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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Salvete, omnes! I'm incredibly excited to be your 2016-2017 WJCL Editor and to be producing my first issue of the *Torch: WI*. I had an amazing time at state convention, and hopefully all of you did too!

I hope my papers will help to spread the word about all the activities your Latin Clubs and WJCL officers have been working so hard on, so whenever you plan an exciting event or achieve something new, please let me know. You can email me at wjcledi-[tor@gmail.com](mailto:wjcledi@gmail.com) with any write-ups or contact me through Facebook, and I promise to find a home for your stories.

I also want to hear your feedback on the *Torch*. If you think I should add a new feature to the paper or disliked one of my stories, don't be afraid to inform me! Your comments help make me a better editor, and I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this paper.

E corde,

Margot Armbruster

2015-2016 WJCL Editor



## BROOKFIELD ACADEMY NOVICE CERTAMEN

By Margot Armbruster

On February 20th, Brookfield Academy hosted its inaugural Novice Certamen tournament. Middle and high school players from across the state and even out of state (Northside College Prep from Illinois also attended) competed in four rounds of high-level play moderated by BA advanced Certamen players, with questions written by BA's Latin 3 class and edited by experienced Latin teachers.

The tournament's goal was to introduce middle-schoolers and freshmen to Certamen in the hopes of strengthening the WJCL Certamen teams at this year's national convention and in years to come. Ram Gollapudy, WJCL parliamentarian and one of the moderators for the tournament, said he was "really excited to see middle school teams" participate. He added that he was "surprised we managed to pull it off as smoothly as we did, considering this is the first time any of us have run a Certamen tournament."

While one of BA's middle school teams ultimately took home the crown, everyone enjoyed the afternoon. BA loved hosting the tournament and hopes to organize a similar event next year, perhaps expanding into the Intermediate division as well.



Spectators watch as Northside College Prep and two BA Middle School teams compete in the finals of the novice Certamen tournament.

# MEET THE WJCL BOARD

## ANSLEY LAEV, PRESIDENT (HOMESTEAD)

1. What are you most excited to do as an officer?

Connect everyone more! I am so excited for some of things we are already planning, especially new state-wide events. I am also excited to lead meetings and meet many more students and teachers across the state.

2. What new changes do you plan to introduce?

I plan on organizing more events between State and National convention to strengthen ties between schools and to spread the JCLove. Another of my goals is for the new board to work more efficiently and be more organized in general during the planning of State convention.

3. Do you have any advice for people considering campaigning for your office in the future?

Make yourself known. Go to board meetings and go to events, and especially be ridiculously friendly at convention while campaigning. Be outgoing and open to meet new people and share your ideas with them so that they feel they have connected with you and understand the kind of leader you would be as president. Most of all, show that you are right for the position.

4. Who's your favorite Roman emperor and why?

Domitian, because he dressed up slaves as German soldiers to make it look like he conquered Gaul. And then proceeded to add "Germanicus" to his name. What a guy.

5. If you were a meme, which meme would you be?

All Drake memes ever. Because Drake.



## CALEB JUDGE, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT (MADWEST)

1. What are you most excited to do as an officer?

Besides being just generally excited to be on the board, because it sounds awesome. I'm really excited to be able to get new schools and new people interested in the WJCL, they will be able to experience the awesomeness of convention and board meetings like we do.

2. What new changes do you plan to introduce?

This is a tougher question; I don't know what constitutes a change exactly, but I would really like to improve our publicity aspect and social media aspect, as well as adding new schools which is the obvious answer.

3. Do you have any advice for people considering campaigning for your office in the future?

If you want to campaign for my office or any office in the future the best advice is no matter what you do and say, say it confidently. If you're confident you'll do great because everybody will think what you say is super important. It's my strategy at everything.

4. Who's your favorite Roman emperor and why?

My favorite Roman emperor you know just cause he's funny is Gordian I. He was only there for like a month and didn't really do much that I can remember. He's a legendary place filler.

5. If you were a meme, which meme would you be?

I've always liked that blonde dude with the plaid sweater, he seems like a baller. Reminds me of me.



# MEET THE WJCL BOARD, continued

## KATIE MCCARTHY, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT (HOMESTEAD)

1. What are you most excited to do as a WJCL officer?

I'm beyond excited for spirit at Nationals! I'm also really excited to become closer friends with everyone in the WJCL, including the officers (yes, that means you Ram!!).

2. What new changes do you plan to introduce?

I've started sending emails to chapters for monthly fundraisers to raise money for Heifer International. I also plan on working with fellow board members in creating state wide events that foster camaraderie, which would make the WJCL more cohesive at Nationals.

3. Do you have any advice for people considering campaigning for your office in the future?

Running for 2nd VP is a combination of having creative ideas that grab people's attention and having a ton of energy!

4. Who's your favorite Roman emperor and why?

Tiberius. Because.

5. If you were a meme which meme would you be?

I would definitely be the meme that pukes rainbows.



## RAM GOLLAPUDY, PARLIAMENTARIAN (BA)

1. What are you most excited to do as a WJCL officer?

I'm most excited to lead the WJCL at nationals (especially in spirit!!), see the effects of this past year's amendments, and most of all meet a whole new year of officer candidates.

2. What new changes do you plan to introduce?

I plan to attempt a leadership program to not only help smaller chapters in spirit, convention academics, etc. but especially help with officers and more actively find candidates for chapters and then the WJCL.

3. Do you have any advice for people considering campaigning for your office in the future?

Make sure that you enjoy looking over the constitution and meeting candidates because you will be doing a lot of that at both state and nationals. In addition, I would advise that you feel comfortable speaking in front of many, many people because you will be running the voting fellowship at nationals and the 3rd GA at state.



4. Who's your favorite Roman emperor and why?

Philip the Arab. Because no one actually cares about him apart from the fact that he ruled during Rome's 1000th birthday.

5. If you were a meme which meme would you be?

Damn Sriram, back at it again with the Packers pajamas!

# MEET THE WJCL BOARD, continued

## SILMA BERRADA, SECRETARY (HOMESTEAD)

1. What are you most excited to do as a WJCL officer?

I am very excited to learn how to properly rock a fanny pack like Katie McCarthy.

2. What new changes do you plan to introduce?

I'm planning on having close contact with all schools apart of WJCL so the entire Latin community is aware of what is occurring in the WJCL. A stronger awareness will result in a stronger interest, which will hopefully lead to more state events.

3. Do you have any advice for people considering campaigning for your office in the future?

My advice to those considering campaigning for office in the future is go for it one hundred percent! Nothing is more powerful than listening to an extremely dedicated candidate who is willing to do anything to enhance everyone's WJCL experience. Commitment is a must.

4. Who's your favorite Roman emperor and why?

Vespasian is my favorite Roman emperor because he was able to recover and restore balance not only from a civil war but emperors Nero and Caligula.

5. If you were a meme which meme would you be?

I have white vans. I'm back at it again. Daniel I am.



## MARK BECHTHOLD, TREASURER (BA)

1. What are you most excited to do as a WJCL officer?

I am really excited to start marketing for the WJCL to raise money, particularly at Nationals. This will make Nationals a more memorable experience for everyone participating (especially those from Wisconsin) as they can get new Wisconsin gear, and we can spread the Ludi spirit to other JCLs in the process. Designing the gear and then marketing it at National's is very exciting to me.

2. What new changes do you plan to introduce?

I am hoping to start several fundraisers with the Second VP throughout the year during which we can raise money for a charitable organization and also raise money for our JCL, much like the wrist-band sales.

3. Do you have any advice for people considering campaigning for your office in the future?

Be creative and value the advice of your peers. However, don't let your peers crush your ideas. Sometimes an idea is a good one, but people are afraid to see where it will lead. Finally, you might have some really bad ideas, but that just means you are closer to a good one.

4. Who's your favorite Roman emperor and why?

My favorite emperor was Maximinus Thrax because he was 8' 6."

5. If you were a meme which meme would you be?

I am unfortunately hopelessly out of touch with popular culture as a result of sleeping fifteen hours a day, so I can honestly say that I do not have a favorite meme. I like them all equally.



# MEET THE WJCL BOARD, continued

## KATYA MIKHAILENKO, HISTORIAN (HOMESTEAD)

1. What are you most excited to do as a WJCL officer?

I'm incredibly excited to capture the little and big moments of the WJCL. As Historian I plan to put my camera to use and take both photos and compose videos. I'd also like to utilize Adobe InDesign, a program that I am very familiar with, to compose the WJCL scrapbook for Nationals. Adobe InDesign is an incredibly flexible program that I know extremely well. I know that I'll be able to create a beautiful scrapbook with its help.

2. What new changes do you plan to introduce?

I'd like to implement a video contest at state that will encourage WJCLers to get more involved. Along with this I'd like the Historian to be required to create a video at state. During state convention I'd like to feature students in a Humans of New York style but call it Humans of the WJCL. That way people can get to know others through pictures and hopefully more friends will be made!

3. Do you have any advice for people considering campaigning for your office in the future?

The job of the historian is to capture moments through the lens of a camera. You never know what the moments are going to happen so definitely always have your camera handy. Along with this, do your best not to hold back. A crucial part of being historian is to not be afraid to talk to strangers. Be friendly! You'll not only get some cool photographs, but you'll also make some friends along the way.

4. Who's your favorite Roman emperor and why?

Constantine is my favorite emperor because he saved Rome from falling apart. Along with this, he stopped the persecution of Christians and advocated Christianity, essentially reuniting the people under a common faith.

5. If you were a meme which meme would you be?

Definitely Pepe the frog!!



## MARGOT ARMBRUSTER, EDITOR (BA)

1. What are you most excited to do as an officer?

I'm really excited to lead spirit and fellowship at nationals!

2. What new changes do you plan to introduce?

I plan to create a Facebook group of local, state, and national editors, also including anyone interested in running for editor in the future; I'm currently waiting for national-level approval for this idea. Additionally, I hope to compile a list of study guides and online resources useful both for preparation for convention and for interaction with other JCLers.



3. Do you have any advice for people considering campaigning for your office in the future?

Get as much experience as you can writing articles and editing papers. You'll also want to practice public speaking, as delivering a speech in front of 500 people can be a daunting task if you're not prepared.

4. Who's your favorite Roman emperor and why?

My favorite emperor is Caligula, because during his invasion of Britain he ordered his soldiers to pick up all the seashells on the beach as spoils of war. Another relevant Roman military campaign, in other words.

5. If you were a meme, which meme would you be?

I would be Bill, who's thinking about thos Beans.

# MEET THE WJCL BOARD, continued

## MICHAEL GINN, TECH COORDINATOR (CATHOLIC MEMORIAL)

1. What are you most excited to do as a WJCL officer?

Start designing a cool, useful mobile app!

2. What new changes do you plan to introduce?

I'm planning on doing some reorganization on the website, provide more useful stuff on it (like a Torch email subscription), and most of all, redesign the app. I have lots of ideas for cool features such as a state-wide chat, reference pages, and live updates.

3. Do you have any advice for people considering campaigning for your office in the future?

Play to your strengths. Figure out your area of expertise (website, mobile, communications) and stress that. Have work of your own that you can demonstrate. And find a tall friend to hang posters from the ceilings for you.

4. Who's your favorite Roman emperor and why?

Claudius, because he wasn't a typical Roman leader. He limped, had a speech impediment, and was excluded from public office for a while; yet he was one of the most effective and successful emperors.

5. If you were a meme which meme would you be?

#PopeBars (I swear this isn't another bad Catholic Memorial joke).



# ROMAN NUMERAL SUDOKU

For more puzzles like this, visit [mylatinlover.it](http://mylatinlover.it). Greek aficionados can find similar games using Greek letters.

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			II					VI
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Solution (reversed to prevent accidental cheating):

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III	IIIA	ΔI	II	XI	IIA	IA	Δ	I
Δ	XI	I	IIIA	IA	ΔI	III	II	IIA
II	III	IA	IIA	I	XI	Δ	ΔI	IIIA
IIIA	ΔI	IIA	III	II	Δ	I	IA	XI
IIA	II	III	IA	IIIA	I	ΔI	XI	Δ
IA	Δ	XI	ΔI	IIA	II	IIIA	I	III
ΔI	I	IIIA	XI	Δ	III	II	IIA	IA