

TWELFTH GRADE

CULTIVATING WISDOM, VIRTUE AND GODLINESS

THE RHETORIC STAGE

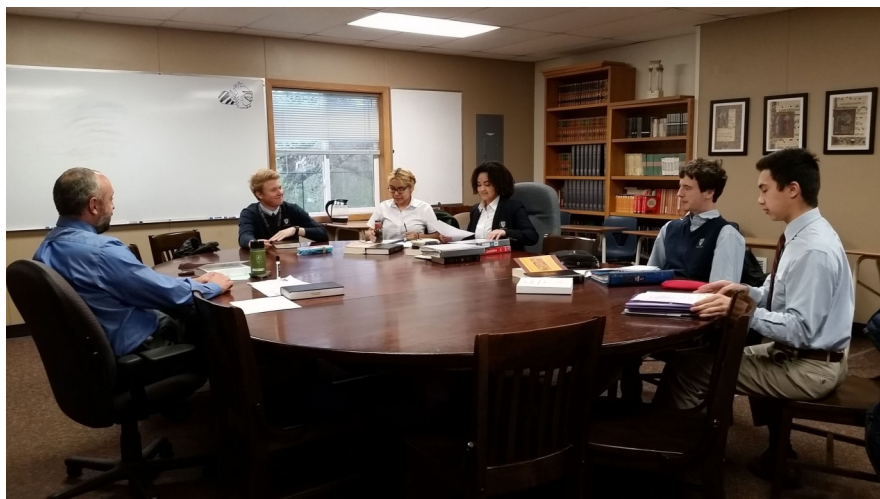
In high school our instructional focus shifts to rhetoric, by which we mean the clear and persuasive expression of ideas. The classroom curriculum itself is organized around three schools: Humane Letters, Math and Sciences, and Arts and Languages.

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 TWELFTH GRADE!

Students in twelfth grade will take a year-long course in Leadership and will lead our Veritas House System with events and service projects while mentoring 11th graders. They will also choose between French or Greek as language courses and Calculus or Statistics in math. Seniors will complete a Poesis project, part of their Rhetoric class. Some of the highlights of the year are the 12th grade Apologetics Retreat with Mr. Adams and the French Immersion Weekend for French students. Students are celebrated at the end of the year with a Senior Breakfast on the morning of Graduation.



Geary Linhart
Homeroom, Humane Letters, Rhetoric.



Bryan Lynch
Headmaster



Erica Kencke
French



Joshua Smith
Greek



Daniel Jones
Math



Jeff Adams
Math, Theology



Anna Danese
Leadership



Adina Jones
Science



Sally Mehler
Music, Choir

TWELFTH 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)**
Humane Letters– Mr. Linhart (M,T)
French or Greek– Mrs. Kencke or Mr. Smith (W)
Math– Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (Th,F)
- **Second Period (9:30-10:25)**
Science– Mrs. Jones (M,T)
Theology– Mr. Adams (W)
Music– Mrs. Mehler (Th)
French or Greek– Mrs. Kencke or Mr. Smith (F)
- **Third Period (10:30-11:25)**
Leadership– Mrs. Danese (M)
Math– Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (T)
Rhetoric– Mr. Linhart (W)
Humane Letters– Mr. Linhart (Th,F)
- **Lunch (11:25-11:55)**
- **Fourth Period (12:00-12:55)**
Math– Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (M)
French or Greek– Mrs. Kencke or Mr. Smith (T)
Science– Mrs. Jones (W)
Theology– Mr. Adams (Th)
Rhetoric– Mr. Linhart (F)
- **Fifth Period (1:00-1:55)**
Humane Letters– Mr. Linhart (M,T,W)
Rhetoric– Mr. Linhart (Th)
Science– Mrs. Jones (F)
- **Sixth Period (2:00-2:55)**
French or Greek– Mrs. Kencke or Mr. Smith (M)
Music– Mrs. Mehler (T)
Math– Mr. Adams or Mr. Jones (W)
Humane Letters– Mr. Linhart (Th)
Science– Mrs. 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. LINHART): Students will hear and receive important news and information about classes and the school.

HUMANE LETTERS: American History and literature

THEOLOGY: Apologetics, worldview, a defense of the reliability of the gospels, and a response to some of the main arguments against Christianity

RHETORIC: Focus on style using ancient texts; senior thesis: Poiesis

FRENCH: We continue with our 11th grade skills, adding academic level writing

GREEK: Begin Ancient Greek through narratives from Aesop, mythology, and the New Testament

MATH: Calculus or Statistics

LEADERSHIP: Leading the Veritas House System, including monthly house lunches, Fall and Spring House Olympics, service projects, social events, volunteer opportunities, and mentoring the 11th graders. Lead Like Jesus, applying truths about Christ to their own leadership.

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

FIELD TRIPS: Apologetics Retreat, 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.

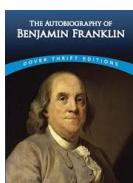
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Each quarter, the Houses – led by secondary teachers and seniors – have time to focus on various service projects. Seniors rotate through the leadership positions so that every one has an opportunity to gain these invaluable skills through first-hand experience.

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.

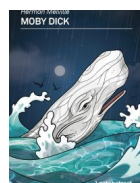
POETRY OUT LOUD: As an optional opportunity, high school students can compete in the Poetry Out Loud competition. Students memorize three poetry selections of their choosing and perform them at the classroom level, then at the school level. The top student at Veritas will go on to compete at regionals.

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

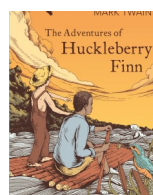
TWELFTH GRADE LITERATURE READING LIST



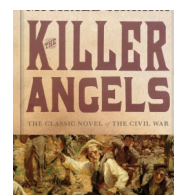
Autobiography of Ben Franklin



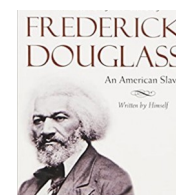
Moby Dick Herman Melville



The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain



Killer Angels Michael Shaara



Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass Frederick Douglass