



STATE - OF THE - SCHOOL

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Thank you for gathering with us at the State of the School to collectively reflect on our mission and vision as a school, celebrate God's great provision for our children and community, and become excited about what He has in store for us.

2024-2025 Snapshot

The classical, Christian, collaborative model is a wonderful reminder that parents are *primary*, but *not solitary* in this journey.

Student Enrollment

696

Families

391

Faculty & Staff

151

GRAMMAR SCHOOL
313

Local Churches

103

Zip Codes

35

SCHOOL OF LOGIC
199

Veritas Alumni

403

2024 Graduates

43

Approximately **612** hours are reclaimed by parents each school year.

Financial Snapshot

FINANCIAL PHILOSOPHY

Since its founding, Veritas has consistently operated in the black with all, or almost all, of our annual operating expenses covered by tuition and fees. Each year, we build a zero-based budget to support all school functions instead of running a “budget plus” model. Commitment to such a disciplined process has allowed us to steadily deliver the school’s mission without families, faculty, or administrators worrying about Veritas’s ongoing viability and financial stability. Furthermore, this approach allows fundraising to be directed to campus and program enhancements and other capital improvements.

FY24 Financial Summary

- For the 16th consecutive year since we began conducting independent, third-party audits of our financial reports and internal controls, we’ve received a “clean” audit opinion without need for any qualifications.
- As of June 30, 2024, our fiscal year end, Veritas Academy had:
 - » **Total Assets** of \$27.1M
 - » **Total Liabilities** of \$11.8M (including \$8.1M of long-term debt for the land acquisition and initial campus development)
 - » Total Revenue of \$8.8M, yielding an operating cash profit
 - » Total Expenses of \$8.2M with **over 65% going directly to personnel**
 - » **Net Assets** of an all-time high \$15.3M, which include initial *Carpe Unitas* pledge receivables

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS CONTINUED ABUNDANT PROVISION!



Carpe Unitas

- We have over \$8.5M in commitments so far and are very grateful for this generous level of support!
- Our site plan has been approved by the City of Austin.
- We are working with a new architect who has designed a phaseable plan that will allow us to build out spaces for community collaboration, indoor athletics, and performing arts as we raise the money for each building/stage of construction.
- Our goal is to begin moving dirt on site this summer while we take the rest of this calendar year to continue raising the funds needed for a gym/community space. This will enable us to start vertical construction as soon as we receive the building permit.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CARPE UNITAS?

We would love to meet with anyone interested in learning more about *Carpe Unitas*. Please contact our Campaign Coordinator at Betsy.Cromer@VeritasAcademy.net or visit with a member of our Campaign Steering Committee:

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Ellen Schuknecht*

A Glimpse at What's Ahead

SHOP OUR NEW UNIFORM VENDOR

We are eager to announce that **you may begin shopping with our new uniform provider, [Direct School Uniforms](#)**. They are an online retailer who has a unique relationship with the largest uniform manufacturer in the U.S. This gives them the ability to match our current uniform program (almost) entirely so that our families can continue to wear the majority of items purchased over the past few years from Dennis and Flynn O'Hara. The [School Uniform Guidelines](#) provide more detail, and a few of the more significant changes for the '25-'26 school year and beyond are outlined below.



ALL

- Unless specified below, all other Dennis uniform pieces are being grandfathered into our uniform program. This includes black bottoms, plaid bottoms/jumper, polos, and outerwear.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

- There will no longer be designated Scholé bottoms; students will wear their normal uniform bottoms or jeans to Scholé.

SCHOOL OF LOGIC

- The long-sleeved oxford shirt and blouse will be the only formal option for boys and girls.
- SL girls will now wear a plaid cross-tie as part of their formal uniform.

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

- The long-sleeved oxford shirt and blouse will be the only formal option for boys and girls.
- There is a NEW light gray heather skirt, pants, and shorts.
 - » Dennis gray shorts and pants are no longer allowed, although Flynn O'Hara gray shorts and pants may be worn for one more school year (the new gray bottoms from Direct School will be required by the '26-'27 school year).
 - » Similarly, Dennis and Flynn O'Hara gray skirts may be worn for one more school year (the new gray skirt from Direct School will be required by the '26-'27 school year).

SHOP DIRECT
SCHOOL UNIFORMS

VERITAS UNIFORM
GUIDELINES

GS SPELLING/READING ADJUSTMENTS

We will be making a curriculum change in the '25-'26 school year and **will begin to use All About Learning resources in place of Spell to Write and Read**. This move to a patterns-based curriculum will support students in developing decoding and encoding skills that are foundational in the grammar stage. Our reading program will remain individualized through the 4th Grade, with students continuing to read in a book that is their fit, be that a basal or decodable reader.

GS SCHOLÉ IS MOVING TO A FULL DAY

GS Scholé provides students with a day of leisurely learning and the opportunity to complete History & Science studies together. The combination of these two components has made the Scholé schedule become more rigid than what was intended. As such, **to allow for a more leisurely pace to the day, Scholé will now be a full-day option only, with dismissal remaining at 2:30pm**. Students who sign up for Scholé will still have leisure enrichment classes along with taking History & Science Explorers that will lighten 1st-4th graders' T/Th home days.

UPPER SL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

The unique stage of our 7th and 8th Grade students causes us to continuously evaluate Upper SL offerings to ensure we are meeting their learning and developmental needs. While some recent changes have beautifully filled previous holes, others have created new gaps. As such, **we are making a couple of adjustments to 7th and 8th Grade enrichment classes for the coming school year**. While a high-level outline is below, parents are encouraged to attend an upcoming Grade Level Exchange and to read the Course Catalog to better understand the purpose and content of these classes.

7TH GRADE

- Tech & Common Arts I
(M, 1 semester each)
- Fine Arts Course (W/F, all year)

8TH GRADE

- Informal Logic & Speech
(M, 1 semester each)
- Fine Arts Course (W/F, all year)
- Protocol & Common Arts II
(F, 1 semester each)*
 - » *These new once-a-week Friday classes will take the place of a Friday Homework Lab.

A Glimpse at What's Ahead

NEW SR ARTS FOUNDATION COURSE

A new Fine Arts class, **Art Foundations**, is being added to our offerings as a year-long course and prerequisite for Studio Art classes. The curriculum intertwines the technique of Master Copy while incorporating Art History and Art Appreciation with classical methods of instruction and Socratic discussion. We anticipate this class becoming an SR favorite with students learning a variety of art mediums. Parents are encouraged to attend an upcoming Grade Level Exchange and to read the Course Catalog to better understand the purpose and content of this course.

ZIPCAST TEXT COMING YOUR WAY

Veritas has partnered with ZipCast, a short and impactful podcast specifically for Classical, Christian schools and families. In addition to a brief announcement section provided by Veritas, each episode includes informative segments from trusted experts around the country to help keep you informed and encouraged. **Within the next couple of weeks, all Veritas parents, faculty, and staff will receive a text inviting you to subscribe.** We hope you will take advantage of how easy it is to be “encouraged on the go with what you need to know.”

VERITAS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT



All Veritas dads and friends are invited to tee up for a memorable day of fellowship, friendly competition, and Texas hill country views at **Grey Rock Golf Club on Sat, Mar 8**. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just getting started, a scramble format will ensure everyone has a shot at glory. Spots are limited to 72 guests. Lunch and swag will be included! Visit [VeritasClassic.com](https://www.veritasclassic.com) for details and to register.

(RE-)ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

ENROLLMENT RESOURCE PACKET

The annual Enrollment Resource Packet is published in the School Memo on the Friday after the State of the School (Fri, Jan 31) and includes all policies and agreements for the upcoming school year, a detailed Tuition & Fee schedule, and the '25-'26 Academic & Holiday Calendar.

COURSE CATALOG

The Course Catalog for the '25-'26 school year will be released on Fri, Jan 31.

ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Online Enrollment will then open to all current students the week of Feb 10-14. Any packet not submitted by the deadline will be closed and risk losing their seat to a new student.

ENROLLMENT FEE

The Annual Enrollment Fee of \$1,600 is due upon enrolling, but will not be drafted until Fri, Mar 7, via FACTS Tuition & Management.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Tuition Assistance applications open on Fri, Jan 31, and must be submitted by the deadline on Fri, Mar 7.

COURSE REQUESTS

Course Requests will open to all reenrolled students at 8pm on Mon, Mar 10, via Family Portal.

ENROLLMENT RESOURCES & COURSE CATALOG
Fri, Jan 31

ONLINE ENROLLMENT
Mon, Feb 10 - Fri, Feb 14

ENROLLMENT FEE DRAFTED & TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION DEADLINE
Fri, Mar 7

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Mon, Mar 10 @ 8pm
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