

# WHAT TO EXPECT

LOGIC LEVEL | 7TH - 8TH GRADE

## APOLOGETICS

The Apologetics class seeks to solidify in students' minds that God exists, and that the Christian worldview is valid. Through selected readings 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.

## COMPOSITION

At this level, the focus is primarily on the persuasive essay. Students continue to develop their writing ability through lessons in idea generation, thesis development, etc, but they also learn the main tenets of persuasive writing, such as proofs, argument, and refutation. Students also develop public speaking skills through the opportunity to oral present their papers to the class.

## LITERATURE

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

## LOGIC

Over the two years of the Logic level, students study both informal logic (logical fallacies) as well as formal logic. Class time is spent in lecture, discussion, in-class practice, and homework review.

## 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.

