

## **Mission Statement:**

"St. John's Academy is a college preparatory classical Christian school dedicated to training virtuous scholars."

As a Christian school, St. John's Academy exists for the purpose of training and equipping the next generation to glorify God. We teach students to think in accordance with, and to defend, the truth. We teach a comprehensive Christian worldview as an undeniable, inseparable, and immutable foundation of each subject. Our goal as a classical Christian school is to challenge students to be life-long lovers of learning without apology or contradiction to the truth of Scripture.

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. (Genesis.1:27) We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139)

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male and female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26-27)

We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Genesis 2:18-25) We believe that marriage between one man and one woman, uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church. (Ephesians 5:21-23)

## GENERAL PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE OF ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY Philosophy of Education

We believe that the Bible, not the church or state, clearly instructs parents to bring children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Therefore, we teach in a manner consistent with the Bible and a godly home environment.

We believe that God's person and character is revealed not only in His Word, but also in every facet of creation (Romans 1:20). Therefore, we teach that all knowledge is interrelated and instructs us about God.

We believe that God wants us to love Him, with our hearts, minds, souls, and strength (Luke 10:27). Therefore, we teach how to learn and reason through the centuries-old, <u>classical</u> method of education.

We believe that God wants us to do all things heartily, as unto the Lord (Colossians 3:23). Therefore, we teach that excellence is the standard for each person's endeavors.

## Statement of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.