

UPPER SCHOOL LATIN PROGRAM

Latin 1/2 or Latin 1/3 through AP Latin V

Instructors: Susan and Hartley Schearer; Wendy Gooditis

Classical Cottage School's Upper School curriculum has three core strands that are essential for the purpose of developing the tools of learning. Each strand comprises six years of study: Latin, Progymnasmata/Logic/Rhetoric, and Omnibus, and are intended for mature middle school or high school students. Below is information pertaining to our Latin core courses at CCS. Not all courses are offered every year. Refer to the CCS schedules for more information on what is currently available.

CLASSICAL CORE LATIN COURSES:

Latin I (Upper Elementary School): Intro to Latin, Latin I and Latin IA over three years

Latin I (Middle School): Latin 1/2 and Latin 2/2 over two years

Latin II

Latin III

Latin IV

AP Latin V

Introduction to Latin (formerly Latin 1/3) – Instructor: Hartley Schearer

This is year 1 of a three-year sequence of Latin One for upper elementary students (ages 9—11) who are ready to begin *Lingua Latina* at a slower pace than the Latin ½ class. This course will cover chapters 1—8 of the text. Students in this course should be able to read, write, and develop note-taking skills. Families who begin this class need to understand that it is a three-year commitment and that a parent **MUST** attend the class even if that parent is participating in a higher-level Latin course with another child. Homework will require 45-minutes of focused Latin study every day and students will need a great deal of assistance at home.

Latin 1 (formerly called Latin 2/3) – Instructor: Hartley Schearer

PREREQUISITE: Intro to Latin or equivalent

This is year 2 of a three-year sequence of Latin One for upper elementary students. Students must have completed Intro to Latin (or equivalent) successfully in order to continue. This course will cover chapters 9—16 of the *Lingua Latina* text. A parent **MUST** attend the class even if that parent is participating in a higher-level Latin course with another child. Homework will require 45-minutes of focused Latin study every day and students will need a great deal of assistance at home.

Latin 1A (formerly called Latin 3/3) – Instructor: Hartley Schearer

PREREQUISITE: Latin 1 or equivalent

This class is the third part of a three-year Latin course for our upper elementary students (approximately ages 10—12) who are tackling *Lingua Latina* at a slower pace. This year, students will work through chapters 17—24 of the text. Students must have

completed Latin 1 (through chapter XVI) successfully in order to continue. A parent MUST attend the class with the student. Homework will require 45 minutes of focused Latin study every day and students likely will need a great deal of assistance at home.

Latin 1/2 - Instructor: Hartley Schearer

This beginning Latin course is the first half of Latin 1 for middle school or high school students. Chapters 1-12 of *Lingua Latina* will be covered in this class which equals ½ high school credit. A parent is required to attend class with the student so that proper assistance can be given at home. We recommend this level for students in grades 6 and up who are strong readers and are ready to develop serious study skills. Homework will require 1 hour of focused Latin study every day by both the student and parent.

Latin 1 (2/2) – Instructor: Hartley Schearer

This year-long course is the second half of Latin 1 for middle school or high school students. Chapters 13—24 of *Lingua Latina* will be covered in this course which, together with Latin ½, equals 1 high school credit for foreign language. A parent is required to attend class with the student so that proper assistance can be given at home.

INSTRUCTOR BIO: Hartley Schearer has a BA in Classics from Hampden-Sydney College and an MA in Education from James Madison University. He was a Latin teacher and co-Librarian at Randolph-Macon Academy from 1968 to 1973 and at Daniel Morgan Middle School from 1973 to 2000.

SECOND YEAR LATIN AND ADVANCED LATIN COURSES

Latin II – Instructor: Susan Schearer or Wendy Gooditis

PREREQUISITE: Latin 2/2, Latin 1A or equivalent.

This course completes the minimum requirement of two years of a foreign language in high school. Students must have completed Latin 2/2 or Latin 1A successfully in order to register. Students will begin with Chapters 25—30 of *Lingua Latina* but will end the year reading “Jason and Medea” as they delve deeper into Latin case terminology. As with all CCS Latin classes, a parent is required to attend class with the student so that proper assistance can be given at home. Homework will require 1 hour of focused Latin study every day and students likely will need a great deal of parental monitoring and support.

Latin III – Instructor: Susan Schearer

PREREQUISITE: Latin II or equivalent.

This course centers on the study of Latin literature, primarily literature about Roman history. Students will read and analyze excerpts from such authors as Livy, Tacitus, and Eutropius, reading actual selections from Caesar, Cicero, and Catullus at the end of

the school year. Prerequisite is successful completion of Latin II. As with all CCS Latin classes, a parent is required to attend class with the student so that proper assistance can be given at home. Homework will require 1 hour of focused Latin study every day and students likely will need a great deal of parental monitoring and support.

Latin IV – Instructor: Susan Schearer

PREQUISITE: Latin III

The first semester of Latin IV will be a continuation of Latin III with a focus on Roman history, buildings, and literature during the period of the emperors with readings from Vergil, Ovid, Horace, Petronius, Pliny, and Martial. During the second semester, students will read and analyze the first two books of Vergil's *Aeneid* to get a head start on AP Latin V. This course requires at least 1 hour of focused Latin study every day.

AP Latin – Instructor: Susan Schearer

PREQUISITE: Latin IV

Students in AP Latin will focus on reading and analysis of Rome's great epic poem, *The Aeneid*, by Vergil. This is an Advanced Placement course, requiring at least 1 to 2 hours of daily work, for students who have proved their grammar and translation skills in Latin IV. Students will learn skills of analysis and comprehension of the Latin text in class discussions and frequent essays. Students are encouraged to take the AP test in May to prove their accomplishments in Latin at this level.

INSTRUCTOR BIOS:

Susan Schearer has a BA in Classics from Randolph-Macon Woman's College and an MA in Classics from Indiana University. She taught Latin at Handley High School in Winchester, VA from 1970—2000. She has been teaching students at the Classical Cottage School for the past 8 years and has introduced us all to the joys of conventions and Certamen.

Mrs. Schearer will continue to read advanced Latin with interested and able students at her house after they have completed the CCS Latin program. Authors are chosen according to student interests, appropriate content and level of difficulty. These students also have the option of beginning ancient Greek.

Wendy Gooditis has been a devoted Latin student of her Magistra Susan Schearer since Cottage School began and now in her eighth year with her (on top of two years in high school), greatly enjoys the study of Latin still, with no intention of letting it lapse! She has supported her two children through a combined 14 years of Latin, both of them avid students yet. Wendy holds a BS in Communications from Rutgers University and is currently working toward her Master's of Education at Shenandoah University.

OTHER LATIN OPPORTUNITIES

Certamen: Competitive - Teri Manion/Nancy Juday

Latin students who enjoy challenging games are invited to compete in our Competitive Certamen program. Questions test participants' knowledge of Roman history and culture, Latin grammar, and Greek/Roman mythology. A fast-paced 15-minute practice session will occur at 12:30 PM (opposite Memory Period) every Thursday, and a one-hour practice session will follow Roman Culture on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Students will be encouraged to purchase a Certamen Notebook for \$15 and must pay dues of \$30 for admission to competitions. Approximately 8 competitions will be held in various locations throughout the state. For more information, go to www.vjcl.org and click on "Certamen".

Junior Classical League

CCS Latin students are enrolled in the Virginia Junior Classical League with the payment of member fees of \$5/student. The VJCL State Convention is traditionally held at the Richmond Convention Center on the Sunday and Monday just before Thanksgiving. Students may participate in this event with the approval of their Latin teacher. Those in grades 7 and up may choose to participate in the National Junior Classical League that occurs one week every summer (usually in late July). Students will receive information on these conventions from their Latin teachers at the appropriate time. Meanwhile, visit www.vjcl.org for more information.

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. Cost: free. No sign-up is required.

Roman Culture - Susan Schearer

Once a month our Latin teacher, Susan Schearer, presents an engaging illustrated 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. No registration for these presentations is necessary. We strongly encourage Latin students participating in Certamen to attend this program. There is no cost to attend.

CCS students may register to participate in the National Latin Exam, the National Mythology Exam, the Medusa Mythology Exam, and the Latin Tournament of the Classical Association of Virginia.