**Honors Latin I 2017-18 Syllabus – Germantown High School**

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**I. Why take Latin?**

* Learn about the basis of Western civilization
* Improve knowledge of English grammar and vocabulary
* Perform well on standardized tests (SAT and ACT)
* Lay a solid foundation for learning other Romance languages
* See the world through a totally different lens
* Most importantly, learn and use skills required to complete tasks in any discipline

**II. Materials**

Make sure to bring the following materials with you to class every day!

1. *Ecce Romani I* textbook
2. Your Latin binder/notebook
3. 1 composition book (for Bell Work journal – you will leave in the classroom)
4. The homework (if assigned) due that day
5. A pencil
6. A red pen (for correcting homework)

Have these materials with you when you arrive to class. You will not be able to go to your locker to get something once class begins. Failure to bring materials to class with you will result in a 0 for that day’s daily grade.

**III. Grading**

Daily (20%): The daily grade covers completion of homework and classwork, class participation, and class behavior. You will have some form of homework almost every night (except the nights before a quiz or test). Occasionally I will take up your homework and grade it. Over the course of each quarter, you are allowed to have one homework miss before I start counting off points from your average. If you go the whole nine weeks without missing an assignment, I will add one point to your quarter average!

Every day that we have bell work, you will be expected to complete it in your bell work journal (the composition book). I will take that up every day and grade for completion.

Quizzes (50%): Quizzes will usually be given after the completion of every chapter in *Ecce Romani*. Others concerning vocabulary or culture topics will be announced ahead of time. Any extra credit assignment completed will be used to add points to your quiz average. Each quarter’s lowest quiz grade will be dropped. Also, notebook checks will count as quiz grades.

Tests and Projects (30%): Tests are usually given after every unit in *Ecce Romani*. An average unit consists of three chapters. In addition, any projects assigned will count as test grades. On average there are two unit tests and one project per quarter. See tentative schedule below for project dates.

 **IV. Class Policies**

1. Starting Class: Be in your seat when the bell rings. If you arrive late, make sure to bring a note from a teacher or you will be counted tardy.

2. Talking: When I am speaking to the class, you should not be talking. This same policy applies to when another student is speaking. If you have a question or comment, please raise your hand.

3. Leaving class: You will not be allowed to leave the classroom without permission. Try to use the restroom before class starts. If you do not think you have time to go before class starts, come to class and check in with me first. To leave during class, you must use a bathroom pass. You will have three of these passes per quarter.

4. Electronic devices: Per school policy, cell phones (and other electronic devices like iPods, iPads, and computers) are only allowed to be out in class when I give you explicit permission. If I have not given you permission, they will be taken up if seen or heard.

5. Make up work: You are responsible for completing any homework, quizzes, or tests that you miss. Generally, the number of days of class you miss will be the number of days you have to turn in your make up work. For example, if you miss Monday and return Tuesday, you must turn in all assignments (or make up any quiz/test) by Wednesday. If you do not complete your work within the allotted time, you will only be able to receive partial credit for the assignments.

Assignments will be sent out in daily texts via Remind and are posted on the class site so there is no excuse for not knowing what the homework is. A folder will be on a table by my desk (labeled Latin I) with any handouts or worksheets you missed. In addition, make sure to check with classmates for missed notes.

**V. Rules and Expectations**

1. Sit in your assigned seat every day. Please do not leave your seat except when given permission.
2. Bring all materials needed for class each day. This includes your textbook, notebook (and any homework or handouts needed that day), and pen/pencil. I will not let you go to your locker to get any materials.
3. Talking, cheating, or having a cell phone out during a quiz or test will result in an automatic zero! Refer to the GHS Honor code for more detailed guidelines. No exceptions. If you have a question, raise your hand.
4. **NO** cell phones if I have not given you permission to have them out! I will take yours up if I see or hear it.
5. Most importantly, respect each other. No put downs, mean spirited jokes, etc. We all have to deal with other people that we may not enjoy being around. But **ALWAYS** treat them with the respect you would like to be treated with.

“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” –Ian MacLaren

**Consequences**

**First offense:** Verbal warning (except with cell phones!)

**Second offense**: Call or e-mail to parent.

**Third (or later) offense:** Referral to administrator

The administration will be notified immediately for any serious offense.

**VI. Helpful Tips**

* Stay on top of vocabulary!! Even if you understand the grammar, that knowledge is useless if you do not know what most of the words mean! Five to ten minutes of review each day work wonders. [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com) is a helpful website and app to use. You can look up “Ecce Romani” and can usually find the chapter(s) you are looking for.
* When reviewing noun and verb charts, I would recommend writing out the forms rather than just looking at them in your book. After all, that is what you will have to do for quizzes and tests!
* You can never practice enough. Look for links to practice exercises on my website.
* ***Do your best to keep up!*** Falling behind in Latin I can be disastrous because all new material is based on what we have already covered.
* If you are having trouble with the material we are covering in class, please do not hesitate to ask me for help! I am always willing to help you during ACE or after school. In addition, there are numerous upperclassmen willing to tutor Latin I students.

**VII. Tentative Schedule with Dates – SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

**QUARTER 1**

Test #1 – Friday, 9/1 Project #1 – Thursday, 9/14 Test #2 – Thursday, 9/28

**QUARTER 2**

Test #3 – Thursday, 11/2 Project #2 – Friday, 11/17 Test #4 – Thursday, 11/30

Semester 1 Exams: 12/18-20

**QUARTER 3**

Test #5 – Wednesday, 1/31 Test #6 – Thursday, 2/21 Project #3 – Tuesday, 3/6

**QUARTER 4**

Test #7 – Tuesday, 4/10 Project #4 – Monday, 4/30 Test #8 – Friday, 5/11

Final Exams: 5/22-24

**Important Dates for students who join Junior Classical League (Latin Club):**

Memphis-Area Fall Festivus – Saturday, November 11 at GHS

Tennessee Junior Classical League State Convention – Thursday-Saturday, April 19-21, 2018 at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN