

# *Lorica Nostra: Back to School Edition*

## Key Dates: A Note from Magistra

Sunday,  
September 24:  
Progressive  
Supper

*ad studentes nostros,*

*laeti sumus vos omnes nobiscum iterum esse. speramus vos vacationes optimas habuisse et nunc esse paratos ad studendum et intellegendum et crescendum. hic annus erit praecipuus quod nos administraturos sumus conventionem civitati. nos omnes habebimus opportunitatem dare civitati et cognoscere quomodo multos populos et eventus instituamus. conventio nostra erit Idibus Aprilibus et ante diem xviii Kalendas Maias.*

Thursday,  
October 5:  
Middle School  
Ice Cream Social

*e corde meo,  
Magistra Vasquez*

*nunc dicite mihi quando conventio nostra futura sit.*

Thursday,  
October 26:  
Halloween Party

Saturday,  
November 18:  
Ludi Novembres

Saturday, March  
3: Carcer  
Friday and



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Drew  
Wadsworth  
and Natalie  
Hilderbrand  
during a  
meeting to plan  
for Convention

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

## A Note from your Consuls

State Convention 2018 will be hosted by Menlo on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14! We have been working hard for the past few weeks to begin preparations and to plan some new events including a hack challenge, a Latin-themed escape room, and a mosaic project. Those of you who have been to state conventions before can also look forward to all the classic convention events including certamen, olympika, ludi, banquet, and many more. If you are coming for the first time, make sure to take advantage of as much as you possibly can. The more you do, the more fun you will have! We are also bringing back swimming, the Roman rap battle, Roman speed dating, and a piano competition. We are currently working with Katelyn to research hotels for our guests and with Sophie R. and Victoria on food options for convention. Right now we are looking into food trucks for Saturday dinner. A convention tab on the Menlo JCL website should be up soon as well as on the cajcl website, so you can check out our plans for convention as we get closer to April.

Convention is a huge event, so we will need all the help we can get! If you are interested at all in helping volunteer either before or during convention, please contact us at [conventionpresident@cajcl.org](mailto:conventionpresident@cajcl.org) or just let us or Magistra Vasquez know in person. This is a wonderful opportunity for Menlo JCL to give back to the larger JCL community and to create a fun and exciting time for everyone. We are looking forward to both hosting a great convention for the state and representing the Menlo JCL this year as your co-presidents and convention presidents. We hope you're excited for state convention too!

*Gratias maximas,*

Natalie Hilderbrand and Drew Wadsworth  
Convention Presidents 2017-2018  
Menlo JCL Presidents 2017-2018

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Menlo JCL

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Co-consuls: Natalie  
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Drew Wadsworth

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## A Note from the Editor

With the theme of friendship looming on the minds of all JCLers due to our Convention theme from Cicero, *De Amicitia* 17: *ego vos hortari tantum possum ut amicitiam omnibus rebus humanis anteponatis*. (I urge you as much as I am able, to put friendship before all human issues.), it seems fitting to note some famous friendships from Roman mythology and poetry.

One of these iconic duos, Achilles and Patroclus, comes to us largely from Homer's *Iliad*, the Greek epic depicting the famous Trojan war. While it may be easy for many of us to claim we would be willing to fight for a friend, acting on that claim would be far from easy. However, none of that stops Achilles from thrusting himself into battle without the protection of his famous armor in order to avenge the death of his young cousin Patroclus. In fact, not only did Achilles fight and slay Hector, but he also desecrated his body in what some view as an attempt to inflict on Priam the same kind of pain that Hector had forced on him when he killed his best friend and, according to some, his lover.

Yet another famous friendship comes from the first century BCE. Titus Pomponius, a banker, editor and patron of the arts, and Cicero, the famous politician and prolific author, were childhood friends. In fact Pomponius' sister married Cicero's brother, a marriage that was less than ideal. Both Cicero and Atticus spent time in Greece, but Pomponius was so enamoured of the language and culture that he gave himself the nickname Atticus. Most of what we know of him we have learned from Cicero's compilation of their letters in "*Epistulae ad Atticum*" where they discussed politics and literature and their personal lives in great detail. Given that the subject matter was both personal and very volatile at the time, it may come as no surprise that they often communicated in code, lest anyone else discover the true nature of much of their interactions. Cicero sought Atticus's advice and help on matters of family and of state, though Atticus himself never held political office. We know too that Atticus helped Cicero financially when there was need.

## 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.

I sincerely hope that we all will be inspired by these and many other tales of friendship and joy from the past and utilize them as models for how we live and act. Friendship is clearly not a new concept, but that's all the more reason to focus in on it now just as seriously as humans have throughout history. In these times of mistrust and aggression against people different from us, we would do well to focus on the positive aspects of being a friend and of having one and incorporate that not just into the coming Convention but also into our daily lives.

Cordially,  
Trevor Bernard

## National Convention

By Morgan Wyatt

The NJCL 2017 National Convention was held at Troy University—a fitting site for such an event—in Alabama from July 24 to July 29. For the six Menlo attendees—Latin teacher Dobbie Vasquez, Ellie Young '17, Drew Wadsworth and Jeff Frenkel-Popell '18, Natalie Hilderbrand '19, and Morgan Wyatt '20—it was a full seven day adventure, starting with a 6:00 A.M. flight on July 23, and ending with an arrival at the Oakland airport on the night of the 29th. The state of California was represented by 39 JCL delegates, three college-age SCLers (including the NSCL Secretary), 3 parent chaperones and 6 Latin teachers with our own Mrs. Vasquez serving on the National Committee as Communications Chair and Secretary.

The activities included team sports (*Ludi*) such as soccer, ultimate frisbee, basketball, and volleyball; individual sports (*Olympika*) like swimming and track, seventeen academic tests, creative and graphic art competitions, a Latin twist on an escape room challenge, a Latin chorus which Jeff joined, a Roman murder mystery, scavenger hunts, movies, and some 27 colloquia given by local professors and our national officers. Topics ranged from how to prepare for the current AP or earn a NLE scholarship worth \$8000 to Classical Astronomy, Cooking and Dining in Ancient Rome, Making Garum (Roman soy sauce), New Finds from Ancient Athens, The Evolution of

## Famous Quotes:

*“omnia vincit amor;  
et nos cedamus  
amori”*

- Virgil

*“carpe diem, quam  
minimum credula  
postero.”*

- Horace

*“caveat emptor”*

- Roman Law

*“si vis amari, ama”*

- Seneca

*“vitam regit  
fortuna, non  
sapientia”*

- Cicero

Greek Armor, Ancient Carthage, Ancient Coinage, Parallels between the *Aeneid* and the Walking Dead, Ancient Artifacts in 3-D, and Classical Athens and China. My personal favorites were ultimate frisbee and the colloquia.

Menlo students did their part in academics, graphic arts and sports competitions for California. Natalie Hilderbrand scored a whopping 80 points by placing 2nd in Illustrated Quotes in Graphic Arts, 4th. in Reading Comprehension: Poetry and 9th in Slogan in Academics. In addition, she practically swept the swimming by winning the 100-yard Backstroke and Medley, the 200-yard Freestyle, the 50-yard Backstroke, the Breaststroke, and the Freestyle and by placing second in the 100-yard Freestyle and fourth in the 50-yard Butterfly (when her Menlo cheering squad distracted her!). She earned 3rd Overall in Olympika and was the only person from California who placed in the Top Ten in the country! Jeff Frenkel-Popell also earned a 4th in the Traditional Photos contest. Morgan Wyatt placed 4th in the Classical Greek academic test and was on the California Intermediate Certamen team, which placed 7th in the country. In addition, Menlo earned 15th in the country in Publicity (which we entered for the first time), 6th in the Website Contest with webmaster Will Buxton '19, and 1st in the Traditional Scrapbook competition, thanks to the efforts of Tatum Tai '17, Nicole Woo '17, and especially Naomi Rubin '19 who came in over the summer to create the final pages.

It was a great experience to spend six days with so many Latin and Greek students from around the country and especially to get to know the kids and state officers from California as we, under the leadership of Natalie Hilderbrand and Drew Wadsworth, continue our preparations for the California State JCL Convention here at Menlo on April 13-14, 2018.

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Students Morgan Wyatt,  
Will Buxton, Drew  
Wadsworth, Natalie  
Hilderbrand, Jeff  
Frenkel-Popell, and Naomi  
Rubin display their awards  
from the NJCL  
Convention at Troy  
University in Alabama





*“alea iacta est”*

- Caesar

*“serva me, servabo te”*

- Petronius

*“malum quidem nullum esse sine aliquo bono”*

- Pliny the Elder

*“dum vivimus vivamus”*

*“abeunt studia in mores”*

- Ovid

*“faber est suae quisque fortunae”*

- Appius Claudius Caecus

## Zoo Trip for Shelter Families

By: Victoria Wat

On August 19, Menlo’s JCL hosted a trip to the San Francisco Zoo for the families of the Redwood Family House. We arrived at the zoo as it was opening and spent the rest of the morning looking at many different animals such as flamingos, bears, tigers, giraffes, penguins, and even an ant-eater. We also watched a hippopotamus devour a cantaloupe and a band of six gorillas gather celery and bananas! After viewing some of the animals, we all took a surprisingly fast train ride around the zoo as peacocks threatened to walk right in front of the train.

By then, we were all starving and found our way to the Leaping Lemur Cafe which had food ranging from burgers and fries to delicious bread bowls. We had given each head of family money for lunch, so everyone was able to decide what to buy for themselves. After lunch, we walked around the zoo some more and spent some time at the gift shop where the kids could pick out what they wanted with the money we had given them. Some kids got lion tails and stuffed animals and others got candy and even geodes. One family bought mugs for their parents who had to work that day. We played tag and other impromptu games at one of the many zoo themed playgrounds before it was sadly time to go.

We had a great time at the San Francisco Zoo with the families, and it was such a great trip to take before school started back up again.

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Children from the  
Redwood Family House at  
the San Francisco Zoo

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# 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

## Greece Trip

By: Jeff Frenkel-Popell

*Ἀθῆναι καὶ Αἰγάϊον*

Last summer's Greece trip was all divided into two parts, one part on the mainland, and the other at sea, on a cruise ship in the Aegean. While on land, we were based in Athens, where we first arrived. Day 1 we met our fabulous tour director and some of the Utahns we'd be traveling with over the course of the next ten days. Day two we saw a few ancient monuments, such as the Olympic Stadium, as well as some of modern-day Athens, such as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Plaka, an excursion which began for many of the girls a week-long shopping spree. Day three was devoted to Athenian landmarks, and day four we made our way out to Delphi, where I had a chance to bond with some of the people from Utah.

On day 5, we set sail - or would have, if it had been a sailboat, which it wasn't. But the nature of the ship is beside the point. We were set ashore at 4:30 am to explore Samos, birthplace of Juno and Pythagoras. The ship itself went to Ephesus, but tour companies were not comfortable sending students to Turkey in June. Then we were at sea, en route to Mykonos, where the girls decided to up their selfie game (while on private property), and we got to see one of the last traditional Greek weavers at work. Magis bought one of her scarves. Buying things on *this* trip, unexpected, I know. We ended the excursion with a lovely sunset dinner before getting back on the ship.

Soon after, we visited Rhodes, where we took a tour to the acropolis at Lindos guided by Stephanos, whom the girls dubbed "hot" (not that I don't agree. There's a picture of him in the scrapbook and on [jcl.menloschool.org](http://jcl.menloschool.org), so check it out before you judge me). After that, the girls went shopping. Yet another curveball. As they did that, I got to explore Rhodes on my own, where I ate at a nice little café, dodged a bird like Neo, and nearly got hit by a motorcycle.

The next day took us to Crete, complete with the labyrinthine palace of Knossos, a fascinating new museum about the Minoans, and, of course, more shopping. We then cruised on to the beautifully blue and white Santorini, where plenty of pictures were taken, and I actually bought something in the Atlantis bookstore.

Day nine, we finally arrived home in Athens, when we promptly left Athens for Sounion to see the Temple of Poseidon. That night we stayed outside of Athens in the seaside town of Glyfada. Finally, on day ten, we headed home. Traveling is great, but nothing's as good as coming home. Overall, a great trip with a great group of people!

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Magistra Vasquez with  
students Sunia Sadeghi,  
Sabrina Fleming, Carla  
Roever, Becca Ma, Jeff  
Frenkel-Popell, and  
Ashley Zhang on  
Mykonos

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# Games!

## Sudoku:

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

I - IX once and only once

Easy:

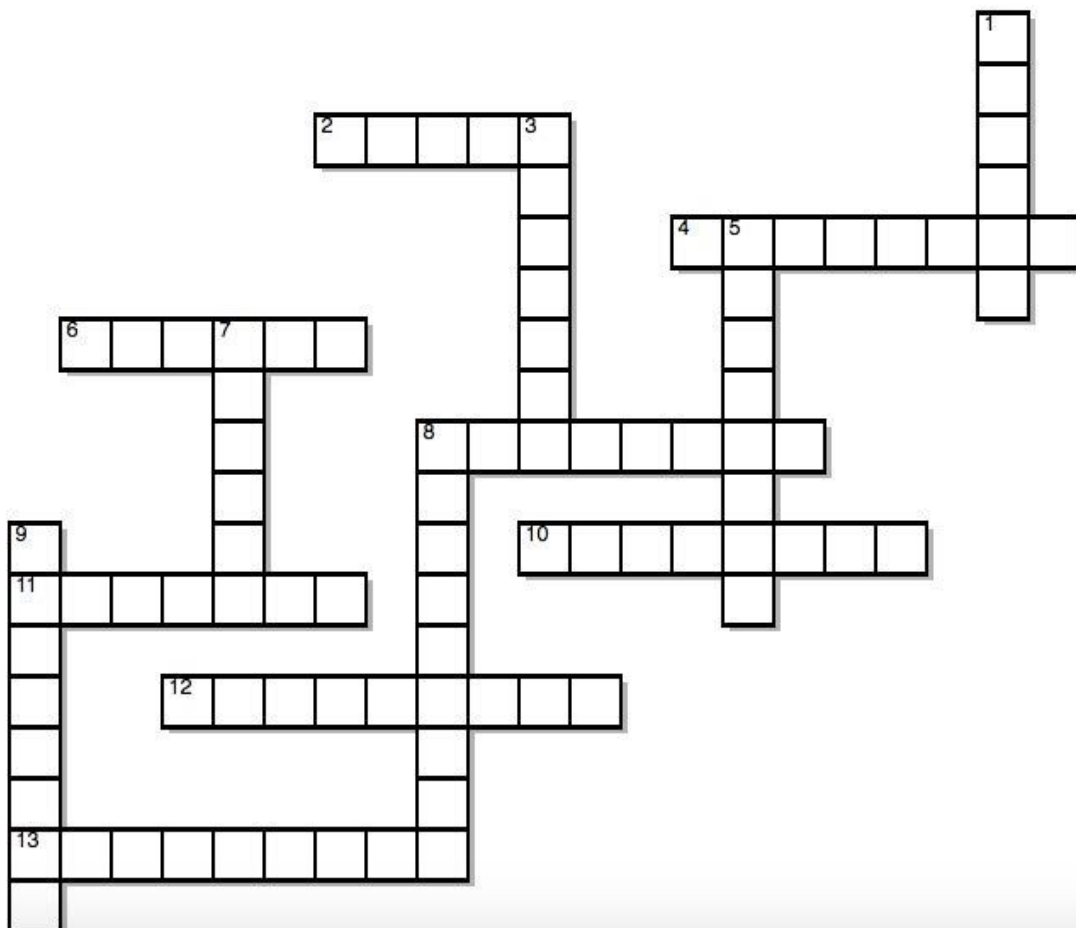
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Hard:

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					III			VI
	IX						VI	
VII	II				IV			IX
VI			IX			IV	I	

# Crossword Puzzle:

## Amici



### ACROSS

- 2 Latin for friends
- 4 Poet known for his dirty content, had plenty of friends sharing his subject matter
- 6 Poet, friend of Maecenas
- 8 English for kind and friendly
- 10 Tribune of the Plebs in 63 BC, One of Caesar's most famous lieutenants
- 11 Latin for the opposite of friend (specifically female)
- 12 Achilles' best friend (and lover?)
- 13 Latin for friendly and chatty

### DOWN

- 1 Friend of Catullus, shared his style and subject matter
- 3 Latin for enemies
- 5 Gave his armor to his best friend, who was killed wearing it
- 7 Latin for lover
- 8 Myth: \_\_\_\_\_ and the Lion
- 9 Caesar's patron of the arts