

# WHAT TO EXPECT

RHETORIC LEVEL | 9TH-12TH GRADE

## APOLOGETICS

The Apologetics class seeks to solidify in students' minds that God exists, and that the Christian worldview is valid and how to navigate through today's society and culture. Through selected readings, inductive Bible study and Socratic discussion, as well as written assignments, students are encouraged to form solid arguments for their beliefs. These arguments are tested later in the year through in-class debates.

## LITERATURE

Each year, students read a selection of classic novels, short stories, and poems. Through Socratic discussion and written assignments and analysis, the class explores the major themes, lessons, and literary devices in each work.

## RHETORIC

Building upon the study of informal and formal logic, students will study the art of debate, critical argument building, and rhetoric. Students will continue to utilize Socratic discussion and debate in class.

## SCIENCE

Class time includes short lectures, discussions of the material, homework review, and hands-on experiments. Outside of class, students complete in-depth readings and accompanying written work. The class is capped off with a research project, which the students then present to the class.

## HISTORY

In this class, students learn by reading and studying primary source texts, with in-depth discussion in class, as well as written assignments. A capstone research project in their final year rounds out their study of world history as well as American history.

