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BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Lion Pride



UNVEILING OUR EDUCATIONAL PLAN:

CRITERIA FOR DISCERNMENT OF EDUCATIONAL DECISIONS

We're excited to be unveiling our Bishop Ryan Educational Plan, a document illustrates the hallmarks of a Bishop Ryan education and why it's distinctly unique.

Last month, we shared our portrait of a Bishop Ryan graduate. This month, we'd like to focus on the criteria we use to judge educational decisions and their alignment with our approach to education at Bishop Ryan. The questions we ask include:

- 1) Is it beautiful?
- 2) Are we doing this because it is inherently good, or as a means to an end? If the latter, what end?
- 3) Does it encourage the student to think of education itself as a high and noble enterprise, or does it cheapen education?
- 4) Is it excellent? Does it demand the best students and teachers have to offer, and hold them to the highest standard they are capable of achieving? Or does it give in to the gravitational pull of mediocrity? Is excellence the highest standard, or is excellence subordinate to lower standards such as convenience, popularity, or marketing considerations (i.e., consumer appeal)?
- 5) Does it encourage reverence for the mystery of God and the splendor of His creation?
- 6) Does it encourage reverence for the mystery of the human person and respect for the student's own human dignity?
- 7) Does it encourage the student to desire truth, to understand such virtues as courage, modesty, prudence, and moderation and to cultivate these within oneself?
- 8) Does it help the student to see what difference God makes to all the facets of the world, or does it make God's existence seem irrelevant, trivial, small or private?
- 9) Does it assist in passing on the received wisdom of the Christian tradition, or does it create obstacles to reception of the tradition?
- 10) Does it encourage real searching and thinking? Does it provoke the student to ask 'why'?
- 11) Does it stir up a desire for understanding?
- 12) Does it encourage conversation between and across generations or does it hinder it?
- 13) Does it help to develop to the fullest extent what is uniquely human in the student: the powers of attending, reasoning, deliberating, questioning, calculating, remembering, judging, communicating, and loving?
- 14) Does it encourage the student to become patient, to take time, and if necessary, to start over, in order to achieve excellence, or does it subordinate excellence to speed, ease, and efficiency?
- 15) Does it encourage the student to value discipline and high expectations for himself or herself?
- 16) Does it deepen the role of the family in the life of the school and the role of education in the life of the family, or does it erect a barrier between family and school?

We'll unveil more pieces of the educational plan in future editions of *The Lion Pride*, but you can view the full document now by visiting bishopryan.com/edplan.

DO YOU HAVE A 2019-2020 LITTLE LION?

Registration for 2019-2020 Little Lions Preschool at Bishop Ryan is opening soon!

Students who are three years old by July 31, 2019, can enroll in our half-day preschool classes that meet two or three times each week. For those four and older by July 31, 2019, our Kindergarten Readiness classes are exclusively geared toward preparing students in their year before entering Kindergarten, meeting five days each week on a half-day or full-day schedule. All of our programs also feature music and physical education classes with our certified elementary teachers as well as library time each week for stories and checking out books, and our Kindergarten Readiness classes spend time in our atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Our classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited!

**For more information about Little Lions Preschool
and Kindergarten Readiness at Bishop Ryan Catholic School,
to schedule a tour, or to receive a registration packet,
please contact Jaimie Brunner at (701) 838-3355 or jbrunner@brhs.com.**

mark your CALENDAR

Jan. 9th

BR Family Night Out
at Applebee's

ALL DAY: 11:00am-9:00pm

*Dine at Applebee's from for lunch or dinner
on Wednesday, and 20% of your
ticket will be donated to Bishop Ryan.*

Holy Hour for Families
8:00pm

Bishop Ryan Catholic School Chapel
All are invited to share time in prayer.

Jan. 14th

Beginning of Second Semester

Jan 14th-20th

March for Life Pilgrimage
Washington, D.C.

Jan. 16th

Holy Hour for Families
8:00pm

Bishop Ryan Catholic School Chapel
All are invited to share time in prayer.

Jan 21st

No School: Staff Compensation Day

Jan. 23rd

Holy Hour for Families
8:00pm

Bishop Ryan Catholic School Chapel
All are invited to share time in prayer.

Jan. 25th-27th

2019 Bishop Ryan Carnival
Bishop Ryan Catholic School

Jan 28th-Feb. 1st

Catholic Schools Week 2019

Jan. 30th

Holy Hour for Families
8:00pm

Bishop Ryan Catholic School Chapel
All are invited to share time in prayer.

2019 BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, January 25th

Midway Games and Food Court, 5pm-10pm
Bingo, 6pm-10pm

SATURDAY, January 26th

Midway Games and Food Court, 2pm-9pm
Bingo, 3pm-9pm
German Night Dinner, 4pm-8pm

SUNDAY, January 27th

A Lion-Sized Breakfast, 9am-2pm
Midway Games, 11am-3pm
Bingo, 12pm-3pm

The region's
LARGEST
Carnival Midway,
featuring
our famous
CAKEWALK!

Lots of
family
FUN!

Get your tickets
for the
**CARNIVAL
RAFFLE:**

21 winners will be drawn
with a top prize of \$5,000 cash!
Tickets are \$5 each.
Drawing to be held 3:00pm
on Sunday, January 27th
at Bishop Ryan Catholic School,
316 11th Ave NW; Minot, ND.
Office of the Attorney General #C664.
Need not be present to win.

Bishop Ryan Catholic School
Family Night Out

Wednesday, January 9th
Lunch & Dinner! 11:00am-9:00pm

See you at **Applebee's**

Don't forget your scrip,
and don't forget to tell them why you're there!