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Caption for 1-11-17IMG_4359HSSaturnaliaCrop.jpg:

Pictured with Latin teacher Kathleen Durkin and student Matthew Gregg (sitting), students posed in their Latin Club t-shirts (left to right, back): Emily Gaven, Samantha Shaps, Elizabeth Derderian, Deanna Watkins, Micaela Fontanetta, and, in the red chariot, Zoë Caponegro and Natalie Abatemarco, Lindsey Gambino, Harrison Ernst, John O'Hare, Joanna Fealey, Emma Rubino, and Theresa Hughes.

Latin Club Celebrates Saturnalia

By Zoë Caponegro (Class of 2017)

On Friday, December 16th, Garden City High School's Latin Club celebrated Saturnalia, an ancient Roman holiday honoring the Roman god Saturn. It was held in the high school library and over 30 students joined to celebrate this ancient custom. Latin students, club members, and friends enjoyed the fun atmosphere by eating food and

playing several games mimicking the celebrations of the ancient Romans. These games included an informal javelin throw (with pool noodles), discus throw, toga wrapping, and competitive *certamen*, which is similar to quiz bowl. Many students participated in multiple events and had a lot of fun. Also, the club took time and effort in building a chariot for the event. The chariot was unveiled with the two *consuls* (presidents) of the club riding in it. The night was a tremendous success and everyone had a great time.

Latin is extremely important to everyone who participated. Our celebration of Saturnalia keeps the ancient traditions of Rome alive at Garden City High School!