

ELEVENTH 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 ELEVENTH GRADE!

Students in eleventh grade will continue with their study in Rhetoric, reading Aristotle, composing and delivering several speeches as well as a research thesis paper. Students will choose between Integrated Math or Pre-Calculus and will study Chemistry. Students will read a variety of literature including Shakespeare.

Some of the highlights of the year are the Junior/Senior debate about a current event topic, a trip to Seattle to tour architecture and the Seattle Art Museum and the annual Oregon Shakespeare trip to Ashland.



Daniel Jones
Homeroom, Math



Bryan Lynch
Headmaster, Rhetoric
Humane Letters



Erica Kencke
French



Joshua Smith
Latin



Lisa Thoele
Science



Jeff Adams
Math, Theology



Emily Shelton
Art History



Sally Mehler
Music, Choir

ELEVENTH 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)**
Theology— Mr. Adams (M)
Science—Mrs. Thoele (T)
Math— Mr. Jones or Mr. Adams (W)
Art History— Miss Shelton (Th)
Latin or French— Mr. Smith or Mrs. Kencke (F)
- **Second Period (9:30-10:25)**
Latin or French— Mr. Smith or Mrs. Kencke (M,T)
Humane Letters— Mr. Lynch (W,F)
Music— Mrs. Mehler (Th)
- **Third Period (10:30-11:25)**
Humane Letters— Mr. Lynch (M,T)
Science— Mrs. Thoele (W)
Math— Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (Th)
Theology— Mr. Adams (F)
- **Lunch (11:25-11:55)**
- **Fourth Period (12:00-12:55)**
Humane Letters— Mr. Lynch (M,Th,F)
Math— Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (T)
Rhetoric— Mr. Lynch (W)
- **Fifth Period (1:00-1:55)**
Math— Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (M)
Art History— Miss Shelton (T)
Rhetoric— Mr. Lynch (W)
Science— Mrs. Thoele (Th)
Humane Letters— Mr. Lynch (F)
- **Sixth Period (2:00-2:55)**
Science— Mrs. Thoele (M,Th)
Music— Mrs. Mehler (T)
Latin or French— Mr. Smith or Mrs. Kencke (W)
Math— Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (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 (MR. JONES): Students will hear and receive important news and information about classes and the school.

HUMANE LETTERS: Renaissance to Present, *Paradise Lost* (read out loud, entire text), *Pride and Prejudice*, *Frankenstein*, *Tale of Two Cities*, etc.

RHETORIC: Aristotle's '*Rhetoric*'; compose and deliver several speeches; research thesis paper. Oregon Shakespeare, Junior/Senior debate (current event topic)

THEOLOGY: Major turning points in the history of Christianity from the Fall of Jerusalem to American evangelism

LATIN: Transition to Latin literature & poetry, with the option of AP Latin test prep

FRENCH: Stories and informative material, adding samples of French literature

MATH: Integrated Math or Pre-Calculus

SCIENCE: Chemistry

ART HISTORY: Mannerism through Modern Art and their contexts

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

FIELD TRIPS: Ashland Shakespeare Festival, Seattle to tour architecture and Seattle Art Museum, French Immersion weekend for French students

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.

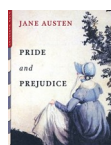
POETRY OUT LOUD: As an optional opportunity, high school students can compete in the Poetry Out Loud competition. Students memorize three poetry selections of their choosing and perform them at the classroom level, then at the school level. The top student at Veritas will go on to compete at regionals.

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

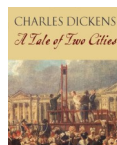
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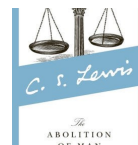
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John Milton



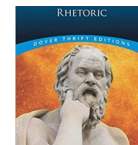
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Jane Austen



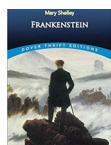
A Tale of Two Cities
Charles Dickens



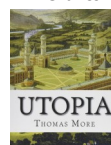
The Abolition of Man
C. S. Lewis



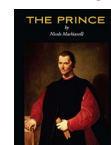
Rhetoric
Aristotle



Frankenstein
Mary Shelley



Utopia
Thomas More



The Prince
Nicolo Machiavelli