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NCP Latin Dominates at Illinois Certamen League

Success for all levels
By Matt Glodz

A few weeks ago a new addition was made to the third floor atrium: a banner announcing the Latin program's first place victory at last year's Illinois Certamen League (ICL). On October 30, Northside's certamen teams made their way to Lake Forest High School for the first round of this year's ICL in hopes of defending their title. Not surprisingly, they won again.

"The first round, you never really know what is going to happen because you don't know how well other schools have prepared and how well they can do," Mr. Tylinki said. "That's especially the case with the novice level."

The Novice Division was composed of Latin I students Jeffery

Joseph, Mike Loftus, Mary Mussman, and Anne Lakayil.

"The Latin class really prepared us for [the match], so we came in and we swept," Mussman said.

The Latin I team came in first place with 775 points, ahead of Loyola Academy, who placed second with 410 points. Trailing in third place was Carmel High School with 305 points.

The Lower Division won the round with an even greater lead. The team, consisting of Latin II students Elizabeth Jay, Heta Panchal, Alexandra Rojek, and Rae Spaulding, earned 735 points.

New Trier High School

came in second place with 50 points followed by Loyola Academy, who had 205 points.

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Upper Latin certamen players



Lower Latin certamen players think over a question during practice

Latin Club Reaches Out Toga Treating for Unicef

By Matt Glodz

As part of their second annual Toga Treating campaign, Latin Club members garbed in bed sheet togas could be seen roaming the streets around Northside on Saturday, October 27. In an attempt to raise donations for Unicef, an organization that collects money to support impoverished children

around the world, according to Unicef.

Aside from just raising money for a good cause, the Latin Club members were able to bond and walked away with great memories of the event.

“We met Ms. Minyo, and she gave us cookies,” Spaulding recalled.

The students also encountered a dog that just had its testicles removed just the day before, among other oddities. “We walked in on a guy making out with his girlfriend, and it was really awkward,” Lukose said. “The guy was like laying on the couch or something and

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Jane Bialek, organizer of Toga Treating, with one of the UNICEF boxes for donations

Latin Lives! By Allcia Gresla

Feature

As you walk down the street, chances are you will find something related to Latin. Latin of course is the language of the Romans, a race of people who had the largest empire, most advanced culture, and all that jazz. Yet many people aren't able to fully appreciate the prevalence of Latin in today's society. One who doesn't study this classic language can't know that the months of the year have roots in the Latin language as well as Roman mythology, or that Hermes was the messenger of the gods, not just a nice scarf company. They

don't know who Cincinnati is named after, nor can they look at unknown English words and surmise its meaning. In effect, non-classicists are blind to the many appearances of Latin and Roman culture in modern society. As Latin students, we are able to pick up on references and connections to the “dead” language in our society. Having studied the language, we know the roots of English words and the meaning of Latin phrases. Every Latin student can tell you that the Chicago motto *Urbs in horto* means City in the Garden, yet how many Chicagoans can

horto means City in the Garden, yet how many Chicagoans can say the same thing? This knowledge and skill is important in not only *sounding* smart, but in proving that we *are* smart. Students who study Latin score over 660 on the SAT Language, in comparison to other students who score an average of 534. Similarly, Latin kids have a leg up on all law students struggling to comprehend the various phrases throughout law. Quid pro quo anyone?

Latin is thriving in modern society as it pops up everywhere from movies to music to fashion and speech. Modern culture constantly references this classic language, and only Latin students are able to decode the hidden meanings. Clearly, Latin is no dead language!



Courtesy of www.pennick.net
Urbs in horto indeed!

CPS Guidelines

Challenges arise for NCP Latin

By Sika Yeboah-Sampong

Recent Chicago Public Schools' guidelines have made it more and more difficult for teachers to organize field trips for their students. As expected, these new guidelines have affected public schools across Chicago, including Northside. This puts greater pressure on members of the Northside Latin community to become more and more involved in assisting with routine Latin events such as Certamen matches. This also means more parent involvement; and while all of us have busy parents, Northside's Latin program is now in need of more and more chaperones for annual activities such as IJCL Convention, NJCL Convention, and Certamen matches. With an increased number of chaperones required for a smaller number of students, Latin Club members and the school will be forced to utilize any resources they may have to cover the costs of the chaperones, taking away money from the students. As long as the chaperones meet all of CPS' field trip chaperone requirements (e.g. take a state criminal check and get a TB test), they will be gladly accepted as Latin Club chaperones. In order to con-

tinue our success as NCP's Latin Program and individual Latin student successes, we must do whatever we can to assist. Latin Club provides us with many opportunities to succeed and explore new experiences. The only way this will continue is if every Latin student makes a concerted effort to help in whatever way they can.



Latin field trips may be curtailed due to new guidelines

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"It's very self-fulfilling," Spaulding said. "It makes you feel good, and you get lots and lots of prizes. Then you get to explain [certamen] to your relatives, and they love you [for it]."

With 530 points, the Upper Latin team triumphed as well due to the efforts of Upper Latin students Aisha Ahmad, Jacob Gruber, Harold Jaffe, Alex Poniecki, and Adam Swiatlowski. Loyola Academy followed with 365 points and New Trier came in third place with 200 points.

"Northside has a lot of very, very bright students, and they motivate each other," Mr. Tylinski said. "All levels did extraordinarily well."

Round two will take place at Northside on December 12. In the meantime, the teams will continue practicing to uphold their lead.

Calendar of Events

December 12 - Round II of the Illinois Certamen League (Northside)

December 21 - Latin Club's Holiday Caroling Service Project

February 5 - Round III of the Illinois Certamen League - New Trier H.S.

February 21 -23- Illinois Jr. Classical League Convention

March 10-14 - National Latin Exam

April 12 - Latin Olympics

April 26 - Finals of the Illinois Latin Tournament

May - Finals of the Illinois Certamen League

July 28 - August 2 - National Jr. Classical League Convention - Miami University - Ohio

Just to Say Thanks

By Sika Yeboah-Sampong

LATIN CLUB REACHES OUT

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moving around, and then he gets up and he comes to the door and when he opens it there's a lady under him. It was like... okay." The event turned out to be a great success.

"I hope that Toga-Treating becomes an annual event for many years to come," Bialek, who helped organize the event, said. "It is

During a time when we are all very busy with our own lives and commitment, it is most important to take the time out to say thank you to the person who consistently encourages us all to give our best to Latin, Mr. Chester Tylinski. Mr. Chester Tylinski was nominated for USA-Today's All-USA Teacher Team and awarded an honorable mention for his work with Northside College Prep's Journalism and Latin programs. He was the only Illinois teacher honored this year. Nominated by a parent and a recommendation written by Latin students, the award process began in the 2006-2007 school year. Competing against teachers all across the nation as well as educators from various levels and diverse backgrounds, Mr. Tylinski was one of fourteen teachers selected for Honorable Mention by USA Today's All-USA Teacher Team

"It's an encourage-

ment to keep going," Mr. Chester Tylinski, said. "It's an encouragement to keep going because teaching is quite difficult and to do anything well means a lot of time and work."

To Mr. Tylinski, the award is representative of the success of his students. With the Latin Program's Certamen team that has consistently placed first in Chicago Public Schools Latin Olympics and topped state ranking for Illinois Certamen League, we students have every right to express our pride in our teacher. Past Latin students have gone on to study the classics and some present students are sure to do the same. "Mr. Tylinski's more than a teacher," said Aisha Ahmad, Adv. 904. "He's a mentor, a guide, and a counselor. You can go to him for almost anything and expect help."

Having been nominated and selected for Latin Teacher of the Year by the Illinois Classical Conference as well as by the Illinois Junior

Classical League, Mr. Tylinski is no stranger to receiving recognition for his work with students.

"I have always had a great respect for my students," said Mr. Tylinski, "and I have been very fortunate in all my jobs in education to have excellent, excellent students. I think I have always felt that the students respected me and they've given an awful lot of themselves."

"In order to have a successful program," said Tylinski, "it takes the efforts of a lot of people. "



NCP Latin Club sponsor and director of NCP's Latin Program reads out questions during a Certamen practice

CONGRATS

To Jane Bialek (Upper Latin) on her new position as 1st VP (IJCL NORTH)

To Lower and Upper level certamen teams for ICL performance

All our Toga Treaters as well as our Carolers