

SEVENTH GRADE

CULTIVATING WISDOM, VIRTUE AND GODLINESS

THE LOGIC STAGE

The secondary grades build on the foundation laid during the primary learning. Students in the seventh and eighth grades continue developing their understanding of subjects while beginning to apply the principles of logic across the curriculum.

DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE

Students learn to self-manage organization within a variety of classes and teachers.

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 SEVENTH GRADE!

Seventh grade is the beginning of the secondary grades at Veritas. Students will have multiple teachers, moving to different classrooms.

Students learn to organize their materials in their homeroom and manage a variety of course expectations.

Students are introduced to the house system to join students spanning 7th-12th grades. Houses will meet regularly for activities and service projects through their secondary school experience. Students will choose a science project topic at the start of the year and use experiments to evaluate and test their theories. They will present and display their findings at the Grandparents day science fair in April.



Anna Danese
Homeroom,
Humanities, Latin



Bryan Lynch
Headmaster



Adam Fitch
Theology



Daniel Jones
Math



Adina Jones
Earth Science



Sally Mehler
Music, Choir



Diane Wiser
Art



Mark Wagner
P.E.

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)**
Humanities— Mrs. Danese (M,W,Th,F)
Theology— Mr. Fitch (T)
- **Second Period (9:30-10:25)**
Humanities— Mrs. Danese (M,W,Th,F)
Music— Mrs. Mehler (T)
- **Third Period (10:30-11:25)**
Music— Mrs. Mehler (M)
Humanities— Mrs. Danese (T)
Latin— Mrs. Danese (W)
Science— Mrs. Jones (Th,F)
- **Lunch (11:25-11:55)**
- **Fourth Period (12:00-12:55)**
Latin— Mrs. Danese (M,Th)
Art— Mrs. Wiser (T)
Math— Mr. Jones (W,F)
- **Fifth Period (1:00-1:55)**
Science— Mrs. Jones (M,W)
Latin— Mrs. Danese (T)
Math— Mr. Jones (Th)
Theology— Mr. Fitch (F)
- **Sixth Period (2:00-2:55)**
Math— Mr. Jones (M,T)
Theology— Mr. Fitch (W)
P.E.— Mr. Wagner (Th,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.

SEVENTH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

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

HUMANITIES: "Journey" literature such as *The Hobbit*, *Pilgrim's Progress*, *Kidnapped*, *Endurance*, and other works along with poetry, the history of the Pacific Northwest, and map the entire world from memory.

THEOLOGY: First half of the Old Testament, in-depth study of Proverbs.

LATIN: Students transition from the study of grammar to conversational Latin, discussing the world around us.

MATH & SCIENCE: Pre-Algebra and Earth Science (astronomy, meteorology, geology and oceanography).

MUSIC & ART: Students have music class twice weekly and also participate in all-school concerts in December and May. Art class is once a week where students work on drawing skills while exploring the principles of design used by great artists throughout history.

FIELD TRIPS: 3 days along the Oregon Trail, the Columbia Maritime Museum, Astoria, World Forestry Center and Silver Falls.

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

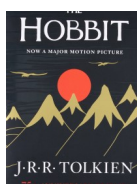
ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Students can participate in Cross Country, Track & Field, Townball, Chamber Singers choir, Drama and Classical League.

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.

JUNIOR PROTOCOL: A preview program for our middle school students. Students enjoy an evening out that includes dinner and a theater or concert event. Protocol provides training in etiquette and manners to enable our graduates to be at ease themselves and put others at ease in all social situations; give grace and receive grace; be socially graceful and spiritually gracious; and initiate respectful dialogue with adults.

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

SEVENTH GRADE LITERATURE READING LIST



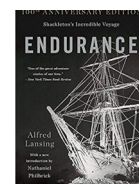
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J. R. R. Tolkien



Pilgrim's Progress
John Bunyan



Kidnapped
Robert Louis Stevenson



Endurance
Alfred Lansing