

The **Venta** Belgae

A student-run newsletter rooted in a shared love for Latin



“Wrapping Gifts”. M DeCamp

Happy Holidays from Latin Club!

Alex Casey

Latin club meets every Wednesday in an unassuming classroom. Yet within these walls lies an amalgam of passionate students, obsessed with the Latin language, and driven to share it with others. One of my favorite aspects of Winchester’s Latin Club lies in the omnipresent effort to assist local communities. Whether this is through card making, volunteering at the



What’s New with Latin Club?



What are our students doing outside of the classroom?



Special: How to celebrate the holidays like true latin students

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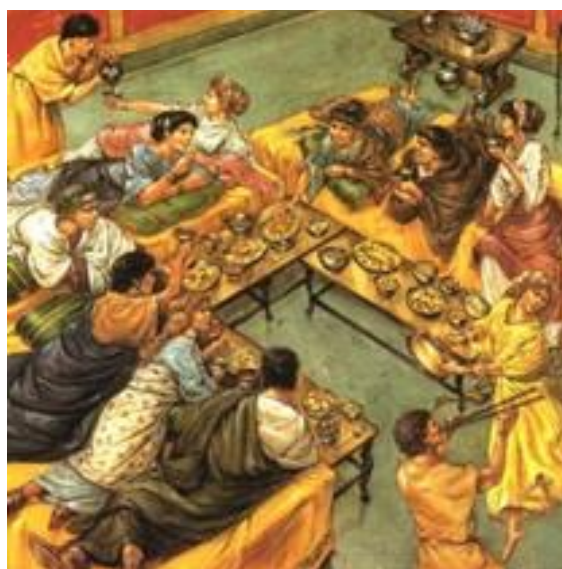
middle school, or teaching children at a local elementary school. However, my favorite activity lies in Latin Club's gift wrapping mission. This holiday season, students wrapped gifts at Henry Bear's Park in Arlington to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (picture above). There is nothing better than "passing it forward" during the holiday season. And through Latin Club, students have accessible opportunities to reflect on what is most important. For it is the bonds we forge, and the people we help that will truly define our holiday seasons. Happy Holidays from Latin Club, and go out and do something beneficial for the community!

Flashback: Ancient Roman Holidays

Lauren Lavey

Similar to the way that many students celebrate winter holidays, such as Christmas and Hannukah, ancient Roman people also enjoyed celebrating holidays. Beginning on December 17th, Romans celebrated Saturnalia, which was a festival to honor the deity Saturn. The celebration lasted until December 23rd. The celebration consisted of feasting, role reversals, gift-giving, and gambling. There was also a sacrifice at the Temple of Saturn in the forum. Although gambling was not usually permitted, it was popular during Saturnalia. Saturnia was a holiday that encouraged generosity. For example, masters would dine

with their slaves and often serve their slaves food. Slaves also had more freedom to speak without getting punished. The 19th of December was the day of gift-giving during Saturnalia. Gifts would often be a symbol of social status (continue on following page).



"Roman Holiday". Wikipedia.

HOW TO TALK LIKE YOU KNOW YOUR HOLIDAY

LILLIAN PICKELHAUPT

Winter - hiems

Wind - ventus

Coat - tunica

Snowy - nivus

It's snowing! - ningit

Snow - nix

Snowflake - stella nivosa

Snowflakes - nives

Ice - glacies

Cold - frigidus

Lights - lumina

Frost - pruina

White - albus

Icicle - stiria

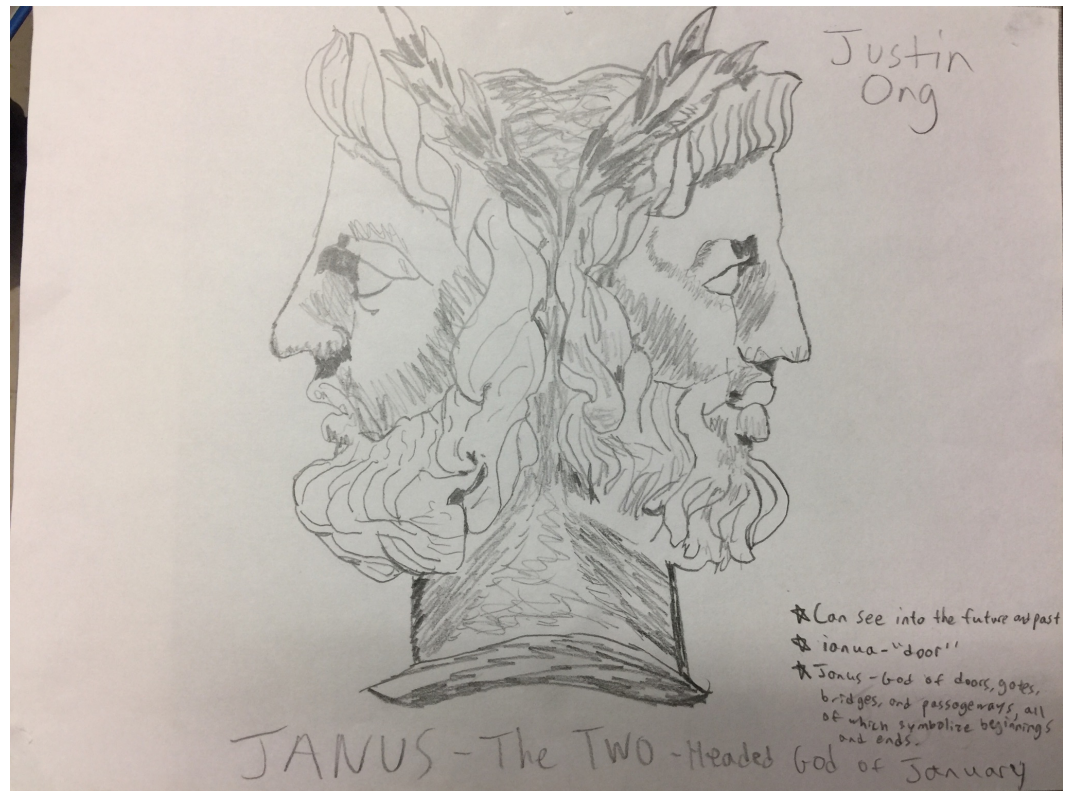
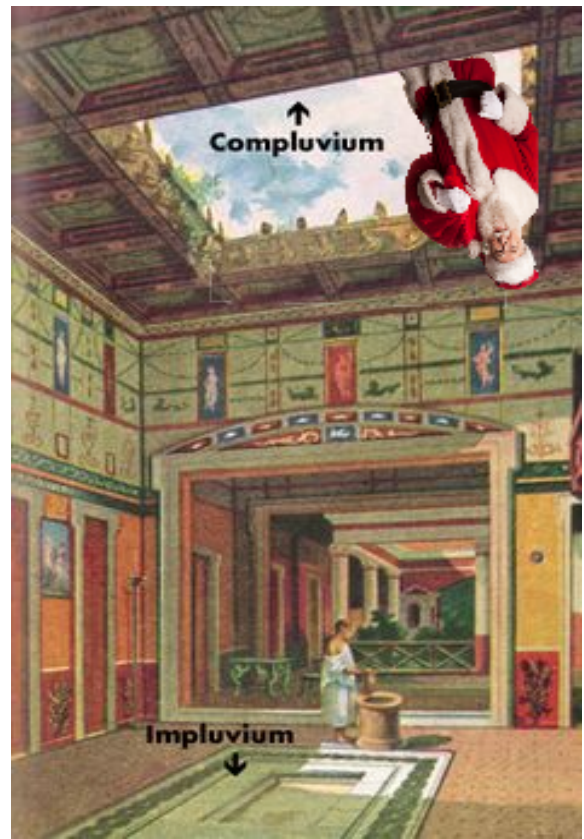
Snowman - virnivosus

Children received toys and adults received a variety of gifts such as pottery, wax figures, combs, pets, or even slaves. During the festival, people would shout, “Io Saturnalia!” to salute the festival.

Our Holiday Hero: Janus

Art: Justin Ong; Text: Alex Casey

Janus is the infamous god of beginnings and transitions. He is two faced because he is said to look both into the past and future. Janus was worshipped at the beginnings of the harvest and planting times, as well as marriages, births and other beginnings. He was representative of the middle ground between barbarity and civilization, rural country and urban cities, and youth and adulthood. The holidays are a time of self-awareness and perspective, and Janus most certainly helps us recognize what is important. Thus, as we embark on this journey into January, let Janus open new doors for us.



“Roman door”. Wikipedia

Word Search

Sophie Wilcox

Unleash your inner gladiator, and engage in a Latin battle with your family during the holidays! Whip out your pugio or gladius, and get ready, because this holiday word search is sure to get heated!



"Romans". Wikipedia.

Name: _____

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Roman Army

V I T I S S C U T U M A T O K
M J S C C W D C I N G U L U M
E S P D Z J D S F S S R V V X
A W O N A V L U S U I D A L G
G G I P R X L S U T A G E L B
I G T B S E I R A I L I X U A
L U I W X O Z E C C O E W C V
A M S X I O K E J R J O S O I
C T I G E B N C S E L I M H P
A E U T P T A A K X U T J O F
P P Q X U V A P Z E G P G R S
R F N R A U K R J G F O T T F
U Z I L A T A T N E M G E S A
U O R P I L U M P I I C N W A
N Y S A F A C I R O L R H F V

OPTIO	LEGATUS	CENTURION
COHORT	VITIS	CAVALRY
AUXILIARIES	CALIGAE	CINGULUM
LORICA	SEGMENTATA	SCUTUM
PILUM	PUGIO	GLADIUS
INQUISITIO	MILES	EXERCITUS

Our Gift to You

Daviana Englander & Julia Blakely

Take this holiday season to reinvent yourself! Choose your birthday to find your true Latin name.

January audax

February tristis

March perfidus

April furens

May infestus

June sclestus

July suavus

August immemor

September molestus

October clarus

November saevus

December insanus



“Roman Holiday”. Wikipedia.

1	barbarus	21	nuntius
2	sacerdos	22	pavo
3	haruspex	23	civis
4	imperator	24	flos
5	hostis	25	hospes
6	faber	26	psittacus
7	coquus	27	inimicus
8	rex, regina	28	rosa
9	amicus	29	senator
10	agnus	30	tabernius
11	mercator	31	custos
12	aquia		
13	agricola		
14	saxum		
15	fur		
16	ostreas		
17	centurion		
18	ursa		
19	pestis		



“Spartan”. Wikipedia.

Vale! Be sure to check out Winchester JCL's January edition, coming out on January 31!

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