



JOHN XXIII Montessori Children's Center

High School Courses & Faculty 2020-2021

Students are welcome to join the Middle School for morning prayer at 8:10 and to stay through lunch/recess until 12:45pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Courses

High School Academic Advisory Sarah Mason

\$725/academic year (August-May)

The Advisory Program provides high school planning regarding which courses to take at White Oaks, at home, or through other services, in order to fulfill not only Virginia graduation requirements for high school, but also to facilitate entrance into college level organizations in which the student wishes to attend. The advisor offers accountability for the student's independent work and acts as a liaison between the student and Dr. Elenor Kelly of Guardian Angel Academy and will create a full student transcript to accompany a Virginia diploma from Dr. Kelly and Guardian Angel Academy at the completion of high school work. Students will also receive guidance creating a portfolio of completed work. While we do not offer an SAT prep course, we do provide accountability and occasional guidance for SAT prep via Khan Academy. This service includes email contact weekly, a half hour advisory conference monthly on a Thursday after school, and a one hour goal setting/planning conference thrice yearly in August, January, and May. This service would continue to be offered online should public health dictate.

Language Arts (2hr once a week for 30 weeks) Sarah Mason

Tuition \$725 + books

Wednesday morning 9:45a-11:50a

A thirty-two week course in written communication and reading comprehension. Writing topics covered include creative, persuasive, narrative, compare contrast, and analytic writing. Reading genres include short story, epic, drama, and novel. Some works covered include *The Iliad*, *The Odyssey*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. Students will also read and analyze various short

pieces of nonfiction. This course would continue to be offered online should public health dictate.

Spanish (1hr twice a week for 30 weeks) Monica Vicente

Tuition \$725 + books

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:30am-9:40a

Upper Level Spanish will begin by reviewing and reinforcing basic Spanish grammar, vocabulary and sentence structure. While the emphasis in Beginning Spanish is on listening so that students can develop an ear for the sounds of the language, Upper Level Spanish will focus on speaking. Students will develop a strong grounding in the basic grammatical structures and the most frequently used Spanish vocabulary in order to be able to apply them easily to conversation. Finally, students will also gain a basic understanding of the origins and history of the Spanish language and how this history has led to the evolution of the language into the different varieties spoken today. There will be weekly vocabulary/verb conjugation quizzes, occasional short tests (approx. once a month) and a final at the end of the semester. This course would continue to be offered online should public health dictate.

Theology (2hr once a week for 30 weeks) Nicholas Fonte

Tuition \$725 + books

Tuesday mornings 9:45a-11:50a

In this course, students will engage in a detailed analysis of why it is only through Jesus Christ that man can live an authentically joyful and fulfilling life. Students will verify the truth of the Church's moral teaching through a study of modern-day case studies. Once grounded in understanding the "why" behind the 10 Commandments and Beatitudes, students will develop persuasive, apologetic arguments to equip themselves to dialogue with the culture and invite others to a life in Christ. This course would continue to be offered online should public health dictate.

Faculty

Sarah Mason

This year, Sarah Mason is stepping into the role of Lead Adolescent Guide. As many of you know, Sarah holds a Bachelor's Degree in history from Christendom College; she also completed the AMI Orientation to Adolescent Studies in 2017

and will receive a full AMI Adolescent Certification next year with AMI's first Adolescent Studies graduating class. With over thirteen years of experience teaching at the middle and high school level, Sarah has taught at John XXIII/White Oaks for over five years and has already helped students prepare for college entrance exams, prepare flexible transcripts--including those required for the NCAA, and has provided numerous letters of recommendation for students. Sarah is also offering the high school language arts course.

Monica Vincente

Having earned a Bachelor's from Christendom, Monica Vicente is working towards her Masters in Education, with a concentration in Spanish language and culture, from James Madison University and the University of Salamanca in Spain. A favorite with students, this will be Monica's second year teaching in our adolescent program, and we are excited to have her back!

Nicholas Fonte

Our new Executive Director, Nicholas Fonte has extensive experience with adolescents, serving as a high school teacher and campus minister for nine years. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Great Books from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's Degree in Theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Studies in Washington, DC. He also served as a religion teacher and the Dean of Instruction and Student Life at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School for eight of years, as well as holding a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Notre Dame. Recently, he spent three years directing the successful transformation of a Catholic school to a thriving Catholic Montessori school in Minnesota. We are excited to have him at John XXIII and White Oaks. He is approachable, thought filled, and loves working with young people. We could not ask for a better theology guide.