

Experience AD FONTES ACADEMY

An Accredited K-12 Classical Christian School | Centreville, VA

Welcome to Ad Fontes Academy! Our school is such an integral part of all of our lives, and as the Heads of the House System at AFA, we are excited to share the student perspective of what we love about our school.

As students, we know that Ad Fontes Academy is first and foremost a Classical Christian school with rigorous and excellent academics. We're challenged by the tough curriculum, encouraged by teachers' passion for what they do, and spurred on by the love of learning that Ad Fontes has instilled in us. The joy in learning not what to think, but how to think, keeps us engaged inside the classroom.

It's outside the classroom, however, that what we learn really comes to life. Classes frequently run over due to heated debates, and lunchtimes are often devoted to continuations of those discussions, or considerations of new theories regarding anything from physics to literature. Ad Fontes has seamlessly integrated learning and casual conversation, creating a community founded on relationships and articulate thought.



From Our Houses to Yours

Of course, as you spend all this time with your peers grappling with questions about faith, history, and science, it becomes difficult not to learn a great deal about each other. Ad Fontes is more than just an academic environment, as we truly are drawn together by learning and growing together in Christ. We develop strong relationships with each other, with the teachers, and form friendships that continue outside the classrooms. Our school-wide theme here at Ad Fontes is "One Body", and we strive to live out this concept from I Corinthians 12 in our daily lives. We are one body in Christ and we endeavor to support and push one other to become better Christians, students, and people.

On one level, this evolves in an organized way, as with the House System. This student-led system, which divides the Upper School student body into four "houses", or groups, allows those in grades 7-12 to talk, pray, and be with one another throughout the year. By purposefully creating friendship and mentoring opportunities across all upper school grades, the community of the school has clearly been strengthened. Relationships quickly form between students in middle school and students in our high school. However, the unexpected and unplanned happenings also play apart in developing our community. Students may meet teachers for coffee after school, or participate in school-wide holiday parties. There's always something intellectually, spiritually, and socially engaging going on.

This unique community extends to families as well. Our parents and siblings are all integral to the Ad Fontes experience as they join us for picnics, chorus concerts, sporting events, and a myriad of other activities. Just as individual students do, families learn and grow together, supporting us through everything from basketball championships to thesis presentations. With all the bonds that are formed, it's common for families to remain active in the school even after their children have graduated.

Our devoted, Christian faculty is focused on teaching us to be thoughtful Christian scholars who are able to express ourselves eloquently, so that we can persuasively engage and influence the culture around us as we go out into the world. They encourage us to be leaders in our culture and they help us strengthen our leadership abilities throughout the years so that we are able to accomplish this goal. However, the goal of learning to serve Christ and live for Him couldn't be achieved without the close, nurturing community that's developed around our classical curriculum.

We invite and encourage you to visit us on campus and see first-hand what makes this such a special place!

Sincerely in Christ,

Ad Fontes Academy House Heads

Grace Nelson, Atlantis

Sarah Strachan, Ilium

Kassidy Hadley, Athens

Maggie Matthews, Rome