



The Lion's Roar

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CAMPUS DEDICATION: A Time of Thanksgiving

Aileen Crain, Director of
Development
Sunday, April 19th – 1:00 p.m.
Ceremony
12:30-2:30 p.m. – Open House



As you know our campus dedication is this Sunday April 19. Please come by during the open house for a tour of the new building between 12:30-2:30pm. **The dedication ceremony will be held outside the new building at 1:00.** The weather is supposed to be warm and sunny so we are very thankful.

The dedication will not be like ones you may have seen on television. **We won't have giant scissors to cut a huge ribbon or an elaborate party that costs a lot of money.** We want to be wise with our resources. This time together is for us to **take a moment to share with others our excitement about what the Lord has provided.** We will be thanking the many people who helped make the building possible and **praying together and dedicating the building and the school to God.**

The day will still be very festive and we welcome each of you to come.

PARENT FORUM

Tuesday, April 28th – 7:00 p.m. – Crestwood Campus

At our Parent Forum on April 28th, Mr. Rick Trumbo and his team will present the Veritas Rhetoric School Plan, outlining the exciting curricular and co-curricular plans we are laying to complete the build-out of our Rhetoric School. This will include refinements and formalization of things we are already doing, plus exciting new elements we believe will provide a strong link between our Logic School and the Portrait of the Graduate—a truly unique program flowing out of our mission and toward the Portrait. **Please join us for this unveiling of the “capstone” of a Veritas K-12 education!**

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- ☞ 8th GRADE FIELD TRIP THROUGH CIVIL WAR RICHMOND – MONDAY, APRIL 20TH – 10AM-3PM
- ☞ TEDDY BEAR CLINIC FIELD TRIP – KINDERGARTEN CLASS – MONDAY, APRIL 20 & 21 – ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL
- ☞ ARTS DAY – FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH – 12:30-1:30 P.M. – PARENTS ENJOY ART DISPLAYS IN BOYD HALL – 1:30 – 2:30 P.M. MUSIC PROGRAM IN SANCTUARY – ALL STUDENTS PRESENTING – PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS INVITED TO ATTEND!
- ☞ STANDARDIZED TESTING WEEK – GRADES 3-8 – MONDAY, APRIL 27- FRIDAY, MAY 1
- ☞ EARLY DISMISSAL FOR ALL GRADES – FRIDAY, MAY 1ST – 11: 30 A.M. – TEACHER WORK DAY IN AFTERNOON
- ☞ TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK – MAY 4-8TH
- ☞ HISTORY DAY – MAY 15TH – GRADES 1-5 ON LY – DRESS UP AS A CHARACTER FROM THE TIME PERIOD YOU ARE STUDYING





ARTS DAY PROGRAM

Friday, April 24th – 12:30 p.m. – Art Fair/1:30 p.m. - Program

The schedule for this year's program will be slightly different from previous years. **The Fellowship Hall will be open for parents and grandparents to enjoy the artwork on display from 12:30-1:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. the music program will begin in the sanctuary.** At the end of the program, parents may pick up their students from their classrooms. **We encourage parents and grandparents to join us for the festive celebration of the arts.**

WHAT IS CLASSICAL EDUCATION? – Part III

From "The Classical Teacher" by Peter Kreeft

WHAT IS EDUCATION FOR?

As arms, legs, hands, hearts, brains, lungs, and all the other body parts make a single human body—and as the plot, characters, setting, theme, and style make up a single story—all these subjects in the curriculum make up a single thing: an education, an e-ducare, a leading-out and leading-up into the light. It is a change, like an operation or a birth: a change in the student. **It is a change from darkness to light, from small mind to large mind, that is, from ignorance to knowledge, and (much more important) from folly to wisdom.**

Education, as classically conceived, is not primarily for citizenship, or for making money, or for success in life, or for a veneer of "culture," or for escaping your lower-class origins and joining the middle class, or for professional or vocational training. **The first and foundational purpose of education is not external but internal: it is to make the little human a little more human, bigger on the inside.** The primary end of classical education, then, is in the student.

One of the functions of the teacher is to raise the dead, to make their authors present. How? Not by doing anything to the authors, but to the readers: **by getting the students to read the great books as their authors intended them to be read, namely actively, questioningly, in dialogue with the author,** who will speak to them from beyond the grave or from a distance if, and only if, the reader asks the right questions, the logical questions. A great book, properly read, becomes not just a dead object but a living subject, a person, or the ghost of a person.

VPA CONNECTIONS

PARENT PRAYER TIMES Please join us as we lift up the needs of the Veritas Community to the Lord. As always, younger siblings are welcome to attend with their parents.

- **Thursdays – 8:05-8:30 a.m. – Siblings are welcome**

DRAMA PRACTICE

Monday, April 20th – 3:00-5:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

MUSIC PRACTICES

YMC – Mondays – 7:15 -7:50 a.m.

YMC – Tuesdays – 7:15 -7:50 a.m.

YMQ – Wednesdays – 3:00-3:45 p.m.

YWC – Thursdays – 7:15 – 7:50 a.m.

YWQ – Fridays – 7:15 -7:50 a.m.

ATHLETIC DATES

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK PRACTICE – TUESDAY/THURSDAY – 3:15-5:15 P.M. –CRESTWOOD

VARSITY TRACK PRACTICE – MONDAY/TUESDAY/THURSDAY – 3:15-5:15 P.M. –CRESTWOOD

FENCING – TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS – 4:00-5:00 P.M. AT THE UPPER SCHOOL