

# Veritas Classical Academy

*News – Spring 2008*

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## *Growing from the Bottom Up*

### *Pre-K Available for Fall*

After receiving many requests to offer a Pre-Kindergarten program, the board has decided to make a Veritas **Pre-K class** available for Fall 2008. The board hopes this will help meet the needs of those in the community who are looking for a blended model classical Christian education at an even earlier age.

Applicants for Pre-K should have their fourth birthdays before September 1 of the year for which they are applying. Because of the rigorous nature of the school, especially in later grades, parents of students whose birthdays fall between May 1 and September 1 are strongly encouraged to err on the side of having their children be older rather than younger for their grades in order to allow for more developmental maturity.

Applicants for Pre-K will be assessed for classroom readiness based on a screening test, references by previous teachers or caregivers, and parental consultation. Social maturity will be assessed in addition to academic ability.

### *Growing with New Students*

We have gotten good response for the first few **Campus Days** offered for interested new families. Campus Days are an opportunity to observe in classrooms and ask questions about curriculum and the blended home and school model.

The first few **Information Sessions** also have been well attended. These provide interested families with a more detailed description of the history and philosophy of the school and allow parents to ask questions of board members.

## *Growing with Part-Time Enrollment*

To service a broader audience, VCA also is expanding **part-time enrollment** options. Students in grades 4-9 now may enroll either in our full-time core curriculum classes or in select classes. A list of courses available for part-time enrollment are available on our website.

## *Growing Beyond Our Current Space*

Veritas also is looking for **new facilities**. Trinity Baptist Church has been a gracious and wonderful host the past 4 years; however, we are outgrowing the space. The board is looking for a location that is within a half-mile of I-35, north of Robinson, and south of I-240, with at least 15 classrooms, a permanent office, a gym, a playground, and a lunch area. The board hopes that by moving north, Veritas will be more accessible to more OKC Metro families.

## *Character Trait of the Month*

If you are not able to stay for Good Morning Veritas in the mornings, you may not know that this year we are incorporating a short lesson each morning on a **highlighted character trait** for the month. So far teachers have discussed: Love, Faithfulness, Honor, Joy, and Perseverance. For February, the character trait is Gratefulness. Ask your grammar student what he or she is learning during GMV.

## *Car Stickers Available*

Hopefully by now you have been seeing new Veritas flyers around town. We want to get more window clings on cars, too. If you would like **free Veritas window clings**, please see Rebecca.

## Upcoming Events

### Campus Days (9-10:30am)

Thursday, March 13

Thursday, April 10

Thursday, May 8

### Information Sessions

Tuesday, February 26- 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, March 25- 7-8:30pm

Saturday, April 26- 9:30-11am

### Admission Testing, grades 1-9 (9-12noon)

Saturday, Feb. 9

Saturday, March 8

Saturday, March 29

Saturday, April 26

Saturday, May 10

### Admission Testing, Pre-K and Kinder

(9-12noon; in 30 min. testing blocks)

Friday & Saturday, May 2-3

Friday & Saturday, May 9-10

### Other Events

Thursday, Feb. 21 Re-Enrollment Deadline

Thursday, Feb. 28 Class Pictures

Thursday, Feb. 28 Last Day of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Thursday, Feb. 28 Skateland Party

Tuesday, March 4 Parent/Teacher Conference

(No class for students)

March 17-21 Spring Break

April 15 & 17 Achievement Testing

April 17 Science Fair

May 9, 13 & 15 Upper School Finals

May 15 Last Day of School

May 22 New Student

Application Deadline

*All events are at Trinity Baptist Church, Norman, unless otherwise noted.*

**THANK YOU!** to all who helped with the Christmas Parade and Christmas Program, both of which were great successes. Thank you especially to Kristi Dilley for coordinating the Christmas Parade float. Thank you to Debbie Brotzge for coordinating the Christmas Program.

## Spelling Bee Winners

Pee Wee Bee for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grades

- Christopher Abernethy (1<sup>st</sup> place)
- Drew Serven (runner up)

Spelling Bee for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades

- Ruth Serven (1<sup>st</sup> place)
- J.C. Caldwell (runner up)

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## Prayer Needs

- God would quickly provide a **place** for the school to meet that would allow for our growing needs.
- God would provide the person the school needs as **principal** for next year. Pray that having the right person in place full-time will allow the school to develop and expand to God's glory.
- God would bring many new families to the school and that **enrollment** would reach at least 112 for the fall.

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## *The Value of Leverage on a Home Day* *By Julie Serven, principal and parent of four*

It's February. Christmas is past. Spring is too far off to inspire hope just yet. It's cold. It's February.

If you're like me, February is when I can get sluggish in overseeing schoolwork on the home days. Below are a few things I have found helpful with my grammar students at home.

- We complete the "hardest" tasks early in the day while they are fresher.
- I often wrap a few easier tasks just before or just after a harder task so that more is accomplished. A break is contingent on getting the tasks at hand done.
- Every minute throwing a fit about doing a necessary task results in 5 minutes taken away from the next desirable activity (PE, orchestra, playing outside, etc.).
- I tell myself: It is not what you expect but what you inspect. Follow-up is key!