Salvete! My name is Nicholas Jalbert and I am the Classics Day Chair at Holy Cross this year. I hope classes go well as you return from break and get back in the swing of things. I wanted to remind the teachers and students of the newer additions to Classics Day. Due to outstanding submissions and demonstrated interest, we are continuing the Manuscript Challenge from the past few years. These additions reflect the type of research the Classics department is currently involved in:

1: Manuscript-related Certamen questions: Certamen rounds will again include a few questions regarding manuscripts. The following is a list of basic topics upon which the questions will be based:

- The materials of manuscripts
- The process of making a manuscript
- The uses of manuscripts/types of documents
- The scribal process

And here are several links which should be useful for studying:

- [http://www.bibliopolis.nl/handboek/search/recordIdentifier/HBB%3A1.1.1/maximunRecords/1/termenkaart/octavo](http://www.bibliopolis.nl/handboek/search/recordIdentifier/HBB%3A1.1.1/maximunRecords/1/termenkaart/octavo)
- [http://prodigi.bl.uk/illcat/GlossA.asp](http://prodigi.bl.uk/illcat/GlossA.asp)
- [http://medievalwriting.50megs.com/glossary2.htm](http://medievalwriting.50megs.com/glossary2.htm)

2: We will also be issuing a “Manuscript Challenge” about a month before Classics Day. Schools will be asked to submit their findings a week before Classics Day.

Holy Cross students participate in this kind of research throughout the year. Our hope is to let students know more about the research opportunities that may be available to them when they reach college. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me, Nicholas Jalbert, at ncjalb16@g.holycross.edu. Thank you very much, I can’t wait to see you all on Classics Day!

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