



Week of October 17, 2021



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The kindergarteners are choosing a noun and a verb and using them to create oral declarative sentences. They are then changing those sentences into interrogative sentences by adding a question word to the beginning.
- The first graders are displaying haiku they wrote in the school hallway. Come take a look.
- Third and Fourth graders are learning about the physics of Light.
- Fifth and sixth graders are returning to Famous Men of Greece and learning all about Heracles (Hercules).

CHOIR NOTES:

A Google drive has been emailed to parents and CDs have been sent home that include complete recordings of some of the pieces we will be singing for Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve. Please do make them accessible as appropriate to your children to begin putting the beautiful music for the season in their ears. Please consider playing the music during homework, car time or even relaxing music at bedtime! Just hearing tunes helps when we are busy preparing for the busy times ahead. Thank you!

LEARN-BY-HEART CATECHETICAL WEEK 9



Verse:

Isaiah 7:14

Catechism:

The Apostles' Creed Second Article

Leaders:

Verse: Allison H.

Second Article - Christian A.

Meaning Parts 1&2: Matthias R.

SCOOOL PICTURES

School pictures have been rescheduled for Friday, Nov. 12. Picture order forms are available on the Parent Portal of QuickSchools and will be sent home with the newsletter closer to the date. (Parents are not obligated to order pictures.)

16 OZ. PLASTIC CONTAINERS:

Please save clean and rinsed 16oz. containers and lids. Send them to school as they accumulate at home and keep saving them until you are notified that we have enough. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 15** - NO SCHOOL
- Oct 18** - NO SCHOOL
- Oct 22** - End of First Quarter Fish Fry
- Oct 23** - Katie L.'s Birthday
- Oct 29** - Academy 'Trick-or-Treat to Trunk-or-Treat'
- Oct 30** - Autumn C.'s Birthday
- Oct 31** - All Children's Choirs sing
- Nov 1-2** - Parent/Teacher Conferences

ACADEMIC MAKE-UP:

While your children might have enjoyed the unexpected "vacation" from school, the loss of instruction time means that the academic year will now need to be extended by one week. Originally scheduled to end on Friday, May 27th, the academic year will now extend through the week of Memorial Day, with the last day of classes falling on Friday, June 3. The schedule for the final week of school is as follows:

- Mon., May 30 - Memorial Day
- Tue., May 31 - End-of-Year Field trip to Madison
- Wed., June 1 - Hymn Sing Convocation Rehearsal(am) Service project(pm)
- Thu., June 2
 - 12:00 - Dismissal
 - 6:00 - Open House
 - 7:00 - Honors Convocation
- Fri., June 3 - Chapel Catechetical Olympics Academy Picnic

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

The first quarter ends on Oct. 22, and there will be parent/teacher conferences on Mon. and Tue., Nov. 1 and 2. This fall, we are going to try to schedule the conferences online using Signup Genius. Be on the lookout for an email with all the information for scheduling your conferences online. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Laura Ferguson.



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FROM THE CLASSICAL BOOKSHELF:

From Reynolds, Dr. Carol (Late Summer 2021). *Virtue and Discipline in the Arts The Classical Teacher*, 52-53

The Words of Pope John Paul II from his "Letter to Artists," penned in 1999:

[T]rue art has a close affinity with the world of faith, so that, even in situations where culture and the Church are far apart, art remains a kind of bridge to religious experience.

Until recent decades, a methodical study of the arts formed a routine part of nearly every child's education...The goal was to establish paths to the cultivation of virtuous qualities like patience, diligence, persistence, and steadfastness. There was a general recognition that the discipline and reward of studying the arts laid the groundwork for whatever avenues the child pursued as an adult, be it academic, technical, or a venture requiring craftsmanship. So let's consider some examples of how this cultivation looks in practice.

A child who studies an art form must master a roster of impulses early on: the impulse to wiggle or lose focus; the impulse to be weird ("Hmmm, what happens if I hold the recorder with my feet?"); the impulse to slither off or throw a fit when the task gets tricky. The study of any art moves in a methodical process using baseline methods such as "copying the masters."

...Modeling oneself after

something exemplary instills moral, ethical, and spiritual discipline. It supports our growth in the cardinal virtues...as well as the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love. Educators and parents desiring to teach these precepts do not always realize how readily the arts support their efforts, helping a child control the ear, eye, mind, and body, as well as discipline the emotions. Thus, music appears in the ancient structure of learning called the Quadrivium not as an elective, but as a cornerstone.

...To return to the letter of John Paul II (himself an actor and playwright in youth), the real significance of the arts lies in their link to God: "the Divine Artist passes on to the human artist a spark of His own surpassing wisdom, calling him to share in His creative power." How differently we would embrace and teach the arts if they were more widely understood as a reflection of the Divine Creation!

IGNATIUS BOOK CLUB

The October catalog is available online for the Ignatius Book Club. Like the Scholastic Book Club that many of us remember from our school days, the Ignatius Book Club works in cooperation with schools. For every order that is placed using our code, the Academy receives points. Those points can be redeemed by us for books and other educational items. To shop, go to:

<https://ignatiusbookclub.com/JTB8D2N>.

You can shop by grade or subject.

ART NOTES

What's Going on in Art?

Nothing ... because you are all enjoying a lovely day with your families on what would be the day of Art Classes. Stay tuned for next week!

ACADEMY STUDENTS AND FISH FRY:

Student volunteers are an integral part of the recent Fish Fry success. However, there can be too much of a good thing, especially since the process requires a specific number of volunteers to run efficiently. If your child would like to be a Fish Fry volunteer, please make arrangements with John Bender in advance.

TRICK-OR-TREAT TO TRUNK-OR-TREAT:

On Friday, October 29, the Academy will again host the, now annual, "Trick-or-Treat to Trunk-or-Treat." The event will begin at 3:30 pm giving Academy students time to change into their costumes after school. (Kindergartners are welcome to return for the festivities.) Children will trick-or-treat inside the Academy and Church buildings and then move outside to Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot. Parents are encouraged to participate by hosting trunk-or-treaters at their vehicles.

Please let your child's teacher or Mrs. Ferguson know by Friday, October 22 if your family will be participating so that we can get a good idea of how much "treat" we need to provide.