

**FROM THE RENAISSANCE TO ROME VENICE-FLORENCE-ROME**  
**West Hartford High School Latin Program**

**To:** West Hartford Latin Students and Their Parents  
**From:** George Coleman, Jim Crabb

We are excited to announce that during our April vacation 2009, the West Hartford High School Latin Program will sponsor a trip to Venice, Florence and Rome. Both Conard and Hall high schools will participate. This ten-day tour of Italy is open to Advanced Latin and Ancient Greek students in good standing.

Our journey ultimately takes us to the sites where Rome's rich history was played out. We'll feel the sand of the Colosseum floor beneath our feet; we'll walk the same paths that Caesar, Vergil, Ovid, Horace and Catullus walked.

In conjunction with *EF EDUCATIONAL TOURS* of Boston, we have carefully planned our itinerary so as to maximize our educational experience and minimize the inconveniences of travel.

Beginning in the north of Italy in Venice, we'll explore the magnificent city called *serenissima*, visiting Piazza San Marco, The Doge's Palace and admiring the architecture of the *palazzi* which line the Grand Canal. Heading south we'll marvel at the ancient Roman amphitheater in Verona. We continue our journey to the heart of Tuscany, Florence, with two full days to absorb the richness of the cityscape, its museums and its charm.

Our next destination is Assisi, but first we spend the early afternoon in Sienna, where we will take a guided walking tour and have lunch in this beautiful medieval city. In Assisi we'll visit the *Basilica di San Francesco*. The next morning we depart for Rome.

In Rome we first explore the ancient ruins of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. We'll climb the Palatine Hill – viewing the remnants of its once opulent palaces that overlook the Circus Maximus. Next, we tour the Vatican City and its renowned museums, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. Other important sites on our agenda include the Capitoline Museums, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps.

The tour's specifics are listed on the back of this letter. We'll have a trip meeting in the late winter/early spring to discuss last minute details. If you are interested but have questions, please contact one of us at:

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The West Hartford Public School Administration has given permission for foreign travel, and we fully expect that this trip will go ahead as planned, but it is important to note that it is the sole prerogative of the WHPS Administration to cancel such foreign travel based on concerns for student safety. It must also be noted that should the trip be cancelled, the cost may be non-refundable. Thank you.

George Coleman and Jim Crabb