

EIGHTH GRADE

CULTIVATING WISDOM, VIRTUE AND GODLINESS

THE LOGIC STAGE

The secondary grades build on the foundation laid during the primary learning. Students in eighth grade take a separate class in logic to further their foundations in this skill.

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 EIGHTH GRADE!

Eighth grade students will continue to build on the foundation they have learned in seventh grade—taking Latin, Math, Humanities and Theology subjects and adding Logic classes to further their foundations in this skill. Students will also participate in regular Art, Music and PE classes and have a variety of extracurricular activity choices.

The highlight of the eighth grade year is a trip to the Washington D.C. area to study US history.



Emily Shelton-
Homeroom,
Humanities, Latin



Bryan Lynch
Headmaster



Jeff Adams
Theology



Geary Linhart
Logic



Ginger Teller
Math



Sally Mehler
Music, Choir



Diane Wiser
Art



Mark Wagner
P.E.

EIGHTH 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)**
Math– Mrs. Teller (M,W,Th,F)
Music– Mrs. Mehler (T)
- **Second Period (9:30-10:25)**
Humanities– Miss Shelton (M,T,W,F)
Latin– Miss Shelton (Th)
- **Third Period (10:30-11:25)**
Humanities– Miss Shelton (M,T,Th,F)
Latin– Miss Shelton (W)
- **Lunch (11:25-11:55)**
- **Fourth Period (12:00-12:55)**
Logic– Mr. Linhart (M,T)
Theology– Mr. Adams (W)
Music– Mrs. Mehler (Th)
Latin– Miss Shelton (F)
- **Fifth Period (1:00-1:55)**
Latin– Miss Shelton (M)
Art– Mrs. Wiser (T)
Humanities– Miss Shelton (W)
Theology– Mr. Adams (Th)
Logic– Mr. Linhart (F)
- **Sixth Period (2:00-2:55)**
Theology– Mr. Adams (M)
Math– Mrs. Teller (T)
Logic– Mr. Linhart (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.

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

HUMANITIES: Forms of government and economic systems, American History– Founding to the Civil War. Reading of American Literature set in historical time period as well as founding documents.

THEOLOGY: New Testament Survey: overview of the New Testament, the gospels, Acts, Galatians, Ephesians and introduction to Revelation. In-depth read of the gospel of John.

LATIN: Reading and telling Latin stories, discussing the history of Rome.

MATH: Algebra

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: Each year, the eighth grade class takes an incredible U.S. history trip to explore the area around Washington DC. Stops include such important sites as Arlington Cemetery, the Capitol, the White House, Jamestown, Williamsburg, and the Smithsonian Museums!

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

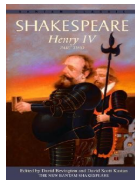
ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES: Students can participate in Cross Country, Track & Field, Townball, Chamber Singers choir, Drama and Classical League.

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.

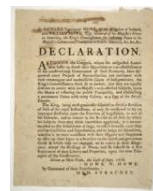
EIGHTH GRADE LITERATURE READING LIST



Henry IV
Shakespeare



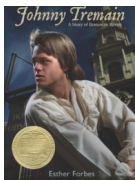
The Merchant of Venice
Shakespeare



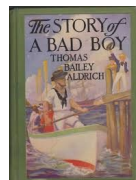
Founding Documents



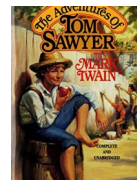
The Witch of Blackbird Pond
Elizabeth George Speare



Johnny Tremain
Esther Forbes



Story of a Bad Boy
Thomas Bailey Aldrich



Tom Sawyer
Mark Twain



Across Five Aprils
Irene Hunt