



# JCL Newsletter

Junior Classical League | Latin Honor Society

## Meet Our Officers!

### Dillon Tarle President



A longtime lover of the classics, Dillon enjoys nature, history, reading, and writing. As resident history buff and returning co-president of CCHS's Junior Classical League, he is more than happy to bring enthusiasm to a supposed dead language. He looks forward to leading the society and bringing JCL to life on campus and online.

### Mica Acosta Vice President



Appreciative of all languages, especially those with such fascinating history, Mica also enjoys the rich mythology that explained the cycles and wonders of nature. A lover of the classics and the arts, Mica is excited to be able to share the enthusiasm she has with fellow classmates. As a natural scholar and this

## Elections in the Roman Republic

By Dillon Tarle

With election season upon us, everyone is being bombarded with countless ads and policy platforms. While many might think of the insanity of election season as a recent development in the modern world, it actually stems nearly as far back as democracy itself. If you



think America's elections are complicated, wait until you hear how the Roman Republic chose its leaders. For centuries the Roman *res publica* (translated as the public thing) thrived, with civil discourse and the gradual expansion of rights to the plebeians and citizenship to other Italians. Beneath a veneer upstanding virtue, the reality of Roman elections was that they were just as complicated as the ones present today. Elections were held annually, with 44 public offices elected to a 1 year term, with a campaigning season between 17 and 25 days. Each candidate would declare their candidacy through making a *professio*, or a profession to a magistrate that they are running for office before the start of an election season. Once their candidacy was announced, a politician would go to the Forum and begin meeting with voters while wearing the *toga candida*. While candidates could not hold political rallies, they could meet with supporters through hosting banquets and funding games. Despite the thousands of years that separate the present from the Roman Republic, the same tactics used by modern politicians were employed by Roman politicians. Candidates strove to establish relationships with the wealthy and worked to please as many people as possible, with campaign promises and flattery abundant. When Election Day finally arrived, Romans would be divided into different voting blocks for each separate election. The Centuriate Assembly, which divided all adult male citizens into 193 centuries, elected the offices of Consul, Praetor, and Censor. The Tribal Assembly, where the 35 tribes were based off where citizens lived, then elected the Quaestors and Curule Aediles. Finally, the Plebeian Council, which consisted of only Plebeians, elected Tribunes of the Plebs and Plebeian Aediles. Each

year's co-Vice President of Cathedral Catholic High School's Junior Classical League, she is ready to get the society into motion and is ready for what this year will hold.

**Amare Berry**  
**Co-President**



A latin fanatic member since he was able to join. Always up to a challenge and wants to be better. As of this year is know a co-president to JCL after being a member for some time. When he's not trying to unscramble the sacred text. He mostly enjoys fixing and maintaining remote control cars and enjoys Track & Field. Now coming into his last year is hoping that he can influence new coming students to join the ranks on JCL.

**Delanie Tasto**  
**Editor**



Delanie is beyond excited to be apart of the JCL officers and to be involved in her third year of Latin! While Delanie is outside of Ms. Webb's classroom you can find her on the sidelines cheering, on the field playing lacrosse or on the stage preforming in the musicals! Delanie hopes to bring new ideas and interesting content to JCL.

Century and Tribe voted amongst themselves to determine which candidate they would elect as a block, and thus to win an election each candidate had to win a majority of votes in the majority of voting blocks to win. As voting was done in collective voter blocks, it was initially not a secret process; voting was done orally with a tabulator keeping track of who voted for whom. After 139 BC, however, a secret ballot was introduced and poll watchers ensured the integrity of the election. This change reflected the increasing polarization of Roman politics and the fight to have votes be cast in a free and fair way. Even though voting in Rome gradually declined and eventually fizzled out once Augustus took control as the first emperor, Rome managed to maintain a working republic for over four centuries. Thus, the length and fate of the Roman Republic serves as a for current and future republics to improve upon.

## JCL NEWSLETTER SERVICE HOURS

*By Mica Acosta*

Members of the Junior Classical League are required to fulfill 4 hours of service in order to maintain membership in the society. We at JCL, in light of the pandemic, have created two new quarterly events to help every member obtain those hours. We are proud to announce that Cathedral's Junior Classical League is holding a quarterly book club week with two lunch meetings. Attendance of one book club meeting and a small paragraph emailed to [macostadinh2021@cchsdons.com](mailto:macostadinh2021@cchsdons.com) will earn a member 30 minutes of service; attendance of both meetings with a concise emailed paragraph will earn a member 1 hour of service. Additionally, Latin Trivia Night will now be held quarterly!! 30 minutes of service can be earned through submission of 20 trivia questions (with answers) to Ms. Webb and 30 minutes of service can be earned through participation in the Trivia Night itself. Please read the quarterly Junior Classical League Newsletter attached to the Cathedral Weekly Newsletter at the end of the quarter for more information on both of these opportunities! We at JCL are excited to see everyone in the new year!

## Autumncloud Taylor

### Co-historian



Hi Everyone! My name is Autumncloud Taylor, I am currently a senior and co-historian for the Latin Honor Society: Junior Classical League. I enjoy being a part of the Latin society because of all the amazing people and spontaneous humor that it entails. I love taking pictures and capturing a fun and beautiful moment right when it is happening. I am looking forward to another amazing year at Cathedral with our Honor Society to see how we together can make the community at CCHS more aware of the culture behind the language of Latin and bring a more concrete level of excitement for what we do. Veni Sancte Spiritus and Roll Dons!

**Jacob Norton**  
**Vice President**



My name is Jacob Norton and I'm super excited to be one of the JCL Vice President's for this year. I've been taking Latin for a long time and completed AP Latin last year, so I'm really passionate about being able to get together in an honor society with people that also take Latin. As VPs, Mica and I will mainly be in charge of organizing notes from the officer meetings and filling in where needed for Dillon. I will also be the primary officer in charge of keeping track of member hours and making sure everyone gets all 4 completed. We have some great plans for the future of JCL, and I'm excited to be a part of it.

**Gage Peckham**  
**Historian**



Hi everyone! My name is Gage Peckham, and I'm one of the historians for the Latin Honor Society. I've been taking Latin for four years, and I'm currently in AP Latin. I run cross country, track and field, and play soccer. I'm excited to be a part of this society this year, and I'm excited to see all the good things it holds.

