

# Veritas Classical Academy

## News – Fall 2007

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### *A great start to another year...*

Our fourth year has gotten off to a wonderful start and students have already finished their first quarter of classes. We welcome our new students, parents and staff to the Veritas family!

We believe God has big plans in mind for Veritas and this year we are trusting him as we move ahead toward those goals. Specifically, we are looking for a bigger building facility to accommodate our continued growth. We are also seeking to hire a full-time principal for the 2008-2009 school year. The school board will continue their fund raising efforts to make it possible for these goals to be met.

### **Upcoming Events**

<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>Open Board Meeting</b> at 7pm in the Music Rm. at Trinity.
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>Picture Retakes</b>
<b>Nov. 19-23</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>Norman Christmas Parade</b>
<b>Dec. 14, 18, 20</b>	<b>Upper School Finals</b>
<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Veritas Christmas Program.</b> Time and location TBA.
<b>Dec. 21- Jan. 7</b>	<b>Christmas Break</b>
<b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>First day of Spring semester</b>

*For these and other events, please visit our website at [www.veritasnorman.org](http://www.veritasnorman.org).*

### *Prayer Needs*

- God's continued blessing on the school and its daily operations.
  - Wisdom for the Board as they make decisions concerning the 2008-2009 academic year.
  - God's provision of a new building and full-time principal.
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### *Looking Ahead*

The Board and administrative staff are already looking ahead to the Spring and setting dates for the various Information Sessions and Campus Day visits we will host. These events provide an excellent opportunity for interested families to come learn more about the philosophy of the school and to see firsthand how the blended model of home school and classroom instruction works.

Application and enrollment information regarding the 2008-2009 academic year will be posted on the website by January 15.

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### *Work for what is possible*

-by Todd Wedel,  
Upper School Humanities teacher

“Work for what is possible; hope for what only God can do.” This, it seems, has been my lesson of three years, now beginning four, at Veritas.

My life has not been what I had expected. I began teaching a grade level I had always sworn I would never approach. I found that, as God had always known, I loved it and felt myself for the first time finding the proper use of my gifts. I, who had always sought constancy and a life of

regular expectations, have instead sought challenge, responsibility, and change.

These providences have taught me a twofold lesson.

For myself, I have learned to work where, when, how, and with what means God gives. My often-perfectionist spirit, then, must confess that it is not always, or hardly ever, how I would have it to be. I must instead say, "It is what it is." Far from a fatalistic concession to "the real world," it is for me an acknowledgment of what I can do with the gifts and abilities God has given me in imperfect, human situations. It is also a prayer, that God would accept the fruit of my hands and efforts and work in, through, and ultimately above such efforts to use them in His perfect work.

In relationship to others, I have learned to trust that they are similarly bound as creatures and blessed by God. As similar creatures, I must humbly acknowledge both a similar imperfection of it being "what it is" and submissively acknowledge God's similar loving rule over them. Instead of growing anxious, annoyed, or offended, my spirit must be one, as Paul tells us love must always be, to "always trust, always hope, always persevere" (1 Corinthians 13:7), believing the best about those with whom I am in community, hoping that just as I have been extended grace, so they have received the same and will extend it also.

Though a lesson as slow and painful as I am stubborn, both these aspects have taught me to seek peace.

As Veritas continues to develop as a school, it is my hope and prayer that the board, staff, parents, and students would have such an attitude. Together, we can work for what is possible, what God has provided in and through this school, working together with the possibilities and situations each year and each day brings, hoping and believing always that each of us has found grace and is worthy of grace from each other.

May our prayer be that of Moses, "May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands" (Psalm 90:17).

## Open Board Meeting

The Veritas Board will host an Open Board Meeting **Tuesday, November 13, at 7pm** in the Music Room of Trinity Baptist Church (801 N. Peters, Norman).

The Board will be giving a current financial and student enrollment update, as well as discussing 2008-2009 projected goals for growth. This meeting is open to all VCA families and interested community members.

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### *New Staff*

We are honored to have such gifted staff working at Veritas. New staff members this year include the following:

**Lorie Gray** returns to VCA after taking a year off to have her fourth child. Lorie is the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher this year and assists Julie Serven with administrative duties for the grammar school. Lorie graduated from University of Central Oklahoma with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education. She has many years of teaching experience including being the former director of the Sylvan Learning Center in Norman. In addition to teaching children, Lorie is active at the Norman YMCA where she teaches kick boxing, body sculpting, and other aerobics classes.

**Susan Buchanan** is our new Kindergarten teacher this year. Susan and her husband, Kyle, have four boys. She brings a wealth of teaching knowledge and creativity to the classroom. She is a graduate of University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in Elementary Education. Susan is a lifelong resident of Norman and is very involved in her church.

**Melissa VanDeventer** is the new Kindergarten Assistant. She and her husband, Brad, have one daughter. Melissa has worked with children in a variety of settings. As the assistant, she is a tremendous asset to Mrs. Buchanan in making lesson plans and activities come to fruition for our Kindergarten students.