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Learning Through the Arts of Ancient Rome and Greece
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On February 13th, members of Garden City High School's Latin Honor Society were given the opportunity to enhance their studies of both ancient Greek and Roman culture by visiting two extraordinary exhibits in New York City. Pictured here are (left to right, back row:) Kerry McHugh, Caroline Munn, John O'Hare, Harrison Ernst, Philip Acinapuro, Katherine Farrell; (front row) Hope Kelly, Zoe Caponegro, Natalie Abatamarco, Joanna Fealey, Micaela Fontanetta; (far right) Kathleen Durkin, Latin teacher; (not pictured) Sandra Cardilicchia, Italian teacher.

The first stop was the Metropolitan Museum of Art display on ancient Greek and Roman culture. At the museum, students went on tours and were not only able to view the art, but were also encouraged to ask questions and propose the meanings behind certain pieces, furthering their knowledge of Greco-Roman culture, mythology, history, and architecture.

After enjoying the first exhibit, students went to the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World to view a display entitled, "Time and Cosmos in Greco-Roman Antiquity." This was a smaller, more intimate gallery with an amazing collection of works revealing the different ways the ancient Greeks and Romans kept time. This collection included sundials, calendars, coins, and jewelry and the tour guide explained how these artifacts impacted the traditions in ancient life. The students had an amazing experience viewing these two exhibits and appreciated viewing these rare artifacts up close.

This field trip would not have been possible without the hard work of high school Latin teacher Kathleen Durkin and the generosity of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States (CAAS). Mrs. Durkin was awarded a \$600 grant from the CAAS which, in addition to the money that the Latin Honor Society had raised from bake sales, subsidized this field trip, making it much more affordable for the students. The Latin Honor Society sincerely thanks Mrs. Durkin, as well as the CAAS, for the incredible day in the city and the learning experience that came along with it!