Dear students and teachers,

Salvete, omnes! Χαίρετε, πάντες! On behalf of the Texas State Junior Classical League (TSJCL), it is my pleasure to invite you to be a part of the Junior Classical League, one of the largest student organizations in the world! Our mission is to promote the love for the studies of Latin and Greek languages, as well as Classical civilizations, and to recognize students’ outstanding achievements in these areas. We aim to foster unity, develop enthusiasm, encourage competition, inspire dedication, and enrich the total growth of our members, whether we gather in-person or virtually.

The TSJCL provides a variety of opportunities and benefits to its members. Here, students can both participate in diverse academic, artistic, and athletic competitions at area, state, and national levels, and take advantage of numerous leadership opportunities available to students who are interested. In addition, a member in good standing from each chapter may compete for a scholarship worth up to $1,500, provided that they continue their study of Classics at the college level. In addition to offering monthly contests recognizing local chapters, TSJCL also offers the Aristotle Award, which covers the cost of National Junior Classical League (NJCL) Convention registration for the student applicant chosen by the benefactor of the award. Furthermore, teachers and sponsors may interact with each other to exchange club ideas, teaching methods, and resources. This organization offers every member the chance to meet and connect with others who share this common love.

A chapter must be affiliated with both the NJCL and TSJCL to be in good standing. Sponsors must also be members of the American Classical League (ACL) and the Texas Classical Association (TCA). NJCL dues are $3.00 per member with no chapter fee, but additional chapter fees will be incurred if dues are paid after December 1st, 2021. TSJCL dues are $2.00 per member and $5.00 per chapter, both of which must be paid online or postmarked by January 15, 2022. A chapter may continue to add members to its list after submitting the first list by the given deadline. Schools on alternative schedules have until March 15, 2022, to submit membership lists, but should have their chapter dues paid by the January deadline.

Once again, I am excited to welcome you into our TSJCL family! As we come out of difficult times and return to relative normalcy, it is imperative for us to come together in support of each
other. We will do everything we can to overcome new challenges wherever they might be, and I hope you take advantage of the opportunities we have to offer for our wonderful community of students and teachers. If you have any questions or concerns, we’d love to hear from you—our contact information can be found at tsjcl.org. The other TSJCL officers, State Chairs, Sponsors, and I are all looking forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,
Marco Cheung
2021-2022 TSJCL Secretary
Instructions for Joining the JCL:

1. The JCL sponsor must join the American Classical League (ACL).
   ● To join the ACL, visit https://aclclassics.org/Join-ACL.

2. The JCL sponsor must also join the Texas Classical Association (TCA).
   ● To join the TCA, visit https://txclassics.org/register/.

3. To join the NJCL, visit http://njcl.org/ and click the link on the home page.
   ● NJCL Member Dues: $3.00 per member
   ● NJCL Chapter Dues:
     ○ If paid before December 1, 2021: $0.00
     ○ If paid between December 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022: $10.00
     ○ If paid between April 1, 2022, and July 1, 2022: $20.00

   N.B. NJCL Dues must be paid online or postmarked by July 1, 2022 at the latest, **but you must be a member of the NJCL to be a chapter in good standing at the State Convention.**

4. In order to create a TSJCL chapter, you must have at least one member and one sponsor as well as submit your membership form online at http://my.tsjcl.org/. After your membership has been submitted, you may follow the instructions to pay online or send a check made out to Texas State Junior Classical League to the following address:
   **Texas State Junior Classical League**
   **P.O. Box 202046**
   **Austin, TX 78720**
   ● TSJCL Member Dues: $2.00 per member
   ● TSJCL Chapter Dues:
     ○ If paid before January 15, 2022: $5.00
     ○ If paid between January 15, 2022, and February 15, 2022: $10.00
     ○ If paid after February 15, 2022: $55.00

   **TSJCL Dues must be paid online or postmarked by January 15, 2022, to avoid a late fee.**
   You may continue to add members to your list after sending the original list by the given deadline. Schools on alternative schedules may submit individual membership lists no later than February 15, 2022, but should have their chapter dues turned in by the original January deadline.

   *Please remember that a chapter must be affiliated with the NJCL and TSJCL and the sponsor a member of TCA & ACL in order for the chapter to be in good standing at JCL events.*