



Dominion Christian School is a Classical Christian school serving the Northern Virginia area since 1996. Located on a beautiful 18 acre campus in the heart of Oakton, we have approximately 135 students in grades K through 10. At DCS, we seek to kindle a love of learning in our students so that they are equipped to pursue truth and wisdom in service to our Lord Jesus Christ. An integral component of this mission is our commitment to the Classical model of education.

## OUR VISION

That our students would be classically educated servants of God, possessing a biblical worldview and fitted to pursue excellence in their God-given callings.



## OPEN HOUSES

*All open houses will take place from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:*

**Tuesday, October 5**

**Tuesday, November 9**

**Tuesday, January 18**

Dominion Christian School is located on Vale Road in scenic Oakton, Virginia. We currently lease facilities on the 18 acre campus of The Church of Northern Virginia.

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**CLASSICAL EDUCATION** ✦ Our motto at Dominion Christian School, “Knowledge. Truth. Wisdom.”, reflects our commitment to the Classical model. Through this model, employed throughout the ages but largely abandoned in our modern society, we seek to teach our children the tools of learning. In Dorothy Sayers’ essay, *The Lost Tools of Learning*, she diagnoses the concerns with “modern” educational methods (those adopted in the last century), as follows:

*“Is not the great defect of our education today—a defect traceable through all the disquieting symptoms of trouble that I have mentioned—that although we often succeed in teaching our pupils “subjects,” we fail lamentably on the whole in teaching them how to think: they learn everything, except the art of learning.”*



**THE TRIVIUM** ✦ Sayers proposed a return to the Classical model of education to eradicate this “defect,” and it is this methodology that we have embraced at Dominion Christian School. We therefore structure our curriculum based upon the Classical methodology known as *The Trivium*.

The Trivium consists of the three core stages of Grammar, Dialectic, and Rhetoric, and provides a sound structure for the pursuit of our mission at DCS.

**THE GRAMMAR STAGE** (*grades K-6*) is the study of fundamentals of various disciplines in order to build a body of core knowledge that can be ordered and arranged in the development of the student’s reasoning and expression capabilities in the context of a Christian worldview.

**THE DIALECTIC (OR LOGIC) STAGE** (*grades 7-8*) brings the data of the Grammar Stage into an ordered relationship, as students are taught the exercise of formal and informal logic.

**THE RHETORIC STAGE** (*grades 9-12*) employs the data of the Grammar Stage and the reasoning skills acquired in the Dialectic Stage to develop the ability to express concepts and ideas with eloquence, conviction, and persuasion.

*We encourage you to attend one of our Open Houses or to make an appointment to visit the school and to explore the enriching educational environment at Dominion Christian School.*

“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.” Proverbs 24:3-4