

THE TORCH:

NATIONALS EDITION

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

Well, it's the end of Nationals and the start of another school year, but don't let that get you down! This issue of the Torch is the last hurrah of all of our awesome times at Emory. The Ludi, the Olympica, the contests, and all of our new friendships are contained within. So go ahead; pull up a chair next to the fireplace and grab a mug of hot cider with this issue of the Torch, because summer may be over, but our memories of it are not. Vale et atique,

Maddie Frank
WJCL Editor

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ADVICE



Dear Sybil,

I'm taking the plunge and moving up to Latin 2 this year. I really liked Latin 1, the myth, the history, even some of the Cambridge Latin stories; however, my grades weren't stellar. I managed a C, but that took a lot of work and after school help. I hear Latin 2 is way harder than Latin 1 and that makes me nervous as Hades! I could have taken a different class, like Crafts or Creative Foods, but I like Latin too much to quit, even if it's tanking my GPA. What can I expect this year in Latin and how can I keep my grades up?

Sincerely,
Nervous Nero

Nervous Nero,

It's great that you love Latin so much, but I can see why you're anxious. You want to keep at Latin because it interests you, not because of the grade. That's not something many people are brave enough to do. Lucky for you, I've been in your situation before and have found some tips to help you brave the not-so-scary Latin 2 world. First off, have you been studying the right way for you? That was one of my BIG mistakes. I used to spend hours upon hours of studying before a test and the best I could do was a C+. After a few months of this in Latin 1, my sister suggested to try different methods of studying, like flashcards, graphic organizers, rewriting notes, heck, even teaching an inanimate object Latin. Before, I was just reading straight from the textbook and redoing worksheets. By switching up my study methods, I was able to raise my grade up to a B+! Studying the best way for you is best for your grade. As for what you can expect in Latin 2? Nothing out of the ordinary. A few new tenses and some grammar, but nothing you can't handle. It's Latin 3 and 4 you have to worry about ☹.

Take care,
Sybil



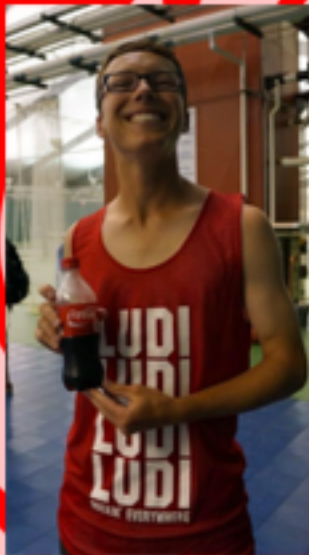
The end of Nationals is the harbinger of Fall as we, the members of the WJCL hang up our scarlet and ivory Ludi jerseys until that day in the not too distant future where we answer the call of the classics. Yes, Nationals, our lifeblood, our reply to all who ask "what is the meaning of life," has come and gone for the year. Oh, how we despair! But don't fret, my cheese loving comrades. We can revisit all of our wonderful memories thanks to Elena, the WJCL historian. Nationals may be over, but that does not mean we cannot look back at all of the spectacular memories made at Emory.



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NATIONALS



ACTIVITY AND BACK TO SCHOOL

ACTIVITY

Gladiator Cookies

What you need:

- Sugar
- Cookie Dough Log
- Gingerbread Man
- Cookie Cutters
- Frosting Tubes
- Candies



Instructions:

Roll out log. Take cookie cutter and cut cookies. Bake according to package instructions. Let cookies cool. Take frosting and candies. Decorate naked cookie gladiators till clothed. Eat.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The Torch needs YOU to report on your Latin club's happenings. Upcoming charity events? Competitions? How about an ice cream social? All make great additional stories in any issue of the Torch. The hard working editor here at the Torch can't get a scoop without your tips, so email her anytime at maddiefrank1012@yahoo.com or wjceditor@gmail.com. The Torch helps Latin clubs around the state stay connected so it's imperative that we all email in with potential stories. With your help we can lead the Torch to a WI victory!