

## Note From the Editor:

Salvete Omnes,

This edition of the Torch is chockfull of stories about Brookfield East High School, where I attend. If you want to diversify this publication, which I do, send me stories as often as possible, and make sure your club gets more representation in their organization.

On the other hand, school is almost over, or is over for some of you. I know all of you are parting from your Latin clubs with tears in your eyes and wonderful memories in your minds as you part ways from, let's face it, the best club at your school. And a special shout-out to all you seniors graduating—wherever you go, just remember that the WJCL will always be with you.

~Teddy Stavropoulos, WJCL Editor

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## Poster Contest Winners

Mea culpa. While preparing the last edition of the Torch, I forgot to include the winners of the poster contest. The winner of the State poster contest was Homestead High School. The winner of the National poster contest was Brookfield East High School.

## Harvard Certamen

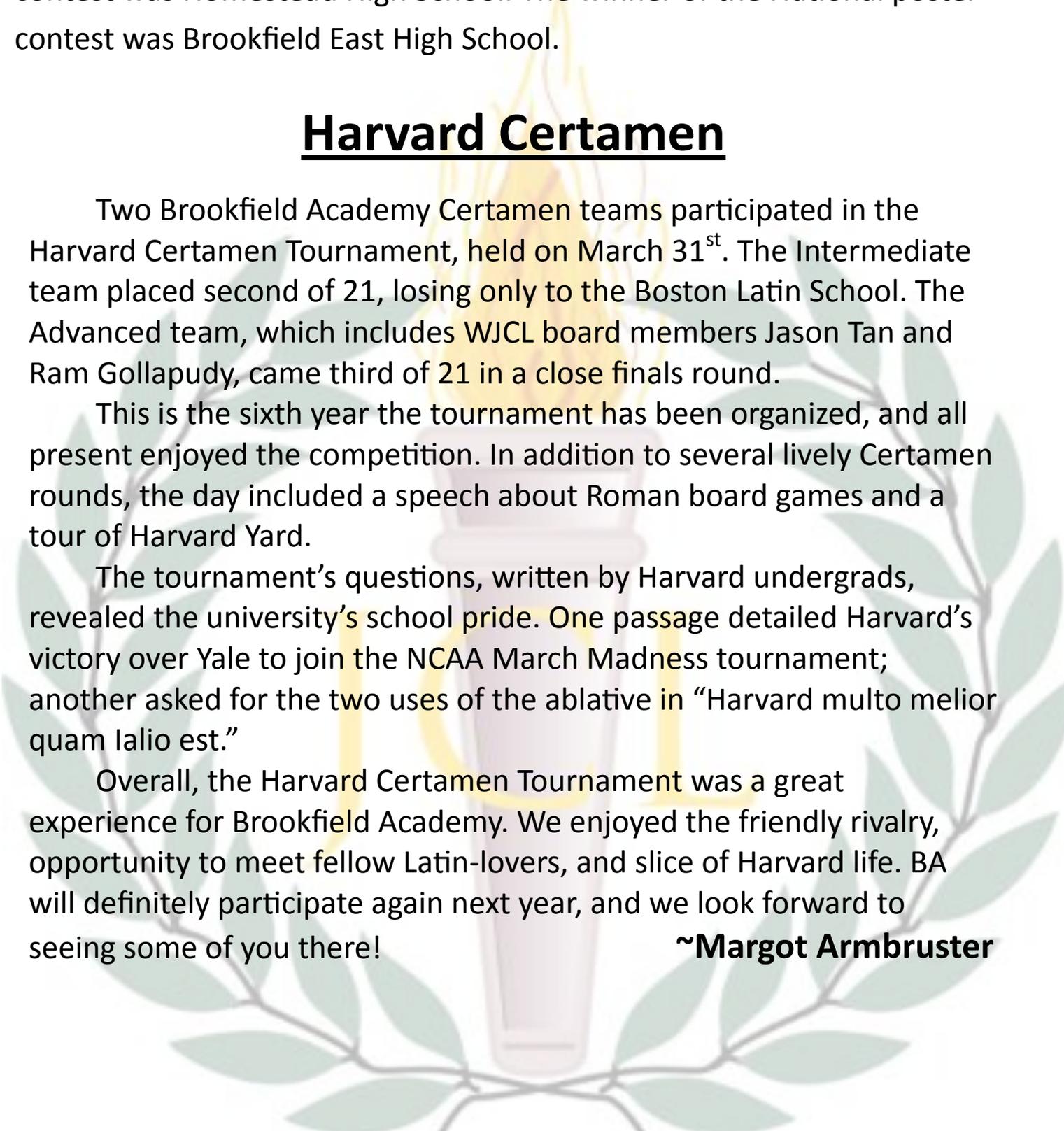
Two Brookfield Academy Certamen teams participated in the Harvard Certamen Tournament, held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Intermediate team placed second of 21, losing only to the Boston Latin School. The Advanced team, which includes WJCL board members Jason Tan and Ram Gollapudy, came third of 21 in a close finals round.

This is the sixth year the tournament has been organized, and all present enjoyed the competition. In addition to several lively Certamen rounds, the day included a speech about Roman board games and a tour of Harvard Yard.

The tournament's questions, written by Harvard undergrads, revealed the university's school pride. One passage detailed Harvard's victory over Yale to join the NCAA March Madness tournament; another asked for the two uses of the ablative in "Harvard multo melior quam Ialio est."

Overall, the Harvard Certamen Tournament was a great experience for Brookfield Academy. We enjoyed the friendly rivalry, opportunity to meet fellow Latin-lovers, and slice of Harvard life. BA will definitely participate again next year, and we look forward to seeing some of you there!

**~Margot Armbruster**



# National Classics Week

## Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy students had a fantastic National Classics Week. They baked birthday cakes for Rome on Monday and wore togas on Tuesday. Wednesday's activity was the race to capture a stuffed Pegasus (from Disney's *Hercules*) and return him for a reward. *The hunt did grow violent at times, but no permanent injuries ensued.*

On Thursday, students answered trivia questions about Roman culture and customs. They wore BA Latin Club t-shirts on Friday, and they donated art supplies to give to a local, needy school.

Brookfield Academy's celebration of National Classics Week was spirited and lively. We gladly took the opportunity to show our Classics pride, and we had fun doing so.

~Margot Armbruster

## Mid-Season Certamen

On Sunday, April 26th, a group of avid certamen players congregated at Marquette University High School for the first annual Mid-Season Certamen Tournament. Three levels competed- novice (Level 1), intermediate (Level 2), and advanced (Levels 3 and beyond),



and students divided into teams with students from other schools- to promote interaction. Each level consisted of three rounds, and one student from each level was determined to be the MVP. The MVPs- pictured below in order by level- were James Kearney from MUHS, Adam Abuhajir from BA, and Emma Lenz from BA. Each winner received a gift card, eternal glory, and obvious bragging rights.

# National Classics Week

## Marquette University High School

Each school has its own traditions for National Classics Week—some do bake sales, others Toga days, the list goes on. Marquette High, however, in the true spirit of competition, holds our own chariot races. Each student in Latin forms a group with a few other students and they work together to build a “chariot” (rather loosely defined, as it can include such things as wagons) for racing. On the appointed day, all the students descend on the parking lot and from there we race. The tournament consists of an NCAA style single elimination bracket with champions at both the freshman and sophomore level as well as the junior and senior level. Following an incredibly intense final, the freshman champions narrowly edged out those from the senior division, taking home the chariot race crown and eternal glory (they really take home nothing). It was a fun day and should be good next year as well! Vae Victis!

~Michael Kearney (WJCL President)

## Ludi Floriales

Over at Brookfield East, they celebrated the Ludi Floriales, which gave glory to Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers. The Latin club decorated the hallways with garlands of paper flowers. Yoda, one of their



## Krispy Kreme Sales

For the past few months since convention, Brookfield East has been selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts to the students to raise money to lower the cost of National convention. The 1st vice president, Paul Weiskopf conjured the idea, and each morning retrieved the doughnuts to bring to school, eternally working for the greater welfare of the club. East's Latin club raised over \$600 for its members attending Nationals. Way to go!



## MadWest Visits UWM

This past March, 27 Madison West High School Latin students accompanied Magistra Stone to the University of Wisconsin Madison open campus, and listened in on a variety of interesting and



informative speakers and professors talking about ranging topics, such as Ancient Philosophy and Medical Terms Derived from Latin.. The students spent the day with the UW



## End of the Year Party BEHS

Brookfield East High School, in one last Latin club event, will host a party for their last meeting. As it has been in previous years, the party will be a “meat sweats” party, and will consist of a lot of meat being consumed to cause everyone to perspire profusely. Hopefully this will remind all of the Latin students to continue to attend Latin club next year and provide a chance to mingle with other Latin students one last time before some go away to college. The students, when this idea had the slightest opposition, vehemently insisted upon this party going the way they wanted, until finally all agreed.



## Nationals Blurb

Obligatory National convention blurb. Sign up for National convention is closed, so hopefully we got a good amount of delegates signed up before it closed last month. We will be going to San Antonio on July 27th, and hopefully we can carry on the Wisconsin Iudi legacy. See you in July.