

Attention all “Latin Scholars” and those who wish they were:

For the past five years, Mrs. Mahon has taught an excellent Latin program here at IWA. This year, she has decided to focus on other responsibilities, and she and Mrs. Cicerchi have been gracious enough to allow me to carry on her program. My name is Jacob Halusker, and I am a 2006 graduate of Xavier University with a degree in Latin, Ancient Greek, and philosophy. I am a full-time Latin teacher at Gesu Catholic School in University Heights, but I am also very excited to take over teaching duties for the Latin enrichment classes here at IWA. I look forward to continuing and building on what Mrs. Mahon has done in these last five years.

The Latin classes have been and still are open to fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. For the 2010-2011 school year, the classes will be held in the morning from 7:00 A.M. to 7:45 A.M. There will be three classes: one for beginning students on Tuesday mornings, one for 2nd time students on Monday mornings, and one for the advanced 3rd time students on Wednesday mornings. For any returning students who have not attended almost all of the beginning-level classes, I strongly recommend that you repeat the beginning class, as it will allow you to be the most successful in fully grasping Latin.

The beginning students will learn the basics of Latin grammar and translating, develop a large base of Latin vocabulary, as well as learn about many English words we use that are derived from the Latin language. The 2nd time students will briefly review the basics and then build on them; they will learn more vocabulary, cover more advanced aspects of Latin grammar, and further develop their translating skills. The 3rd time students will learn even more vocabulary and grammar, and by the end of the year, they should be able to exhibit great translating skills. All classes will also spend time covering the very interesting Roman history and culture.

The cost is \$150.00 for the year (the same as last year, averaging about \$5.00 per class), and half of this amount (\$75.00) is due by Friday, September 10, or you will not be allowed to begin class. The other half of the payment will be due before the start of the second semester. You may also send in the entire amount by Friday, September 10th.

If you are interested in joining or continuing Latin, please fill out the form at the bottom of this page and return the form and a check (made out to IWA for \$150.00) to your homeroom teacher by Friday, September 10th. The classes will begin the following week, with the 2nd time class beginning on Monday the 13th, the beginning class on Tuesday the 14th, and the 3rd time class on Wednesday the 15th. Thank you for your interest in learning this very valuable classical language, and I look forward to seeing you on September 13th, 14th, and 15th!

Salve (be well),
Jacob Halusker

Please detach this form and return it, with payment, to your homeroom teacher by Sept. 10th.

Name (please print): _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom Number: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Please check one: Beginning Latin 2nd time Latin 3rd time (advanced) Latin