Fall Forum has always been the kick-off event of the GJCL year, where we meet old friends and invade the President’s domain. This year, Fall Forum took place in the lovely Walker School. Latin scholars from all over Georgia gathered to compete in Certamen, run for host or hostess, and partake in academic tests. Those who weren’t cutthroat opportunists set on boosting their resumés could wander the Walker School with old friends, join a variety of workshops or compete in Ludi sports.
WORKSHOPS

MEET THE OFFICERS

The only workshop I frequented was "Meet the Officers", where a small group of people spearheaded a bombardment of questions somewhat reminiscent of an interrogation: dreams, hopes, aspirations, Harry Potter themed what-ifs, and more. So if you wanted to watch your newly elected officers bear through the Second Inquisition, this workshop was the place to go.

COOKIE-MAKING

Food. It’s strange how alluring it is. The halls surrounding this one cookie-making workshop was littered with patiently hungry students, even though less than a fifth of these people were allowed to enter the workshop, which was capped at twenty people. Yours truly was the 21st person in the thronging line, doomed to despondently stare through the glass at an apathetic teacher and listen to the sorrowful resounding of a closing door.

“How many AP's are you taking?”

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”

“What colleges are you applying to?”

“Who is your least favorite officer?”

“Which Harry Potter house would you be sorted into?”
2012-13 HOST

How, one may wonder, does one get to ascend to the illustrious level of a state officer? The earliest opportunity would be at Fall Forum, during the battle for host/hostess. Candidates recite a speech regarding the current theme of GJCL, make their own costume, and undergo an interview. And after such Herculean labors, we present to you... the 2012-13 Host and Hostess!

**Name:** Akash Doshi

**Grade:** 11

**Office:** Host

**What do you do as host?:**
As Host, I greet delegations arriving at GJCL convention, make announcements at General Assembly, host a reception at convention, perform necessary backstage duties to keep convention running (e.g. pencil sharpening).

**If you could have lunch with any person (mythological, dead, or alive), who would it be and why?:**
Jonathan Edwards; I’d just like to see how much Latin an exceptionally intelligent Christian theologian of the 18th century knew.

**Your favorite pickup line:** I noticed from across the room you were missing a valence electron; did I mention my name was Lithium?

**Favorite Latin quote:**
vera amicitia est inter bonos – There is true friendship (only) among good men (Cicero)
2012-13 HOSTESS

Name: Tsion Assaye

Grade: 11

Office: Hostess

What do you do as host/hostess?
As hostess, I, along with Akash, basically do all of the backstage work at GJCL events to make them run smoothly and successfully. That could include organizing certain events such as a reception during State Convention and running the Host/Hostess competition at the next Fall Forum.

Why did you want to be host/hostess?
I wanted to be hostess simply because Latin and more specifically JCL is a huge part of my life. Even though I’m very involved with the JCL program at my own school, Mountain View, I wanted to get even more involved in this organization, and becoming Hostess was the way to do that. Also, since my delegation is rather new and much smaller than some of these other schools, I thought being Hostess would give me more opportunities to connect the Mountain View delegation with the GJCL executive board.

Your favorite pick up line:
If I were an enzyme, I would be helicase, so that I could unzip your genes. ;)

Favorite Latin Quote:
Da mi basia mille, deinde centum, deinde mille altera, deinde centum. - Give me a thousand kisses, then a hundred, then another thousand, then a second hundred. Cheesy, I know.
Enjoyed Fall Forum? It’s not half as fun as State Convention, which is a two-night stay at the infamous Rock Eagle. Fellow JCL-ers bond over the questionable food and living arrangements, spirit contests, officer elections, academic contests, Certamen competitions, and dances.