

Greetings Oaks' parents and students of *lingua Latina*,

St. Thomas Aquinas, asked once how one ought to approach one's studies in gathering from the treasury of knowledge, replied: "*...ut per rivulos, non statim in mare, eligas introire, quia per facilliora ad difficiliora oportet devenire*"—choose to wade into the shallow streams rather than leaping straightway into the ocean deep, because one ought to arrive at an understanding of the more difficult by means of the more facile.

Summer is the ripe moment and perfect time to wade into the less daunting streams in preparation for long-term ocean swims with the original authors—without floaties—in the area of Latin letters. In fact, given the intensity of a Latin program conducted entirely in that language, it's really the only time of the year when the academic tyranny of the urgent is set aside long enough for students to catch their breath and make the smooth transition into this coming fall's regular sessions. That said, I'm hiring myself out as a Latin tutor beginning Tuesday, July 5th. The weekly sessions will be an hour and scheduled by appointment between 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through the third week of August at The Oaks. Mr. Tasche and a former student, Katherine Close, are also potential tutoring candidates. A certain amount of careful student reading and writing exercise at home or by the lakeside daily will be the name of the game and will expedite the whole process. Please text or call me at your convenience. Slots tend to fill up quickly.

Cheers, Godspeed, and Excelsior as always,

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