

SCJCL SPRING FORUM



March 14th, 2026

Dreher HS



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Forum Theme

“Concordia parvae res crescunt.”

In harmony, small things grow.
Sallustius, *Bellum Iugurthinum* 10.6

Letter From the President

Salvete omnes!

We are extremely excited to have everyone again at Dreher High School for SCJCL's Spring Forum. The SCJCL officers are working hard to prepare for an exciting and memorable event. Without further ado, I'd like to share the Spring Forum packet with you. Here, you will find everything you need for the 2026 Spring Forum: registration forms, elections forms, and competition rules. Everything present on the packet will also be on our SCJCL website. Feel free to email me or one of the SCJCL officers if you have any further questions. See you all on March 14th at Dreher HS.

Ludi incipiant! (Let the Games begin!)

Valete!

Grace Rivers
SCJCL President

Registration and Dues

Due February 14th

Students must be registered with SCJCL and NJCL in order to participate in the forum.

Instructions for registering a chapter or adding additional members can be found on the [SCJCL website](#).

SCJCL dues are \$10 for the chapter, plus \$3 per student if they have not already been registered.

Please submit a list of participating students and their Latin level to mdeitrich@portergaud.edu.

Be sure that their names have also been added in the [NJCL Chapter Portal](#).

All students must be registered for Spring Forum by February 14th at 11:59PM.

Upon receipt of dues and registration, sponsors will receive a list of Student ID numbers for students to pre-register for Creative Arts contests and submit their Graphic Arts projects. These student ID numbers will also be used in contests at the forum such as testing.

Lunch

Lunch costs \$15 per person ordering lunch. Lunch includes: pepperoni or cheese pizza, salad, and a bottle of water. Snacks will be also available for purchase at the event.

Number of Pepperoni Pizza Lunches: _____

Number of Cheese Pizza Lunches: _____

Lunch Fee: Total # of Lunches (_____) x \$15 = \$ _____

Additional Student dues: (_____) x \$3 = \$ _____

Total amount due: \$ _____

Please send money for lunches and additional student dues to the State Chair by **February 14th**.

*Madeline Deitrich
Porter-Gaud School
300 Albemarle Rd.
Charleston SC 29407*

Checks should be made payable to South Carolina Junior Classical League.

Visit njcl.org/Join-Now to register and pay NJCL dues

Officer Elections

Officers

The following offices are for high school students (Currently in 9th-11th Grade). One student can hold each office.

President

- Organizes and leads meetings
- Ensures activities are carried out
- Plans and hosts the Spring Forum

First Vice President

- Takes charge in the President's absence
- Organize Classics Day with the President and State Chair
- Leads SCJCL outreach and recruitment efforts to increase participation and membership

Second Vice President

- Takes charge in the First Vice President and President's absence
- Organizes spirit for the National Convention and Spring Forum
- Oversees state fundraisers at NJCL, Classics Day, and Spring Forum
- Oversees community service events

Parliamentarian

- Works with the State Chair to propose constitutional Amendments
- Ensures that parliamentary procedures are followed at meetings
- Manages elections and candidacy forms

Editor

- Edits the Torch: SC
- Submits State Updates for NJCL publications

Archivist

- Files historically important SCJCL matters
- Creates the SCJCL Scrapbook for the National Convention for the following year
- Manages SCJCL Social Media

**The following office can be held by middle school students (currently in 7th or 8th grade).
Up to two students can hold this office.**

Junior Representative

- Works with the rest of the SCJCL Board on projects
- Gains experience with each office

Appointed Position: Applications for this position are available on the SCJCL website and will be collected after the Spring Forum. The incoming board will review applications and select an appointee.

Webmaster

- Edits and updates the SCJCL Website

Candidate Eligibility Requirements

- A candidate must be enrolled in a Latin, Greek, or Classical Humanities class, unless they have completed all available Latin, Greek, and Classical Humanities courses available at their school.
- A candidate must have attended at least one SCJCL Fall Workshop.
- A candidate may NOT run for an office they are holding or have been elected to previously.
- Multiple people from the same chapter are NOT allowed to run for the same office.
- **Candidates must fill the candidate pre-file forms (available on the SCJCL Website) and send it to scjclparli1@gmail.com by February 28th.**

Election Rules & Procedures

- No campaigning is allowed before General Assembly I at the Spring Forum.
- **Candidates will make a speech at General Assembly I.**
 - **This speech must be submitted to the parliamentarian by March 8th.**
 - Speeches do not need to be memorized.
 - This speech must NOT exceed 3 minutes.
- Candidates will also speak at the Nominations Committee, during which they will be asked questions by current officers and the audience.
- Two Voting Delegates from each school MUST attend the Nominations Committee.
 - If only one voting delegate attends, the school will receive one vote. If no voting delegates attend, the school will receive no votes.
 - Students who are not voting delegates are encouraged to attend as well!
 - Schools that have a counterpart middle and high school entered at Spring Forum are considered to be the same school in respect to elections and do not cast separate votes.
- Voting Delegates will cast their ballots during General Assembly II. Results of the election will be announced shortly after.

- If there are no pre-filed candidates for a permanent office, a state of emergency shall be called for by the Parliamentarian. Applications from the floor will be accepted at Spring Forum, and certain requirements may be waived.

Interested candidates and their sponsors are encouraged to attend a virtual candidate workshop on February 1st at 4pm to learn more about the positions and running for office!

Amendments

The following amendments have been proposed to the SCJCL constitution. Amendments will be discussed at the Nominations Committee meeting. The full text of these proposed amendments can be found on the SCJCL website.

- Amendment # 1 (Student dues increase to \$5)
- Amendment # 2 (Presidential candidates must have held a previous office)
- Amendment # 3 (Archivist, Editor, and Webmaster as appointed positions)
- Amendment # 4 (Nomination and Election Procedures; Plurality elections)
- Amendment # 5 (1st VP Responsible for Agora)

Spirit and Roll Call

Roll Call

Each chapter sends 2 students to perform a creative skit, song, etc. to present information about the chapter at General Assembly I.

The Roll Call must include the following:

- the chapter's name
- the number of students
- the number of officers
- the number of sponsors and/or chaperones
- the distance traveled to the Spring Forum (in miles)

Chapters are judged based on including all the information and incorporating it creatively.

The chapter's roll call should not last more than 1 minute, and will be immediately stopped after the time runs out.

Spirit

The chapter can perform chants, sing songs, wear costumes, etc. to show spirit for Latin and their chapter at General Assembly II.

- Spirit cheers must relate in some way to this year's Forum Theme
- Props are allowed, however noisemakers are NOT allowed.
- ***New this year!* Similar to nationals, all schools will perform at the same time for a 10 minute duration. Each school will be recorded during this time.**
- Cheers may be repeated.
- Chapters are judged based on creativity, unity, participation, movement, and incorporation of this year's theme.

Agora

Chapters can sell bakes, pins, shirts, stickers, etc. as a fundraiser for their club during lunch time. To reserve a table, please email mdeitrich@portergaud.edu by **February 28th.**

Academic Testing

Rules

Students are NOT allowed to use outside sources, including the following: textbooks, teachers, cell phones, smart watches, class notes, and other students. The use of such sources is considered cheating. Students who cheat will be disqualified.

Though students are allowed to take as many tests as time permits, students are encouraged to take no more than 3.

Students do not need to pre-register for academic tests.

Testing Levels

Students must take tests at the level of Latin they are currently enrolled in.

For tests that are not specifically leveled, students will be scored against students of their own level.

The levels for tests are as follows: Novice (Latin ½ and 1), Intermediate (Latin 2 and 3) and Advanced (Latin 4 and higher)

Testing Categories

Vocabulary, Latin Grammar, Mythology, Derivatives, Roman History, Literature, Roman Life, Geography, Classical Art.

Certamen

Certamen is a classically themed quiz bowl tournament. In a round of certamen, a moderator reads out questions, and competing teams try to answer them. Questions can come from any of the testing categories (see above).

Please be sure to read the Certamen Rules on the SCJCL Website and follow the contest requirements closely.

Email mdeitrich@portergaud.edu to register teams by February 28th.

Creative Arts

Creative arts contests require a student to recite or present their work in front of a panel of judges at spring forum. This includes project categories like Costume, English Oratory, and Dramatic Interpretation.

Please be sure to read the Creative Arts Rules on the SCJCL Website and follow the contest requirements closely.

Upon receipt of dues and registration, students will be assigned a 4-digit ID number which they will use to pre-register for Creative arts contests. **Only pre-registered students will be able to compete in the creative arts contests at Spring Forum. Creative arts pre-registration will close on February 28th at 11:59 PM.**

Graphic Arts

Graphic arts projects are 2D or 3D art representing a classical theme. This includes projects like photography, maps, mosaic, sculpture, etc.

Please be sure to read the Graphic Arts Rules on the SCJCL Website and follow the contest requirements closely.

Upon receipt of dues and registration, students will be assigned a 4-digit ID number to enter projects in the Graphic arts contests **before** spring forum. Students will upload their project images through a Google form available on the SCJCL website. **Graphic arts submissions will close on February 28th at 11:59 PM.** No judging of graphic arts projects will take place at the forum!

Graphic Arts projects that earn a “Best in Show” award will be notified in advance of the forum, and are requested to be brought to the event for a showcase to receive a special ribbon! Projects will be returned at the end of the event.

Impromptu Art

Students competing in impromptu art will be given a theme and supplies to create a project based on those parameters. This competition will take place at the spring forum; students do not need to pre-register for this contest.

Olympika

Overview

- Olympika is a series of athletic competitions. Please see the Olympika rules on the SCJCL website for this year’s offerings!
- All students participating in Olympika must be dressed appropriately for an athletic competition. No cleats or open toed shoes are allowed.
- Each event has separate competitions for middle school and high school, and those are further split into boy’s and girl’s competitions.
- Students do not need to pre-register for Olympika events.

Please be sure to read the Olympika Rules on the SCJCL Website and follow the contest requirements closely.

Community Service Project

By participating in this service project, you can earn sweepstakes points for your school! All participating schools will receive 10 sweepstakes points.

Easter-themed Candy Basket Packing and Cards Making

- For this year's service project, SCJCLers will be packing candy baskets and writing cards for the Seniors at Finlay House in Columbia, SC!
- Chapters attending Spring Forum are encouraged to bring Easter-themed candies or chocolate, plastic eggs, and small baskets. Accommodating for those with sensitivities to sugar, we also encourage to bring low-to-no sugar items for packaging.
- The participants can either create Easter cards for the seniors or put candy in plastic eggs with supplies prepared ahead of Spring Forum.
- At the end, the community service facilitators will quality check the contents of the bags and write participants' names and chapters on clipboards for service hour confirmation requests and point tallying. Chapters who bring materials will also receive points.

T-Shirt Contest

Chapters have a chance to show off their creativity by designing a themed t-shirt.

- As a chapter, come up with a design illustrating both the Forum theme and your school spirit.
- Submit your design to scjclprez1@gmail.com by **February 28th at 11:59pm**.
- Chapters are encouraged to wear the t-shirts they designed to the Spring Forum!
- See the SCJCL website for rules and judging criteria.

Important Dates Checklist

- **February 1st**
 - [Virtual candidate interest/Q and A meeting \(4PM\)](#)
- **February 14th**
 - Registration and attendee lists sent to mdeitrich@portergaud.edu
 - Dues and lunch money paid
 - Student list updated in NJCL Portal
- **February 28th**
 - Candidate pre-file forms submitted to scjclparli1@gmail.com and mdeitrich@portergaud.edu
 - Agora table requests due to mdeitrich@portergaud.edu
 - Certamen team registration due to mdeitrich@portergaud.edu
 - T-shirt contest submitted to scjclprez1@gmail.com
 - Creative arts projects submitted via Google form on SCJCL Website
 - Graphic arts projects submitted via Google form on SCJCL Website
- **March 8th**
 - Candidate speeches and campaign materials (flyers, posters, etc.) submitted to scjclparli1@gmail.com
- **March 14th**
 - Spring Forum!!!