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Salvete omnes! It is our pleasure to invite you to CARCER MMXXVI. CARCER (the California Regional Certamen Rounds) is our principal competitive certamen event of the year and serves as the qualifying rounds for teams to advance to the semi-final and final rounds at the state convention hosted by St Francis High School in Sacramento on March 27th and 28th, 2026.

CARCER will take place on Saturday, **February 21st**, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at **Menlo School** (50 Valparaiso Ave, Atherton, CA 94027) in the North and **Loyola High School** (1901 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90006) in the South. Students will all play three rounds consecutively and no lunch will be served.

Schools are able to register up to TWO teams of up to four students at each level (MS1, MS2, MS3, HS1, HS2, HS3, HSAdv). Teams may include more than members but substitutions may only be made between rounds. Please note that the top nine teams at each level will advance to the semi-final rounds, but only one team from each school can advance to the semi-final rounds at each level. If you have additional students, please encourage them to come compete on a wild card team. In order to fill the bracket and keep the competition fair we are always in need of wild card teams at various levels.

Registration for CARCER is through the CAJCL's online database, just like SCRAM, Ludi and Convention registration. To register go [here](#) and use the account name 'CAJCL' and the password '753BC'. You will then need to select your school and enter the access code you were given to register your chapter. Once you login you will see the CARCER registration button on the right. Please note that in order to register you must be CAJCL members in good standing. If you are having trouble registering or your membership is pending please contact me directly. The deadline to register is February 13th.

We are always in need of additional readers so if you have multiple Latin teachers at your school we need everyone to plan on attending. Please also check with retired Latin teachers and other potential readers (e.g. college professors) that you may know. We also need everyone to make sure that your certamen machines are in working order and please do not forget to register them and bring them to CARCER.

Students will be allowed to use blank scratch paper during rounds but competitors should bring their own paper and pencils.

The following documents are available on the CAJCL website (<https://www.cajcl.org/certamen.html>):

1. Certamen rules
2. Guidelines by Latin Level
3. Certamen sources

Please read these documents, especially the Certamen Rules. These documents can also help you to determine in what level your students should compete. If your students form a combined team they must compete at the higher level: e.g. a combined team of HS-1/HS-2 students will compete as HS-2.

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Brian Briggs and Tom Garvey, CAJCL Certamen Chairs