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I am writing this letter to announce plans for this year's NYSJCL Fall Festival Invitational Certamen. The annual certamen has always been a hugely successful event. It has given students from all over the state an opportunity to gather, meet other Latin students, have fun, and compete. It offers them an afternoon of excitement, a chance to win honors, and it helps bring energy and enthusiasm to what we teach. Those who have participated before know well all of the benefits of attending. I strongly encourage all those who have never attended to consider this year offering your students this opportunity. I thank everyone who has assisted with this event in the past and ask again for your help.

The annual NYSJCL Fall Festival Invitational Certamen will be held on Saturday, December 7th, from 12pm to 8pm at

**East Aurora High School
1003 Center Street
East Aurora, NY 14052**

East Aurora High School is located just south of the 400 expressway that branches off the I90 near Buffalo. Please plan to arrive between 12 and 12:30.

This event will include: team certamen, pair competition using CPS clickers, online individual exams, volleyball, basketball, open certamen, chess, videos, XBOX One, T-shirt contest, poster contest, and a dance. The cost will be \$20 per student. Chaperones and teachers are free! Dinner will be provided (pasta dinner with sides, cookies, and cola). Trophies will be awarded to first place certamen teams; first place medals will be awarded to all first place students, and ribbons for second and third place. Please make all checks payable to East Aurora Schools. Please send a completed information sheet (q.v. enclosed) and payment to:

attn: Brian Serwicki
East Aurora High School
1003 Center Street
East Aurora, NY 14052

All information sheets and payments must be received by Friday, November 29th. Any questions or concerns, feel free to contact bserwicki@eastauroraschools.org or (716)228-6119.

Detailed Information

1. **PERMISSION SLIPS:** Each participant is required to have written permission of a parent or guardian to attend. A sample form is enclosed. The permission slip must be in the possession of the local sponsor.
2. **ATHLETIC PERMISSION:** Each student participating in volleyball or basketball must have the express permission of a parent to compete. Signature of the school's nurse is recommended. A sample form is enclosed. The permission slip must be in possession of the local sponsor. Students must bring sneakers to participate in athletic events.
3. **RULES:** Participants are advised of the following rules established by NYJCL:
 - a) NO smoking on school grounds.
 - b) NO use of illegal substances (e.g. alcohol, drugs)
 - c) NO leaving the school building
 - d) NO entering rooms or areas which have not been designated for this event.
 - e) NO food or drink is allowed outside the cafeteria.
 - f) Athletic or rubber-soled shoes ONLY are allowed on the gym floor.
 - g) Bullae (nametags) must be worn at all times. They are your dinner tickets.
 - h) ANY sponsor or chaperone is directed to correct inappropriate behavior and every student is expected to comply with such directions.
 - i) Valuables cannot be secured and should be left at home.
 - j) RESPECTFULNESS and SPORTSMANSHIP are paramount!
4. **CHAPERONES:** Adult supervision is very important for the safety and enjoyment of all participants. Sponsors must provide ONE ADULT CHAPERONE FOR EVERY 15 STUDENTS. All sponsors and chaperones will be assigned supervisory duties.
5. **REGISTRATION:** Schools should arrive promptly between 12:00PM and 12:30PM. Busses should drop students and chaperones off at the High School main entrance in the large parking lot that comes off Maple Road. **Register your group in the main lobby of the high school.** From there you will be directed to find seats in the cafeteria for the orientation and opening exercises.
6. **ATTENDANCE:** Every student must be involved in an activity at all times.
7. **ACADEMICS:** Five academic tests (Derivatives, Mythology, Roman Culture and Civilization, Pentathlon and Grammar) will be given, four of which will be for all levels of Latin. The Grammar test will be for levels 2 and above. Level ½ (Jr. High students who will complete Latin I NEXT school year); Level 1A (students taking Latin I for the first time and who will complete Latin I this academic year), Latin 1B (students who took Latin ½ last year); Level II, Level III and Level IV/V.

8. **CERTAMEN:** Each school may enter UP TO THREE TEAMS AT EACH LEVEL. Additional teams may be added only if there is space. *Students involved in certamen should understand that this event receives priority over any other activity.* Students MAY NOT switch teams during the certamen session.

9. **OPEN CERTAMEN:** will be offered following competitive certamen. This is played with mixed teams for fun and increased participation.

10. **VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

- a) There are two levels of competition: Junior High (Grades 7,8 &9) and Senior High (Grades 10,11 & 12). A junior high student may play on a senior high team, but a senior high student may NOT play on a junior high team. A student may play on ONLY one team.
- b) A team may consist of 6 to 16 players with 6 players on the floor at one time. AT LEAST TWO PLAYERS ON THE FLOOR MUST BE GIRLS unless, of course, it is a single sex school.
- c) Each school may enter two teams at each level. If there are not enough students for a team, the school may opt to join a mixed team.

11. **BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT:** There are four levels of competition: Junior High Girls and Boys (Grades 7,8 &9) and Senior High Girls and Boys (Grades 10,11 & 12).

12. **CHESS:** This tournament will be single elimination. *Please bring a chess set.*

13. **NYSJCL T-SHIRT DESIGN:** NYSJCL invites members to wear school T shirts that will be judged.

13. **POSTER CONTEST:** Posters MUST illustrate the relevance of Latin study or promote JCL. Only posters with one of these expressed themes will be judged. The poster needs to attract instant attention, convey a message, and SELL its theme.

Respectfully yours,

Brian R. Serwicki

Registration Sheet

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Name of Teacher: _____

Teacher's Home Address: _____

Teacher's Phone: _____

Chaperones Names: _____

It is encouraged that each school bring a maximum of only 3 teams/ grade level and a maximum of 4 students/ team.

½ level teams: _____ # students in team A _____ , B _____ , C _____

1A level teams: _____ # students in team A _____ , B _____ , C _____

1B level teams: _____ # students in team A _____ , B _____ , C _____

level II teams: _____ # students in team A _____ , B _____ , C _____

level III teams: _____ # students in team A _____ , B _____ , C _____

level IV/V/AP teams: _____ # students in team A _____ , B _____ , C _____

students: _____ x \$20 = _____

One check per school please made out to East Aurora Schools.

vobis gratias maximas agimus!

NYSJCL Fall Festival 2013

My son/daughter, _____ (state full name),
has my permission to attend the NYSJCL Fall Festival at East Aurora High School on
Saturday, December 7th 2013. He/She and I have reviewed the guidelines and schedule
provided by his/her teacher. By signing below, we agree to adhere to the NYSJCL rules.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

ATHLETIC PERMISSION SLIP

My son/daughter, _____ (state full name),
is physically fit to participate in any athletic event at the NYSJCL Fall Festival at East
Aurora High School on Saturday, December 7th 2013.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of School Nurse: _____

EMERGENCY/MEDICAL INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME _____

PARENT NAME & _____
ADDRESS _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER(S) _____

MEDICAL CONDITION/ _____
PROBLEMS _____

MEDICATIONS NEEDED _____