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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome!

Salvete! On behalf of Ms. Kristen Boose and Ms. Suzanne Henrich, who join me as instructors, I would like to welcome you and your child to LatinSummer Anne Arundel 2006! 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.

July Fourth

As a reminder, we will not hold LatinSummer tomorrow, July 4th, 2006. Enjoy your holiday!

Materials

We will be providing your child with virtually all of the materials needed for the LatinSummer program. However, on Tuesday, July 11th we will be studying The Odyssey and will be constructing dioramas; please send a shoebox in with your child. In addition, on Thursday, July 13th, 2006, we will be studying Roman clothing and will be constructing *tunicae* from pillow cases. Thus, we request that you send a king-sized pillow case in with your child. This pillow case will be cut.

Classical Moments

Classical Moments are examples of Latin, Greek, or ancient Greco-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

We have sent home with your child a packet 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.

Ritus Terminalis

At 11:15 am on the last day of the program, Friday, July 14, 2006, we will hold a final assembly or *Ritus Terminalis*. Parents and guardians are invited to this assembly. At this assembly, students, dressed in their ancient Roman clothing, will receive medals and certificates to commemorate their achievements in the program. In addition, they

will receive their LatinSummer tee-shirts to wear with pride. We will also hold a small Roman **banquet** featuring authentic ancient Roman foods. We encourage all families to select a dish to make for the banquet; recipes will be sent home in the next few days.

Website

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

<http://www.ascaniuyci.org> click on “LatinSummer” and “Parents”

To view samples of student work, please visit our website:

<http://www.ascaniuyci.org> click on “LatinSummer” and “Students”

Again, we look forward to the next two weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, comments, or concerns. You may reach me via the e-mail address or toll-free number above.

Thank you for your support,

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

Matthew D. Webb, Director
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