

GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRIMA LINGUA LATINA CLASSES

Prima Lingua Latina I, II and III

Prima Lingua Latina is an introduction to Latin and a preparatory course for students who plan to continue taking Latin in the Upper School. Using much of the same vocabulary in the first 6 chapters of the Upper-School text, *Lingua Latina*, students will learn basic grammar, declensions, and Latin sayings. Students in this class will also be introduced to the geography of Rome, Roman culture and history, and Latin songs and prayers. This half-hour class is offered at three different levels: Level I, Level II (for those who have already completed Level I) and Level III (for those who have completed Level II).

The Prima Lingua Latina classes are not a prerequisite to Upper School Latin. While students will benefit greatly from taking the Prima Lingua Latina classes prior to Upper School Latin, most students begin our Upper School Latin classes without the benefit of the Prima Lingua Latina classes and have done outstanding in their Latin studies!

OTHER LATIN OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Memory Period – Amanda White

All students are invited to attend a 10-minute memory period of Latin drill. Students will chant Latin declensions and conjugations. There is no cost to attend Memory Period.

Roman Culture - Susan Schearer

Once a month, our Latin teacher Susan Schearer presents an engaging slide presentation or dramatization on a different aspect of Roman culture. This presentation is open to all students and families enrolled in the Classical Cottage School as long as a parent is with the children and they are able to sit quietly and not detract from the learning process. We strongly encourage Latin students participating in Certamen to attend this program. There is no cost to attend.

Junior Classical League

Grammar School students may enroll in the Virginia Junior Classical League with the payment of member fees of \$5/student. Their membership in VJCL will allow a greater number of our Upper School Latin students to attend the VJCL State Convention traditionally held at the Richmond Convention Center on the Sunday and Monday just before Thanksgiving. Visit www.virginiajcl.org for more information.