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AD ASTRA PER ASPERA

For anyone wondering about the literal meaning of the quote, it translates to to the stars through difficulties. Figuratively speaking? The motto means persevering through adversity and growing because of it. Given everything TSJCL members have faced in this past year, ranging from Hurricane Harvey to tragedies in the news, the theme seemed only fitting for the TSJCL 17-18 Scrapbook.
This theme is represented in a variety of ways. Art pieces inspired by original Greek and Roman constellations appear on the pages. Quotes similar to the theme are littered throughout the book. The pictures and events themselves are categorized in alignment with the zodiac signs. Keep an eye out for manifestations of this theme while you view!

enjoy!
In mythology, the constellation Leo represents the Nemean Lion. This lion was killed by Heracles in one of his twelve labors. Heracles killed the beast with his bare hands after realizing no weaponry affects it. Heracles rose above adversity and grew stronger due to struggle.
One of the major events that happened during the range of Leo was the NJCL 2017 Convention! Here, members of the TSJCL mingled with other JCL-ers, competed in a variety of fields, and learned even more about the classics.
The TSJCL Board decked out in spirit gear.

TSJCL-ors doting state pride at a General Assembly

Have a favorite memory from Nationals?

Scan the QR code and leave a response!
64th Annual
National Junior
Classical League
Convention

July 24-29, 2017
Troy University – Troy, Alabama

Convention Theme: *Omnis ars naturae imitatio est. All art is but an imitation of nature.* Seneca the Younger, *Epistulae Morales ad Lucilium VII.lxiv.3*

**Costume Contest Characters**
- Male – Laocoon
- Female – Iphigenia
- Couples – Priam and Hecuba

**Evening Fun**
- **Mon:** Dance, JCLer, Dance!
- **Tues:** So You Think You (Pe)can Dance
- **Wed:** Ad Infinitum et Alabamam
- **Fri:** Go Out with a ‘BAMa

**Spirit Themes**
- **Tues:** State T-Shirt Day
- **Wed:** Troy Story
- **Thurs:** Paint the Globe Purple and Gold
- **Fri:** Sweet Home JCL

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**Registration Opens**
March 1 through June 1, 2017

**Cost**
- $395 if paid by May 15
- $445 if paid by June 1

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with some student-made Quizlets!

NJCL Mythology Questions

NJCL Latin Vocabulary Questions

NJCL Mottoes Questions
The constellation Virgo is associated with the Greek goddess Demeter and the Roman goddess Ceres. Because of these ties, Virgo represents purity, commitment, modesty, and intelligence.
HANGING OUT

When TSJCL-ers aren’t studying or spreading school spirit, they’re spending time together and hanging out as a club!

Club members sit poolside on a hot day
BOARD MEET September 15, 2017

Off-duty! The board takes a break

The TSJCL Officers introduce themselves and prepare for a busy year
The constellation Libra is associated with the Greek goddess of justice, Themis. Because of this, Libras are well-balanced, justice-driven, and diplomatic.
Although we may not always like to admit it, a new school year holds tons of promise—especially for local clubs. At the start of each year, TSJCL-ors get a chance to meet new people and prepare for a new competition season.

Club members have their first official meet and introduce themselves!
non est ad astra mollis e terris via.

- Seneca

There is no easy way from the earth to the stars.
The constellation Scorpio is associated with Orion. After battling with Orion, Zeus projected the scorpion into the night sky. While there are many variations of this myth, this is the most common.
HALLOWEEN  October 31, 2017

TSJCL-ers everywhere come together for Halloween! Whether this means sporting that good old gladiator costume or spending time with a club, it’s easy to see the appeal.

How do you celebrate with your club?

Leave a response by scanning the QR Code!
TSJCL-ors getting together in costume for Halloween
Food Drives

Not only do TSJCL-ers rise above difficulties, they also help others. Before Thanksgiving break, many clubs band together to gather donations for those in need.

Students working together at a food drive
The constellation of Sagittarius is a contaur. Some believe that Chiron constructed Sagittarius to guide the Argonauts in their quest for the golden fleece. Because of this, the constellation represents wit, honesty, and adventure.
What better way to spend Thanksgiving than with your familia? TSJCL-ers got together to celebrate, eat, and be thankful! gratias!
In mythology, Capricorn represents the goat that suckled the infant Zeus and whose horn later became the cornucopia. Capricorn is associated with satisfaction and plenty.
Again, what better way to spend a holiday than with your club? From Christmas caroling to Secret Santa, TSJCL-ers get creative with how they spend their Christmases. Share how you spread NJCLove on Christmas with the QR Code below!
Club members celebrating holidays with cheer and good food.
WINTER MEET

January 6, 2018

A huge part of the TSJCL board’s responsibilities is to plan and coordinate the State Convention. At the Winter Board Meeting, members work towards making state a reality.

The TSJCL Board at Namaan Forest High School, planning for the upcoming convention.
(Above) Officers in the midst of discussion

(Below) The TSJCL Board outside the State location
Aquarius

January 20–February 18

The water-bearing sign is sometimes associated with Deucalion, who built a ship to survive a flood. Because of this link, Aquarius is described as resourceful, creative, and unique.
CERTAMEN

As a way to prepare for Nationals, the TSJCL has Area Certamen. The event is highly competitive and requires months of studying. Various schools show their prowess at Area Certamen competitions to ready themselves for higher levels.

Students eagerly wait to answer a question at the Area A Certamen meet.
NOVICE
Who preceded and succeeded Caligula?

INTERMEDIATE
What is the Latin term for an uninvited dinner guest?

ADVANCED
The adjectives inops, insons, expers, and memor are regularly followed by a noun in what case?
NOVICE
TIBERIUS (FORMER); CLAUDIUS (LATTER)

INTERMEDIATE
UMBRA

ADVANCED
GENITIVE
This constellation is representative of the fish Aphrodite and Eros transformed into to escape Typhon. This is, quite literally, going to the stars through difficulties. The sign is associated with imagination and adaptation because of its mythology.
Before the State and National Conventions, members of the TSJCL meet up as areas. This allows preparation for larger-scale competitions, as well as a chance to get to know TSJCL-ers better.
Students study before a test
Aries

March 21–April 20

The constellation represents the golden ram that rescued Phrixus. This same ram provided the golden fleece, which was an integral part of mythology. Aries is traditionally brave, bold, and assertive.
In April, thousands of TSJCL-ers get together to compete at the State Convention. Students can compete in Academics, Arts, or Olympika. Preparation takes months on behalf of TSJCL members and the board alike. It ends up being worth it, though!
(Above) TSJGL-ers gather to view artwork

(Below) Trophies gleam for eager competitors
Taurus

The bull is representative of Zeus. Specifically, it is linked to the seduction of Europa. Because their union was fruitful, Taurus is often portrayed as steady, successful, and down-to-earth.
To prepare for the National Convention, the TSJCL Officers met one final time for the 17-18 year.

Members of the board gathered after the meeting.
Gemini is associated with the twins Castor and POLLUX. The two were cunning, creative, and wise—all traits linked to those born under this sign.
Macte nova virtute puer, sic itur ad astra – Virgil

Look to your now-found courage, young man, for that is the way to the stars.
Cancer appears in mythology with Heracles. The crab was sent by Hera as a means to distract Heracles in his battle with the Hydra. Heracles sent the crab into the sky, where it continues to rest. Not only does the myth link to a constellation, it also represents the idea of persevering through difficulties.