



Wisconsin Junior Classical League

Non-Test Event Information

January 27-29, 2011

Inn on the Park and Memorial Union

Madison, WI

Memorized Passage Recitation Competition

The Oratory Competition includes an opportunity for students to choose a Latin passage – either prose or poetry – for presentation from memory. The guidelines are as follows:

Participants are to choose a passage of Latin which each must recite for the judges **from memory.**

The passage must be **50-100 words.**

A **copy of the passage in Latin**, the **participant's translation** AND a **paragraph explaining the reason for the choice of the passage** must be submitted to Mrs. Moschella or Mrs. Austino at least one hour before performance time, preferably the day before.

The recitation will be graded on pronunciation, expression reflecting an understanding of the passage as it is read, phrasing and meter (if applicable), fluidity and completeness of recitation, difficulty of selection, student's translation and explanatory paragraph. We will do the memorized passages Friday morning at the Union.

Sight Reading Competition (Oratory and Drama)

The Latin Oratory and Drama competition is designed for pairs of contestants, who may choose Level I, Level II or Advanced (for Latin III students and beyond). The latter is slightly more challenging in language and required action.

Contestants will be judged on (1) clear and consistent Latin pronunciation, (2) expression and emphasis, (3) teamwork and dramatic interpretation. You do not need to memorize the dialogues (you can read directly from the sheet which will be provided), but appropriate actions and vocal expression should accompany the dialogues. To assist you, translations of the dialogues will also be provided. **The sight reading passages for each level will be available for students to pick up following the General Assembly on Thursday evening.** Pairs of students perform their sight-reading on Thursday evening after the testing.

War Machine – *navis oneraria*

Challenge: To build a water-worthy replica of a Roman *navis oneraria* from tin foil. Since this is the Roman army's supply ship, the winner will be the boat that can bear the heaviest load, as measured by number of pennies that the ship can hold before sinking. Besides the physics, there is some artistry involved as all competing ships must look like the *oneraria* as pictured below:



Size: The body of the boat must be 12" prow to stern, although the front finial/rudder and rear sail may extend beyond the 12" because they are non-functional. The height of the sides of the boat may not exceed 6 ½ ". The height/usability of the main and rear sails/rudders/any moving parts are not regulated as they are non-functional but must be included in order to compete.

Building Materials: aluminum foil (understood as the product sold in grocery stores for food Storage)

Scotch tape

Bamboo skewers/string/tissue paper for masts/sails

Caveat: Nothing may be inserted between layers of tinfoil to increase buoyancy.

Judging criterion: The boat must float.

It must be able to receive pennies reasonably easily.

The winner will be chosen for its ability to hold the most pennies before sinking

Each boat will be floated in a washtub of water.

The top five winners will, *after competition*, be pierced with an ice pick at half inch intervals along the bottom and sides to confirm that only tinfoil has been used in construction

A tie will be addressed according to the aesthetics of the entry, since so much of the heritage of the Roman culture is also its architectural values (beauty, design, style).

- the aesthetic judging will be done by the team judging the convention art projects

Competition procedure:

- The contest is limited to one entry per school
- The results of the contest will contribute to sweepstakes points
- The goal is to award 1st through 5th places

Local Scrapbook

In creating your Local WJCL Chapter Scrapbook the following items should be taken into consideration:

- All materials should pertain to your Local WJCL Chapter, including Latin classes, field trips, club, etc.
- The materials must come from the period between and including the last State Convention and the upcoming State Convention. Materials from Nationals may be used.
- Each picture in the scrapbook should have a small explanation or caption

Restrictions:

- No scrapbook may be larger than 22x28 inches (poster board size)
- No scrapbook may be made in the shape of a scroll
- The scrapbook must be in one volume
- As per Nationals, No Glass Covers will be permitted, mica and Plexiglass will be allowed.
- All materials in the scrapbook must pertain to Latin, the Classics or the Junior Classical League, and must not be secondary or incidental in nature.

Judging Criteria:

- **Cover and Practicality of Scrapbook – 15 points**
 - o Artistic value, originality, sturdiness of workmanship, reinforcement of pages and binding
- **Originality and Creativity – 15 points**
 - o Captions, use of prose/poetry/literature, creative layout
- **Artwork – 25 points**
 - o Quantity, quality, and/or any handwritten work
- **Neatness – 10 points**
 - o Neatness, correctness of written work
- **Content – 20 points**
 - o Representation of the year, use of memorabilia, table of contents
- **Theme – 15 points**
 - o Coordination of artwork and theme, originality, overall unity of book

Most of the above mentioned judging criteria are the same as the National criteria. If a scrapbook excels at State, then it should perform well at the National Convention.

Impromptu Art

Challenge:

To create a Classical "Masterpiece" with given materials in 45 minutes or less.

- A competitor may be a single artist or groups of 2 – 4 artists from the same delegation. More than one team from a delegation may participate.

Competition Rules:

- Each group will be given a bag at the start of the competition. Open the bag you are given and examine the materials. You must wait until the moderator tells you to begin. Then you may color, cut, glue or whatever the items to create your "Masterpiece". **You must incorporate every item in the bag into your creation!**
- You will be given **45 minutes** to create, and the moderator will announce the theme for your masterpiece at the start of the competition. Some themes used in the past have related to classical structures, mythology, etc.
- The following materials will be available for all participants to use:
 - o Glue
 - o Construction Paper
 - o Newspaper
 - o Scissors
 - o Colored Pencils
 - o Markers
 - o Cardboard
 - o Stapler
 - o Tape

Judging Criteria:

- Inclusion of all required elements – 10 points
- Use of media and technique – 10 points
- Compositional considerations – 10 points
- Innovation/degree of difficulty – 10 points
- Presentation – 10 points

Costume Contest

This year's costume characters are:

- Boy – Charon
- Girl – Agave
- Couple – Io and Zeus

These are the same characters that have been selected by NJCL for the following summer NJCL convention.

Judging Criteria:

- **Authenticity – 50 points**
 - o Does the costume accurately portray the character? – 10 points
 - o Are the props and footwear appropriate in number and significance to the character? – 10 points
 - For couples only: Do couples complement each other?
 - o Are appropriate colors and adornments used? – 10 points
 - o Has the contestant prepared him/herself to explain details about his/her costumes? – 10 points
 - o Does the costume demonstrate knowledge of Roman or Greek clothing style? – 10 points
- **Attractiveness – 15 points**
 - o Are color combinations, hairstyles, and make-up complementary to the costume? – 5 points
 - o Are trims neatly attached and hems, seams, and edges straight? Garments clean and neat – 5 points
 - o Are appropriate sewing techniques used (no staples, tape, etc)? – 5 points
- **Craftsmanship – 20 points**
 - o How much of the costume was made by the contestant him/herself? Handmade/hand-crafted items? – 5 points
 - o Originality of costume – 5 points
 - o Craftsmanship of props – 5 points
 - o Are costume and props durable? – 5 points
- **Creativity of Interpretation – 5 points**
 - o Costume NOT oral presentation
- **Overall Effectiveness – 10 points**

State T-Shirt

Each school may submit one entry to be judged in the State T-shirt competition. The winning T-shirt will be reproduced to represent the Wisconsin delegation at Nationals. The T-shirt must display theme and have the image saved to a computer disk.

Judging Criteria:

- Adherence to theme – 10 points
- Accuracy – 10 points
- Originality/Creativity – 10 points
- Degree of Skill – 10 points
- Overall Effect – 10 points

Art Competition

Categories:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Graphic Art – includes posters and cartoons
- Photography
- Handicraft – includes decorative stitching, jewelry, and textiles
- MGD – includes models, games, and dolls
- MSP – includes mosaics, sculpture, and pottery
- T-shirt – must display theme and submit image electronically. 1st place T-shirt will represent the Wisconsin National Delegation
- Scrapbook – The period for the local scrapbook must be between last State Convention and the upcoming State Convention.
 - o Materials should pertain to your school's Latin classes, field trips, club, etc.
 - o Each picture should have a caption
 - o A table of contents should be included
 - o The following restrictions apply:
 - _ May not be larger than 22x28 inches (poster board size)
 - _ No scrolls
 - _ Only one volume
 - _ No glass covers
 - _ All materials must pertain to Latin, the Classics, or the JCL
 - o If a scrapbook excels at State Convention, then it should perform well at National Convention.

Judging Criteria for all Art Categories, except T-shirt and Scrapbook:

- Adherence to classical theme – 5 points
- Accuracy/Authenticity – 5 points
- Originality/Creativity – 10 points
- Adherence to Rules – 5 points
- Design and Color – 5 points
- Degree of Skill – 5 points
- Neatness – 5 points
- Overall Effect – 10 points

Judging Criteria for T-shirt:

- Adherence to theme – 10 points
- Accuracy – 10 points
- Originality/Creativity – 10 points
- Degree of Skill – 10 points
- Overall Effect – 10 points

Judging Criteria for Scrapbook:

- Cover and Practicality – 15 points
 - o Artistic value, originality, sturdiness of workmanship, reinforcement of pages, binding
- Originality and Creativity – 15 points
 - o Captions, use of prose/poetry/literature, creative layout
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Impromptu Essay

Students will have up to one hour to write an essay. The theme and required format will be announced at the beginning of the session. Themes may be taken from a wide variety of topics: Ancient Roman culture, customs, mythology, or the Latin language. Students are not allowed any resources aside from their beautiful minds.

Students will be competing against those of their same grade level (i.e. all 9th graders compete against each other regardless of what level of Latin they are taking).

Judging Criteria:

- format (legibility and adherence to directions)
- mechanics (correct use of English)
- content (accurate details, appropriate to the student's level)
- coherence (overall excellence in addressing the theme)