

LITERATUS LINGUA

MRS. WEIDER

Grammar/ Literature

This week scholars will begin Chapter 6 in the Shurley English curriculum. We will be discussing and applying knowledge about pronouns. Pronouns help our writing become less repetitive.

In literature, we will look at the aftermath of the assassination of Julius Caesar. We will finally begin Act 4. Shakespeare's plays all follow a Chiastic structure (Acts 1 and 2 mirror Acts 4 and 5), so we will be able to see the undoing of the alliances and, unfortunately for the Roman Republic, watch the rise of the Roman Empire.



Not-So-Serious Shakespeare

You may have been hearing from the scholars that grade 6 will be performing a “Not-So-Serious Shakespeare” production of *Julius Caesar*. While I had hoped to be ready before Christmas break, the best laid plans often go awry. Alas, we will not be prepared until the new year. No worries, though, as this will give the scholars even more time to prepare and learn their lines. I have not cleared an official date yet, but I imagine that we’re looking at the week of January 12.

I would like to share a few pieces of important information: First, I will assign roles right after Thanksgiving. The students have been reading parts for me. They have told me which part they would prefer, but ultimately I will assign roles which best fit the production. While I know that some folks will be excited, I am equally aware that others will be disappointed. Please know that EVERY scholar will be an important part of this production. Second, I am hoping to extend the fun that day into a “Julius Caesar Feast” where we will dress up as Romans and perhaps even eat lunch together in the style of that time (approximately 44 B.C.). I would very much appreciate help with that, and I’ll be sending more information via email to all the parents. Thank you for all you do to support the scholars.

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We will again be supporting our neighbors with a toy drive in the month of December. Please bring NEW toys (unwrapped!) to the cafeteria Dec. 1-12. Toys and gifts are needed for children of all ages 0-18. What a joy it is to give to those in need!

Upcoming Events

December 8-

Christmas Concert for Grades 5-8.

December 10-

Julius Caesar Act 4 and 5 Reading Guide due



Hosted by



Friday, December 5th

3:15-5:15pm

Secret Garden

Grassy Area Near Chapel



In addition to sweet treats and St. Nick, we will host an optional family Gingerbread Competition. Bring your family's completed house to the event by 4pm to be submitted for voting. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded, and winners will receive up to \$50 in gift cards and free dress passes.

Email Katie Bain at bain9.10.11@gmail.com by 12/1 to sign up for the Gingerbread Competition!

Families to provide their own gingerbread house materials and create prior to the event.