

The Massachusetts Junior Classical League Classics Day

SCHEDULE OF EVENT

10:00-10:50 am (EDT) — General Assembly 1

- Information about the event and announcements from the board officers

11:00-11:40 am (EDT) — Speaker Session 1

- Sir Anthony Leggett — *"What use is a classics education to someone who ends up doing something totally unconnected with classics?"*
 - Nobel Prize physicist Sir Anthony Leggett shares some recollections of his high-school experience in the "classics" stream and in the undergraduate "Greats" course (Greek and Latin languages and literature, Greek and Roman history, and philosophy), which he took at the University of Oxford (UK), and speculates on how that experience might differ today. In his presentation, he will answer the question: how did this early education help him in his subsequent career in academic physics, and how might it help others who have gone into jobs which prima facie have nothing to do with the classics?

11:45 am-12:45 pm (EDT) — Activities Session 1

1. Street Certamen

- Compete in teams of four to earn points by buzzing in first and providing the correct answer to questions on pop culture, classics, and general trivia

2. Kahoot! Trivia

- Multiple choice interactive trivia quiz competition (topics include famous people who studied classics, MassJCL trivia, fun classical facts, and more!)

3. Scattergories and Pictionary

- Zoom games! Stimulate your intellect and see how many unique objects you can name within a category and practice your artistic/guessing skills by working in teams to draw/name objects

4. Virtual Dance/Social

- With music in the background, chat with other local or out-of-state JCLers (about life, JCL, or anything you please—a great way to make new friends in JCL)

2:00-2:40 pm (EDT) — Speaker Session 2

- Madeline Miller — *"Speaking Back to Classics"*
 - Drawing from her success with two highly acclaimed, New York Times Bestselling novels (*The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*), Madeline Miller will discuss adapting ancient classical stories to our modern world

2:45-3:15 pm (EDT) — Praetoria Workshops

1. Carrying Your Club Through Quarantine (for all JCL officers)
 - The pandemic is going to change the way that clubs function this year, so get help and advice from the MassJCL officers (more individualized help in breakout rooms depending on need and number of participants)
2. JCL Sponsors Chat (for all JCL sponsors/chairs)
 - The MassJCL state chairs clarify your questions about helping to manage and promote JCL as a teacher or adult during the pandemic
3. Certamen chat (for certameners/certamen coaches)
 - MassJCL certamen coaches Coach Fontin and Mr. Howard speak about how certamen will look different this year (for practices, tournaments, etc.)

3:30-4:10 pm (EDT) — Speaker Session 3

- Michelle Wu — *"The Road from NJCL President to Boston City Councilor"*
 - The former NJCL President reflects on her JCL experiences and speaks about how her time in JCL has helped prepare her to run for and serve as a Boston City Councilor
- Susan Greenfield — *"The classics and the brain sciences: two sides of the same (human) coin"*
 - We will explore how ideas on human nature raised by the Ancient Greeks have a direct parallel in modern brain research. The presentation will combine a lifelong love of Classics with a professional expertise in neuroscience to explore the different psychological approaches taken to characterization by the three great Athenian tragic playwrights: Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides.

4:15-5:15 pm (EDT) — Activities Session 2

1. Street Certamen
 - Compete in teams of four to earn points by buzzing in first and providing the correct answer to questions on pop culture, classics, and general trivia
2. Werewolf (Mafia)
 - Zoom games! Find and persecute the werewolves, as a healer, seer, or villager (or kill these people each night as a werewolf)
3. Outburst (Family Feud)
 - Zoom games! Do you think like the average person? Find out in this team-based competition
4. Marshmallow Catapults and JCL mixer
 - Watch video submissions to the marshmallow catapults contest and chat with others about upcoming events or plans for your JCL chapter, compare how your schools' responses to COVID vary between local districts or states, or any topic that you please!

5:20-6:00 pm (EDT) — General Assembly 2

- School skits and awards, videos of MassJCL schools' large catapults, the MassJCL officer skit, and more important announcements from the board officers