

TENTH GRADE

CULTIVATING WISDOM, VIRTUE AND GODLINESS

THE RHETORIC STAGE

In high school our instructional focus shifts to rhetoric, by which we mean the clear and persuasive expression of ideas. The classroom curriculum itself is organized around three schools: Humane Letters, Math and Sciences, and Arts and Languages.

STUDENT LIFE

Veritas provides a variety of clubs and activities. High school students can participate in cross country, track & field, Townball, debate, drama, Classical League, garden club, apologetics club, Spanish club, after-school art, choirs and more!

THE HOUSE SYSTEM

The house model is intended to create an atmosphere conducive to developing positive role models and peer pressure, encouraging good sportsmanship, and inspiring a vibrant personal walk with God. The four houses at Veritas are comprised of students from each of the secondary grades. They are named after the authors of the great poems of Western Civilization that form the basis of our Humane Letters program, and thus of our classical model: Homer, Virgil, Dante, and Milton.



WELCOME TO TENTH GRADE!

Students in tenth grade will build on the beginning high school foundations from ninth grade in their study of Humane Letters, Art History, Math, Latin or French and students will have the opportunity to take either Biology or Advanced Biology. In Art History, students will create actual stained glass crosses while studying gothic architecture.

One of the highlights of the year are the trips to the Greek Festival and Mount Angel Abbey to study manuscripts.



Adina Jones
Homeroom



Lisa Thoele
Homeroom, Science



Bryan Lynch
Headmaster



Joshua Smith
Latin, Humane



Emily Shelton
Art History,
Theology



Daniel Jones
Math



Jeff Adams
Math



Erica Kencke
French



Mark Wagner
P.E.



Sally Mehler
Music, Choir

TENTH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

CLASS OVERVIEW

Secondary students will follow a 6 period daily schedule:

Note: this schedule is from the 2019-2020 school year. Schedules vary each year.

- First Period (8:30-9:25)**
 Science—Mrs. Thoele (M,W)
 Art History—Mrs. Shelton (T,F)
 Latin or French—Mr. Smith or Mrs. Kencke (Th)
- Second Period (9:30-10:25)**
 Math—Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (M,T,F)
 Humane Letters—Mr. Smith (W)
 Science—Mrs. Thoele (Th)
- Third Period (10:30-11:25)**
 Latin or French—Mr. Smith or Mrs. Kencke (M,F)
 Humane Letters—Mr. Smith (T)
 Math—Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (W)
 Music—Mrs. Mehler (Th)
- Lunch (11:25-11:55)**
- Fourth Period (12:00-12:55)**
 Humane Letters—Mr. Smith (M,Th)
 Theology—Miss Shelton (T,W)
 Science—Mrs. Thoele (F)
- Fifth Period (1:00-1:55)**
 Humane Letters—Mr. Smith (M,Th,F)
 Science—Mrs. Thoele (T) Latin or French—Mr. Smith or Mrs. Kencke (W)
- Sixth Period (2:00-2:55)**
 P.E.—Miss Shelton (M,W)
 Music—Mrs. Mehler (T)
 Math—Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (Th)
 Humane Letters—Mr. Smith (F)

Convocation takes place most Wednesdays from 10:20-10:40 and students will also have occasional morning assemblies. On these days, classes will follow the assembly schedule.

HOMEROOM (MRS. THOELE OR MRS. JONES): Students will hear and receive important news and information about classes and the school.

HUMANE LETTERS: Rome through medieval: *Aeneid*, *Boethius*, *Augustine’s Confessions*, *Divine Comedy*

THEOLOGY: Historical and cultural context of the New Testament; reading the Gospel according to Luke together; discussing the Early Church and analyzing the epistles.

LATIN: Continue reading of myths & legends, transition to Roman historical texts.

FRENCH: Everyday French and stories, non-fiction reading and writing, listening to and talking about news items and informative materials.

MATH: Advanced Algebra

SCIENCE: Biology

ART HISTORY: Considering Early Christian through Renaissance art and their contexts.

MUSIC: Students have music class twice weekly and also participate in all-school concerts in December and May

FIELD TRIPS: Portland Greek Festival to see icons, Mount Angel Abbey to see manuscripts.

CONVOCATION: Convocation is a weekly time with secondary students to cultivate growth in virtue for both students and teachers.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Students can participate in Cross Country, Track & Field, Townball, Chamber Singers choir, Drama and Classical League.

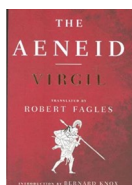
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Each quarter, the Houses – led by secondary teachers and seniors – have time to focus on various service projects. Seniors rotate through the leadership positions so that every one has an opportunity to gain these invaluable skills through first-hand experience.

PROTOCOL: Curriculum and an annual formal dinner and dance for our high school students. It provides the students with the opportunity to gain invaluable skills in the areas of etiquette, hospitality, correspondence, toasting, and interactions with others as well as a practical avenue to demonstrate these skills throughout the event while having an enjoyable social evening with peers and adult guests.

POETRY OUT LOUD: As an optional opportunity, high school students can compete in the Poetry Out Loud competition. Students memorize three poetry selections of their choosing and perform them at the classroom level, then at the school level. The top student at Veritas will go on to compete at regionals.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parents have the opportunity to sit down with their student’s teachers in November and February.

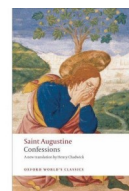
TENTH GRADE LITERATURE READING LIST



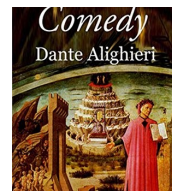
Aeneid



Boethius



Augustine’s Confessions



Divine Comedy