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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome!

Salvēte! We would like to welcome you and your child to LatinSummer at UMass 2013! We are excited about the weekend that lies ahead of us and are prepared to take your child on a fun and educational journey into the world of the ancient Romans!

Parking

The best option for parking is either at the meters on the Haigis Mall loop or in the Robsham Visitors Center lot (C4 and C5, respectively, on the Campus Map located at www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/downloads/campusmap.pdf).

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

This morning at approximately 9:30 am there will be a brief question & answer session for parents/guardians about LatinSummer. Feel free to attend if you are able.

Snacks and Lunch

The program itself does not provide snacks or lunch. However, we will provide time for a break and snack midway through each morning and midway through each afternoon, so we recommend that you provide your child with small snacks each day. In addition, we will provide time for a lunch break each day. You **must** provide your child with a lunch each day; students who arrive in the morning without a lunch **will be sent home**.

Materials

We will be providing your child with virtually all of the materials needed for the LatinSummer program. However, we request that your child bring in two items to be used in class tomorrow if possible: a bedsheet and a beach towel. These items will not be damaged.

Family Discussion Questions

This afternoon, 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.

Rītus Terminālis

At 2:50 pm on Sunday, June 2, 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. Calendars and tee-shirts commemorating the LatinSummer experience will be available for purchase.

Website: Documents

To view LatinSummer-related documents, such as this letter and copies of the Family Discussion Questions, please visit our website:

www.ascaniusyci.org/umass

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

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Webb', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew D. Webb
Coordinator
LatinSummer at UMass