

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS

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 to 10:55 a.m. 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. 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.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.

Junior Classical League

Deanna Solomon

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 or contact Deanna Solomon for more information.

Memory Period

Deanna Solomon

All students are invited to attend a 15-minute memory period of Latin drill from 8:10—8:25 a.m. on Thursdays. Students will chant Latin noun declensions, verb conjugations, pronouns, prayers and much 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.

Roman Culture Enrichment Presentations

Susan Schearer

Learning a language without learning something about the people who speak/spoke it is similar to a child who colors a whole page with the same color. You will appreciate your Latin studies far more by learning more about the ancient Romans. Even if you are not taking Latin (yet), learning about the past is fascinating! Once a month, our Latin teacher Susan Schearer presents an engaging slide presentation or dramatization on a different aspect of Roman culture - history, mythology, or daily life - and offers us a pictorial tour of Roman sites and ruins across the ancient world! These enrichment sessions are usually held the 2nd Thursday of most months throughout the school year from 2:00-3:00 p.m. 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 distract others. We strongly encourage all students, especially Latin students, to attend this program. (Latin students participating in Certamen are required to attend.) 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 age CCS students in good standing are eligible to run for office, and middle school age students may run for Middle School Delegate. Please contact Nancy Juday at nancy@thejudaygroup.com to learn more.