**SALVETE! Welcome to Leon Latin and Rebus Gestis!**

We’re excited to have you here and hope you plan to have as great a year as we do.

I am honored and excited to start teaching Latin at Leon High School this year. I am looking forward to working with everyone to ensure that students in the Latin program gain a thorough appreciation of the Latin language and Roman culture, and that they have a fun time doing it!

Rebus Gestis, our Latin Club, is open to all Latin students, past and present, and is an integral part of our program. Our year will be filled with exciting activities and enriching opportunities. A preliminary schedule of events is included on the back of this letter. Further dates, times, and places will be announced in class and posted in the classroom, so be on the lookout for information! Our first event will be the annual Ice Cream Social.

For students at Leon to participate fully in all the activities of Rebus Gestis, it is required that each student be a member of the local chapter (Rebus Gestis), the Florida Junior Classical League, and the National Junior Classical League. Your check for $20, payable to Leon High School, covers the following expenses for the year:

 $ 2.00 National JCL

 1.00 Florida JCL

 5.00 National Latin Exam (class requirement)

 5.00 Regional Latin Forum (class requirement)

 7.00 Rebus Gestis (chapter dues, yearbook picture, etc.)

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 $ 20.00

Please bring your check to your teacher no later than **September 2**. With your help, we hope that Leon can continue to be among the nation’s top programs. Rebus Gestis has a rich history of high achievements in both the Regional and State Latin Forum, as well as on nation-wide placement exams. All of these are made possible by the incredible dedication and commitment of our students, parents, and sponsors. We cannot thank you enough for helping us continue this tradition of excellence!

As you well know, funds are needed to assist students in attending any competition. Our dues make it possible for us to have our monthly meetings and activities. Many of the other activities of this club demand further funding, however, so we will be participating in fund-raising activities. Suggestions for fund-raising opportunities are more than welcome.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at school (617-5700 ext. 1670) or email me: wellsj3@leonschools.net.

Sincerely,

Jana Wells

**Tentative Schedule of Rebus Gestis Events**

**September 21:** Ice Cream Social

**October 14-20:** Homecoming Hall Decorating

**October 26:** Chil-o-ween (Halloween party and Chili cook-off)

**November 10:** Bowling Party

**December 2:** Saturnalia Party

**January 28:** Regional Latin Forum

**February:** Lupercalia Party

**March:** National Latin Exam

**April 6-8:** State Latin Forum

**May:** Awards Banquet

N.B. Other events such as fundraising opportunities and local Certamen workshops will be announced during the school year.