

Veritas Classical Academy

News – March, 2004

Veritas Enrollment Begins March 6, 2004

Accepting Applications

Veritas Classical Academy Board of Directors is pleased to announce that applications are currently being reviewed for the 2004-2005 school year. The first round of admissions is March 6- April 15, 2004. The first day of school for grades K-5 is Tuesday, **August 24, 2004**.

Veritas will be meeting at Trinity Baptist Church, 801 N. Peters Avenue, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two full days, 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on Fridays for elective classes, times to be announced shortly.

Veritas Enrollment Meeting

Rodney Marshall, Founder and President of Coram Deo Academy in Dallas, TX, and his wife, Robi Marshall, Coram Deo's Curriculum Director, gave an excellent presentation on Coram Deo's implementation of a classical, Christian "university model" school.

There were over 100 people in attendance for the seminar. Many thanks also to Pastor Ronnie Rogers, who gave the opening address, defining progressive education and outlining its history in the United States. Thanks also to Shannon Schroeder and Heidi Thomas, as well as our other many volunteers on Saturday for their help organizing and running the event.

Prayer Requests

Pray for parent and teacher interviews this month and next month.

Pray for the Board's fund-raising efforts.

Missed the March 6th Enrollment Seminar?

If you missed the Enrollment Seminar on March 6th but would like to hear the talks given Saturday, contact Veritas through Ryan Brown at rpbrown@ou.edu or call 405-850-5309. The talks will also be available for downloading from our website (www.veritasnorman.org) later this month.

Teacher Applications

Veritas is currently interviewing interested teachers for part-time (Tuesday/Thursday) positions for Fall 2004. Individuals who have taught K through 5th grade are encouraged to apply by sending a cover letter and resume to Veritas Classical Academy, P.O. Box 720426, Norman, OK 73070. To understand specific requirements, including the required and recommended reading to be completed prior to interviewing, please contact Veritas at 850-5309 for more information.

Important Dates

March 6: Teacher applications accepted
March 15: Parent Interviews Begin
March 20: Teacher Interviews Begin
April 1: VCA Information Session
April 3: Administration of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills at Trinity Baptist
April 15: Enrollment Deadline for initial review of applicants
May 1: Teachers offered contracts
May 4: VCA Information Session
May 15: Notification of student acceptance
May 17: Enrollment forms and fees accepted to reserve placement

June 1: Review VCA curriculum guide to plan for summer reading and preparation

July 1: Fall book list finalized

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

August 11-12: Parent Orientation

August 24: First Day of School!

Why Education Reform is Necessary... Now

We have reproduced here a sample of questions from the entrance examination for the freshman class of The Pennsylvania State College 1906. These questions, as well as others, represent what college-bound high school graduates were expected to know going into college then. How many of today's freshmen do you think would pass this exam?

I. Arithmetic

1. If ore in a gold mine yields $\frac{3}{80}$ of 1% of gold, how many tons (2240 lbs.) of ore must be taken to obtain 7 pounds (troy) of gold?

II. Algebra

1. If a ball, on being dropped from a tower window 100 feet above the pavement rebounds 40 feet, then falls and rebounds 16 feet, and so on, how far will it move before coming to a rest?

III. (a) Plane Geometry and Solid Geometry

1. The area of the figure formed by joining the middle points of the sides of any quadrilateral is equal to one half the quadrilateral. Prove.

2. In a right circular cone of altitude 27, plane are passed parallel to the base and trisecting the altitude. Find the ratio of the volume of each part of that of the entire cone.

IV. Physics

1. The mass of 35 cc of aluminum is 98.4 gm. What is the density of the aluminum?

2. A trolley care with the roof 8 ft. above the platform is moving at the rate of 16 feet per second through rain that falls vertically, and the platform is wet back 2 feet under the front edge of the roof. What is the velocity of the raindrops?

V. English Classics

Burke

1. Give the history of Burke's life.

Milton

1. Under what circumstances were *L'Allegro*, *Il Penseroso*, *Comus* and *Lycidas* written?

2. Name and characterize ten mythological personages mentioned in these poems.

Julius Caesar

1. Give the story of the play, act by act.

VI. United States History

1. Describe the different kinds of government, or different forms of colonial government in the thirteen colonies before the Revolution.

2. What were the dates and the causes of the Revolutionary War? Mention three decisive battles and three prominent American and English commanders.

3. Name the Presidents of the United States in their order, giving the dates of their terms.

4. Aside from Washington and Lincoln, what four men have exerted the greatest influence upon the course of American history since 1789? Give reasons for your answer.

Admissions Testing Information

Students applying for admission to VCA may take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills on Saturday, April 3, at Trinity Baptist Church. To register send \$25 to Veritas Classical Academy, P.O. Box 720426, Norman, OK 73070. Testing spots are limited for each date and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Students currently in 3rd and 4th grades should arrive at 8:45 to begin testing at 9. Students in 1st and 2nd grades should arrive at 9:15 to begin testing at 9:25. Kindergarteners should arrive at 9:30 to begin testing at 9:45. Testing will go until noon on the scheduled dates. The next scheduled testing date will be Saturday, May 1. VCA will provide readiness screening for incoming kindergarteners sometime in May.