

## MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

### Chapel

**Carolyn Leeds**

Families who would like to hear an inspiring Christian message as part of their day at CCS are invited to attend “Chapel” in Discipleship Hall each Thursday morning from 10:40 - 10:55 a.m. (between 2nd and 3rd period). The Chapel session begins with students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by school announcements from the Principal and the Student Council. Local pastors or priests and the fathers of our families especially, are invited to lead this devotional time with stories, songs, or Bible readings. We invite you to join the CCS community for this joyful time of fellowship and prayer.

### Competitive Certamen

**Dianne Klopp**

Latin students who enjoy challenging trivia-type 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. Practice sessions are held every Thursday from 3:30—4:30 pm, and a one-hour practice session also follows Roman Culture presentations on the second Thursday of the month. Approximately 8 competitions will be held in various locations throughout the state. Students must pay annual dues of \$30 for admission to competitions. For more information, go to [www.virginiajcl.org](http://www.virginiajcl.org) and click on “Certamen”. Families registered at CCS will receive information on how to sign up in early fall. Contact Dianne Klopp if you have further questions.

### Classical Enrichment Presentations

**(organized by Latin Faculty with various presenters)**

A classical education should provide rich opportunities to learn about the cultures, customs, history, and language of the ancient Greek and Roman civilizations. Once a month, CCS offers such an opportunity with engaging presentations or dramatizations which might focus on aspects of the Latin or Greek language, mythology, history, or on the culture of those who lived in the ancient world. These enrichment sessions are typically held the 2nd Thursday of most months throughout the school year from 2:00-3:30 p.m. The presentations are open to all students and families enrolled in Classical Cottage School; there is no cost and no sign-up is required. Please note that CCS students participating in Certamen are **required** to attend.

At times, concurrent sessions for parents on various topics (not necessarily classical in nature) will also be offered, same day and time. During these parent-only sessions, an adult supervisor will be available to chaperone students attending the Cultural Enrichment presentations. The parent sessions will be coordinated by Leila Robertson.

### Junior Classical League

**Nancy Juday**

Upper School Latin and Greek students are automatically enrolled in the Virginia Junior Classical League. The VJCL State Convention is traditionally held at the Richmond Convention Center on the Sunday and Monday just before Thanksgiving. Students in Latin 2/3 and up 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 Convention 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.virginiajcl.org](http://www.virginiajcl.org) or contact Nancy Juday for more information.

**Memory Period**

**Nancy Juday**

All students are invited to attend a 15-minute memory period of Latin drill from 8:10—8:25 a.m. on Thursday mornings. Students will chant Latin noun declensions, verb conjugations, pronouns, prayers and more. Memory Period is a great help for all Latin students, but especially for those new to the language. Cost: FREE No sign-up is required.

**CCS Student Council**

**Nancy Juday**

Classical Cottage School offers students an opportunity to become involved in student government. The CCS student body nominates and elects a seven-member student council each spring, and these members serve a one-year term for the duration of the following school year. The Student Council holds monthly meetings, seeks student input and counsel, coordinates social events for CCS students, and offers service opportunities for students to share their time and talent to benefit the greater local community. Offices include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, At-Large CCS Social/Educational Events Planner, At-Large CCS Charitable Events Planner, and Middle School Delegate. All current high school aged CCS students in good standing are eligible to run for office, and middle school aged students may run for Middle School Delegate. Please contact Nancy Juday at [nancy@thejudaygroup.com](mailto:nancy@thejudaygroup.com) to learn more.