JJMS Goal:  Take the time to get to know our students well and use that knowledge to increase student engagement in our classrooms.

Classroom Mission: To exhibit empathy and compassion toward others, to display curiosity in the classroom, and to engage thoughtfully with the curriculum.

Subject: Latin 7/8

Teacher’s Name: Matthew Knittel

Curriculum:

Enduring Understandings: Students will understand that...

- the purpose of language study is to communicate so I can understand others, and they can understand me;
- effective communication requires knowing how, when, and why to say what to whom;
- custom and tradition vary within a culture, as well as between cultures;
- learning other languages enables an individual to participate in multilingual communities;
- an ability to communicate in another language fosters a better understanding of my own language and culture;
- global citizenship requires an ability to communicate in more than one language.

Essential Questions: Guiding/Focus questions - big ideas, broad scope, arguable

Grant Wiggins on What are Essential Questions?

- How does learning an additional language help you become a global citizen and enhance your own life?
- What are the skills you need in order to understand or communicate in Latin?
- How do the cultures of the ancient world compare to those of modern United States?
- How does the Latin language compare to American English?
- How would your life be different if you grew up in ancient Rome?
- What does the study of an additional language and its cultures teach me about myself?
Unit 1: *Bellum Trojanum* – The Trojan War

Unit 2: *Itinera Aeneae* – Aeneas’ Travels

Unit 3: *Urbs Roma* – The Founding of Rome

Unit 4: *Fabulae Romanae Graecaeque* – Roman and Greek Myths

**Grading and Homework:**

Trimester Grade: Summative- Quizzes, projects 60%
                Formative- Homework, participation, class work 40%

Latin 7 - Final Grade: TRI 1- 33%   TRI 2 33%   TRI 3 33%
Latin 8 - Final Grade: TRI 1- 30%   TRI 2 30%   TRI 3 30%   FIN 10%

*Homework will be assigned on a regular basis in order to maintain the skills practiced during class.*

**Resources:**

Cambridge Latin Course, Units 1, 2, and 3
eChalk
Language lab programs
Resources generated by the instructor

**Extra Help:** Wednesdays after school or by appointment

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