

## **Advancing the mission of our school with The St. Patrick Curriculum**

In fall 2022, we will begin implementing stages of the St. Patrick Curriculum in grades Pre-K through 5 and, pending St. Andrew Board approval, in the middle school. This curriculum adoption is one of many steps we are taking to renew and advance the mission of our school: *to provide a classical education built on Catholic faith, academic excellence, and community.*

Authentic Catholic education is integral: the Church's faith and tradition are not simply relegated to a class period for religion. Rather, they should permeate the entire curriculum, educating the whole person by offering a formation in intellectual and moral virtues so that the student may go on to lead an integrated life.

The St. Patrick Curriculum is a Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade program that integrates the humanities subjects (English language, literature, history, geography, art, and music) into the story of salvation history (the history of the Church) which serves as the content by which the student practices the skills of grammar, logic, and rhetoric. Because this curriculum encourages students to discover the meaning of all their learning within the history of salvation, it is uniquely harmonious with our school's mission.

Of course, the content of a curriculum is only one aspect of a classical school; **the success of this implementation relies upon teachers' pedagogical practices and on the commitment of our community.**

**To help teachers prepare** for the upcoming school year, we have scheduled training in June and August with the curriculum's creators, along with opportunities to attend a professional development conference in July. We also intend to ensure more prep time for teachers to continue their training and to allow for planning.

**For our community**, we want to provide everyone (parents, students, teachers, administrators) with opportunities to support each other in our pursuit of what is true, good, and beautiful. To that end, we invite everyone to a lecture series we are hosting this spring, as well as a community information night about the St. Patrick Curriculum. We are offering PIP points for attending.

### **Lecture Series**

March 29: What does Classical, Catholic education look like at St. Andrew School?

April 4: Ecumenism by Dr. Hannah Hemphill

April 21: Faith and Reason by Dr. Eric Hall

May 31: Why Classical Education? Why St. Patrick Curriculum? by Dr. Diana Philpott

### **Community Information Night**

May 2: St. Patrick Curriculum

Blessings,  
St. Andrew Administration

Next week's topic: **Teaching kids, not curriculum: Partners in teaching**