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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Welcome!**

*Salvēte!* We would like to welcome you and your child to LatinSummer Charleston 2011! We are excited about the two weeks that lie ahead of us and are prepared to take your child on a fun and educational journey into the world of the ancient Romans!

### **Pickup**

Please be aware that we will be checking photo ID's of anyone who comes to pick up your child or children. This ensures that we only dismiss students to the correct people listed on the Transportation Form. Thank you for your cooperation with and understanding of this important safety procedure.

### **Question & Answer Session**

Tomorrow morning at 8:45 am there will be a brief question & answer session for parents/guardians about LatinSummer. Feel free to attend if you are able.

### **Lunch and Snacks**

The program does not provide lunch. However we will provide time for a break and snack midway through each morning, so we recommend that you provide your child with a small snack each day.

### **Materials**

We will be providing your child with virtually all of the materials needed for the LatinSummer program. However, from time to time we might request that your child bring in an item or two to be used in class. Please refer to the Family Discussion Questions handout for this information.

### **Classical Moments**

Classical Moments are examples of Latin or ancient Roman culture that students encounter in their daily lives. For example, seeing a "Saturn" car on the road is a Classical Moment because Saturn was an ancient Roman god. Seeing a college motto printed in Latin would be a Classical Moment. Even finding an English word that derives from Latin would be a Classical Moment. Students will have the opportunity to share their Classical Moments each morning, and the student with the most Classical Moments at the end of the program will receive a small prize!

### **Family Discussion Questions**

On the first day, we will send home with your child a sheet of questions designed to stimulate family discussion about the topics learned in LatinSummer. We suggest using these questions on a nightly basis not only to review but also to gain insight into your child's experiences at LatinSummer.

### **Tee-shirts**

We will distribute tee-shirts to your children on Thursday, July 28. We ask that your child wear the LatinSummer tee-shirt with pride on Friday, July 29 for a group picture!

**Rītus Terminālis**

At 11:45 am on the last day of the program, Friday, July 29, we will hold a final assembly or *Rītus Terminālis*. Parents and guardians are invited to this assembly. At this assembly, students will receive certificates to recognize their achievements in the program. In addition, student work will be on display for you to view, and the students will present short skits based on stories from mythology.

**Website: Documents & Student Work**

To view LatinSummer-related documents, such as this letter and copies of the Family Discussion Questions, and to see daily slideshows of student work, please visit our website:

[www.ascaniusyci.org/charleston](http://www.ascaniusyci.org/charleston)

Again, we look forward to the next two weeks. Please speak with us should you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you for your support,

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