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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Welcome!**

*Salvēte!* We would like to welcome you and your child to LatinSummer Birmingham 2012! 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!

### **Parking**

The best option for parking is the Northeast Deck (#37 on the Campus Map located at <http://www.samford.edu/maps.aspx>). Parking passes were emailed prior to the beginning of LatinSummer. If it has gone missing, you may pick up a new one from the registration desk.

### **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 may 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 so that you can plan ahead now. This handout will be distributed at the end of the day today.

### **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!

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### **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.

### **Art Contest**

We are excited to announce a LatinSummer art contest! We encourage all children who are interested to participate. The challenge is to create a colorful drawing or painting, no greater than 5" x 5" in size, depicting anything from Roman or Greek history, culture, or mythology that the students have learned about at LatinSummer. Entries are due on Thursday, July 26. Contest winners will be announced at the *Ritus Terminālis* and may have the honor of their art being featured on gifts such as magnets and buttons that are sent to the kind folks who donate to Ascanius.

### **Tee-shirts**

We will distribute tee-shirts to your children on Thursday, July 26. We ask that your child wear the LatinSummer tee-shirt with pride on Friday, July 27 for a group picture! All campers receive a tee-shirt as part of the registration fee. If you would like to purchase additional tee-shirts for your family or friends, you may do so by check for \$15 per shirt (sizes: Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult Extra Large).

### **Ritus Terminālis**

At 11:45 am on the last day of the program, Friday, July 27, we will hold a final assembly or *Ritus 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.

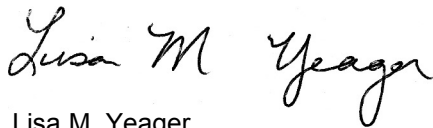
### **Website: Documents & Student Work**

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/birmingham](http://www.ascaniusyci.org/birmingham)

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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