

Headmaster's Missive

10/16/19 - St. John of Capistrano

"You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church."

-John Paul II to Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, October 2nd, 1979



Dear Parents,,

We are glad to welcome back your students to HSA after MEA! Over the break I was able to read the excellent **essay** on education by Dorothy Sayers entitled "The Lost Tools of Learning." In this worthwhile essay she laments the state of education which has left behind the tools of the Trivium (the liberal arts of grammar, rhetoric, and logic) and she argues rigorously that the classical way of education is needed more than ever. Her reasoning is quite straightforward. The Trivium provides tools which teach one how to think. These tools, and when used properly, liberate the life of the

mind via strong intellectual habits. These ancient tools of learning are employed liberally here at Holy Spirit Academy. Ven. Fulton Sheen is a preeminent example of the liberally educated mind who was thereby able to defend and promote the Catholic faith with great success. With the feast of St. John Paul II this week, it is a fitting occasion to reflect on these contemporary examples of holiness and wisdom. May we all strive to "write and speak well" of Our Lord Jesus.

Godspeed,

Andrew M. Lang

Headmaster

Venerable Fulton Sheen, Pray for Us!



Please review our live calendar for complete coverage of upcoming events!

FYI-Upcoming Events

- All HSA Parents that may be participating in activities with students should be Virtus trained. St. Henry's is offering a Virtus training session on October 27th at noon. Registration is required, register online at www.virtusonline.org. You will be prompted to watch a video, submit a background check and complete a code of conduct. A light lunch and refreshments will be served for registered attendees. Please list that you are a St. Henry's volunteer as HSA is not listed. Please plan to attend if you have not already been trained.
- **Astronomy Night (Click here for flyer)** lead by Mrs. Wicker is tomorrow on October 24th, 2019.
- Save-the-date for HSA Family **Game Night** - Friday,

Faculty Ruminations by Mr. Whalen



Most people recognize the familiar formula, $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ but few remember actually proving it. While evidence suggests that people were aware of many "Pythagorean triples" (3, 4, 5 or 6, 8, 10) as far back as the 16th century BC, it was not until about 300 BC (as far as we know) that the first universal proof that the square on the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares on the legs was recorded by Euclid in Proposition 47 of Book I. Since the beginning of the year, the geometry students have have been working toward demonstrating this surprising and beautiful fact for themselves. They have wrestled with the geometric demonstrations, presenting the forty-six that lead up to the Pythagorean theorem, one by one, a little further each day, every theorem building off of the ones that came before. Finally, on Monday, these efforts reached a pinnacle when Mr. Perrault presented proposition I.47 for all the other students to see. Even thousands of years after it was first discovered, students still bask in the pleasure of understanding the Pythagorean Theorem for themselves and all the certitude that comes with it. Equally remarkable is the thought that in just a couple of months, Euclid has led them to see what took mathematicians generations to

November 1 (All Saints Day). The Morris family is sponsoring an informal social gathering for Holy Spirit Academy families and staff to foster community and celebrate our extended HSA family. Please see **the flyer** for more details.

Sheen Team

Please read **this attached letter** thoroughly with some important information (sent last week).

See these **two attached flyers** about silent auction solicitation (also shared last week).

- Please continue to pray for Banquet!
- Several deadlines are coming up. Please refer to the letter that was sent home in the Family Folder last week
- **October 31**--Deadline for silent auction, wine bottles, and gift card donations. Please send to the school office and mark with your family name. We package and prepare all items in the two weeks before Banquet. Please send your items in before the deadline so that they are included. Thank you!
- **November 1**--Early Bird Registration Deadline. Buy your Banquet ticket now!
- **November 4**--Last day for extra pilgrimage raffle tickets sold to be entered into the drawing for Presidential Suite or \$50 Gift card.
- Join us- **October 24**--Next Banquet meeting, **TIME CHANGE: 5:30 - 6:30** to accommodate Astronomy Night Out. We will meet in Room 5 at HSA.
- Watch for a Volunteer SignUp Genius later this week. This is your opportunity to volunteer to help the day and evening of the Banquet. Thank you to all of our great families for being so generous with their time, talent, and treasure.

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Activity Director's Corner



Kaleidoscope Cross Country 2019

Congrats to the HSA cross country runners on completing the season! Thank you for rising to the challenge of participating in the first ever cross-country season at Holy Spirit Academy.



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