

Veritas Classical Academy

News – June 2004

Kindergarten Readiness Screening

Readiness screening for students applying to kindergarten at VCA is currently underway. Please call us at 850-5309 if you have not been contacted yet for your kindergartener.

Student Enrollment for 2004-2005

VCA will continue accepting applications for grades K-6. After July 9th, applicants will be subject to an additional fee of \$50 per child to cover the administration of last-minute processing of applications. Hurry to avoid additional fees!

Prayer Requests

Veritas continues to accept submissions for proposed courses and teachers for Third Day classes (Fridays) for the Fall 2004 semester. We are interested in hosting classes that will also be available to the home-schooling community for grades **K-8** in hands-on science courses, arts and music, additional languages, specific literature courses, and athletics. Please pray for prospective teachers and students for our Friday offerings. We hope to have a list of Friday classes available online by July 25th.

Praise God!

We are grateful to God and to Saxon Publishers for two recent gifts. In addition to a large financial contribution, Saxon provided us with a large box of classroom materials. Several local families have also made generous financial donations to Veritas recently. These timely gifts will be extremely helpful to us as we begin our first year of operation.

If you know where we can get high-quality office equipment or supplies at low prices (better yet, free), please let us know as soon as possible.

Faculty and Staff

Veritas has recently hired teachers! We are so excited about the quality of our new teachers and their enthusiasm for classical Christian education. To date, our teachers include: Kara Polk, Sherry McDonald, Tiffany Clark, Lori Martin, and Todd Wedel. We expect that by the end of July, all positions will be filled.

We have also hired an administrative assistant to the Board! Rebecca Wedel will take over a number of administrative functions for the Board, which should dramatically improve our efficiency and communications. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who have enabled us to get to this point, and we appreciate everyone's patience with our evolving office systems.

Important Dates

July 15: Enrollment fees due

August 4-6: Teacher training at Coram Deo Academy, Dallas, TX

August 14 and 17: Parent Orientation sessions

August 24: First Day of School!

Why Work? (Part 1)

In 1981 the band, Loverboy, released a song that became a huge hit called "Workin' for the Weekend." What's so good about the weekend? It's where you have the time to find love, of course. Can any of us watch TV without getting

the idea that we should work to have fun and that fun always means going to our favorite bar and having a beer and ogling at the opposite sex?

(Part II of *Why Work* will appear in the next newsletter of Veritas Classical Academy.)

Popular culture defines work as the means to gain happiness, fame, fun, sex, a good living, status, sometimes even as a way to support a family. Are these valid (Biblical) reasons to work? Have you ever asked the question, why work? Our culture thinks it knows the answer, and that answer always starts with a man-centered objective. When was the last time you heard a sermon on the theology of labor? We often hear sermons about the ethics that should govern lives, including our work. We should be honest in our dealings, working hard and having the best interests of our employer at heart. We should not pilfer, and we should deal with people graciously and share the gospel when given the opportunity. All are sound, ethical principles, but what about the work itself? Is work a result of the fall and, therefore, a *necessary evil*, or is work *good* and worthy of our devotion?

Genesis establishes for the Christian much in the way of this “theology of work.” At the most elementary level, the first story we read in the Bible is about God working: “And on the seventh day God ended *His work* which he had made” (Genesis 2:2). Then God makes Adam, and so begins the Divine pattern. We are made in His likeness, and so we mimic Him. “And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it” (Genesis 2:15). All of this took place *before* the fall. The significance of this is profound. God finished His work, declared it good, and installed man and woman as vice-regents over all He made with the command to work.

Work, then, is good because God declared His own work to be so. He always does good work. He works, therefore we work. Because the Fall came *after* the command to keep the Garden, work itself, as a creation of God, is good. The Fall did not destroy the essence of work as good. The Fall marred our capacity as humans to see it that way, and to glorify Him in the doing of it.