

Veritas Classical Academy

News – December 2004

New and Improved?

“Newer” is not always better. Sometimes, “newer” is just “older” with a new hairstyle and a little make-up. Being able to discern when “newer” really is “better” is an important skill to develop, and one that I’m still working on.

But sometimes new things do represent improvements to old products or old ways of doing things. The printing press, the assembly line, and the recent gas-electric hybrid automobiles are examples that come quickly to mind. Even when this is true, however, new ways of doing things mean change, and change is almost always hard.

For most of the families involved with Veritas this semester, change has been the operative word. Both the classical curriculum and the university model represent major changes to how most of our families have educated their children, and the transition has been fraught with challenges. Nonetheless, it seems that most people have learned to manage these challenges to a large extent, and the benefits are beginning to accrue. Parents are telling me that their students are being challenged in ways that they rarely (if ever) were before. Families are spending more time together, working on school-related tasks and engaging in non-school-related activities. These are real, tangible benefits to students and their families, and I don’t think I could be more pleased with these results. I can hardly express how proud I am of our students, too, for the efforts they have put forth this semester and for how much they seem to be learning.

Veritas represents a major change for all of us. It is a new school concept that is actually rather old, building upon a philosophy of how to teach and how to learn that traces back to the 6th century A.D. I hope that each of you feel that “newer” has meant “better” in the case of Veritas and that the

approaching new year will come with even more blessings for you and your family.

Sola Dei Gloria
Ryan Brown, Ph.D.
Acting Administrator

Friday Class Update

We have a new batch of Friday Classes being offered in the Spring. We have been able to reduce the cost and offer a monthly payment option. For course descriptions, class schedules, and tuition prices please visit our website, www.veritasnorman.org or call Rebecca at 850-5309.

Art (grades K-2)
Art (grades 3-6)
Classical Composition and Performance (grades 5-7)
Music (grades K-2)
Music Appreciation (grades 3-4)
Music Appreciation (grades 5-6)
Physical Science (grades K-2)
Physical Science (grades 6-8)

Upcoming Dates

December 16- Last Day of Regular Classes and Veritas Family Christmas Dessert and Program
December 17- Deadline to sign-up for Spring Friday Classes
January 4- First Day of Spring Semester
January 14- First Day of Friday Classes
January 31- Information Session
February 26- Information Session

Please visit our website www.veritasnorman.org for more information about all of these activities.