

LATIN CONVENTION SIGN UP INFO



Who can sign up?

- Any student currently taking Latin at DSHA

What is Latin Convention?

- Latin Convention is a 3-day, state-wide extravaganza put on by the Wisconsin Junior Classical League (WJCL) for over 500 middle and high school Latin students in Madison, WI. Interested? Ask Magistra Knight for more info!

When is Convention this year?

- Thursday, January 31st – Saturday, February 2nd.

When can I sign up?

- Seniors (regardless of Latin level): Monday, September 17th
- Juniors (regardless of Latin level): Tuesday, September 18th
- Sophomores (regardless of Latin level): Wednesday, September 19th
- Freshmen (regardless of Latin level): Thursday, September 20th

What do I need to sign up?

- A packet of signed forms, which you can pick up from Magistra Knight
- \$100 first payment (If you receive financial aid from DSHA, you can sign up with a \$50 first payment and a completed aid form from Ms. Ognacevic.

How much does Convention cost?

- \$275– however, this may fluctuate a little depending on how many students sign up. Your school account must be in good standing with the business office at both the time of sign up and departure.

How many spots are there?

- 62!

I have more questions!

- Great! Email or come talk to Magistra Knight. Or talk to one of our Latin Club presidents, Annie Voss and Alexandra Alberts.



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Why should I attend Latin Convention?

- Convention is a great way to test your Latin knowledge in a fun, stress-free way. Who wouldn't want to compete in a costume contest dressed as a historically-accurate whirlpool (Scylla and Charybdis)? Who wouldn't want to build a working ancient catapult and test its accuracy and distance?
- School pride! Every event in which you compete earns you points for your school. DSHA is a staple of the WJCL and intends to remain a strong competitor.
- Friendships! Not only do you get to attend Convention with your friends from DSHA, but it is a fantastic way to meet other students from across Wisconsin. Over 500 students attend every year, from schools like Marquette UHS, Brookfield Academy, Homestead HS, Catholic Memorial, Madison West HS, and Wayland Academy, just to name a few! Often, students attend Convention all four years; it becomes like a summer camp, a haven for friendships formed around a communal love of the Latin language and Roman culture.
- Fun! We cheer until our voices are hoarse. We dress up in togas for a Roman banquet. We recreate Vergil out of pipe cleaners. We throw pies at the WJCL officers. Convention is a highlight of the year for all those who attend.

Can I get more involved?

- Yes! Every year at Convention, elections are held for the positions on the WJCL board. These are all held by high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors from across the state. The WJCL board meets once a month to plan Convention, our visit to the National Convention in July, and Latin-related events throughout the year. For more information, visit www.wjcl.org.

How can I get more information?

- Email Magistra Knight at knightl@dsha.k12.wi.us. Also, check out www.wjcl.org and the Latin Club page on the DSHA website!