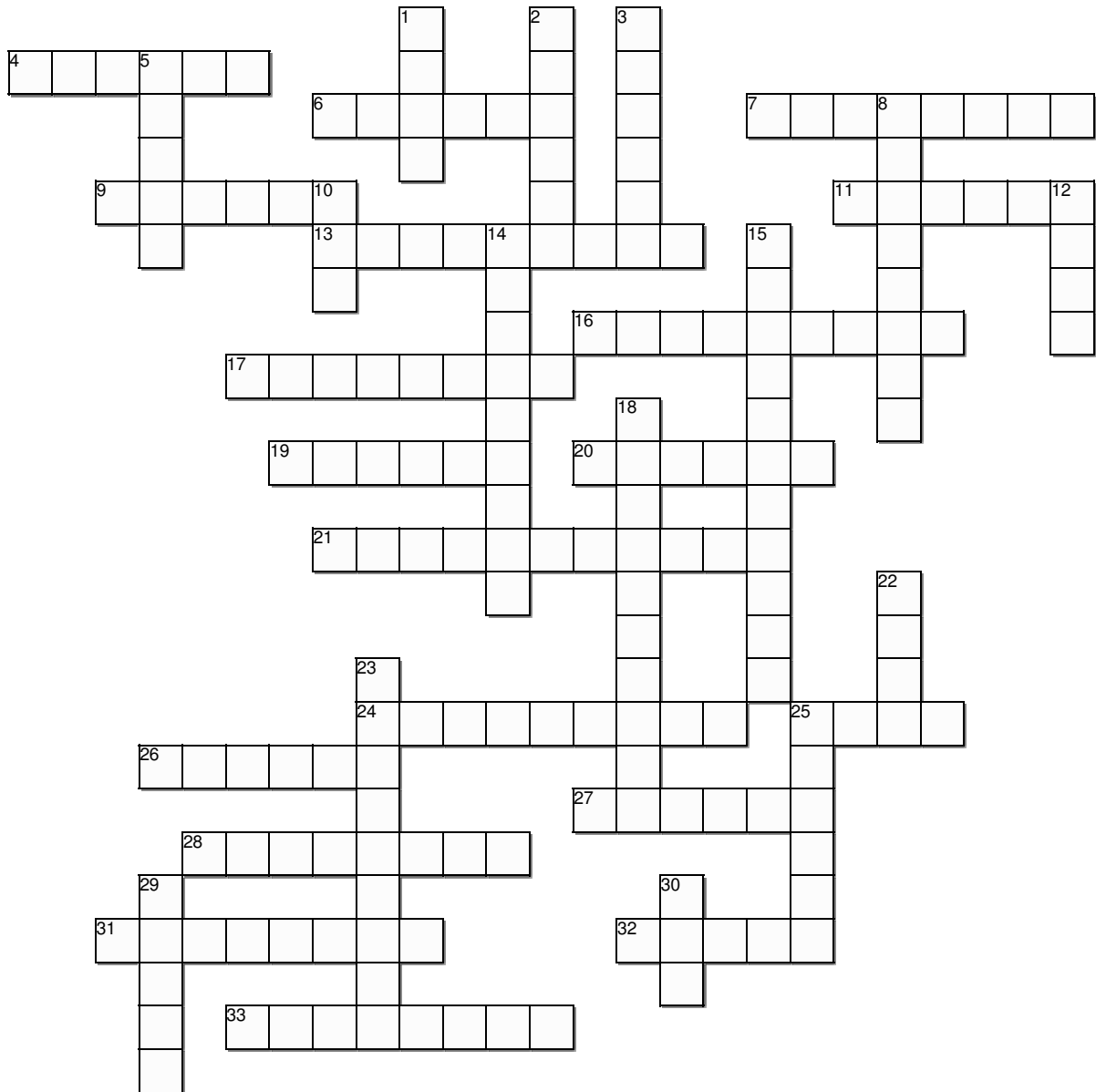
30. Sara Varadharajulu
31. Drew Wadsworth
32. Danni Wang
33. Sophie White
34. Nicole Woo
35. Ellie Young



Name: _____

Lorica Nostra Spring Crossword

Complete the crossword below



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Across

4. First principle part of the verb to sleep
6. Son of Venus and Anchises
7. Caesar's grandnephew
9. The brother of Paris
11. To your good health
13. Motto of New York translated as Ever upward!
16. Mock navel battle
17. Dry cleaners
19. She wanted
20. Type of tree that Daphne the nymph
21. Rhodes's 3rd century BCE epic
24. Tutor of Alexander the Great
25. To such an extent
26. To lead
27. Thankful, appreciative
28. The sea on the east coast of Italy
31. Temple for the gods
32. Of the King
33. Favor, duty

Down

1. Moon
2. Island where Sappho was born
3. Author of 'O tempora, o mores!'
5. I warn
8. Grandfather of Perseus
10. Thing
12. Be quiet!
14. Freed slaves
15. Carolus Magnus
18. They divide
22. By/with the citizen
23. Slave tutors
25. Summer
29. Fate
30. The gods