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Welcome to the Journey

by the SGC Board

It is with immense joy and anticipation that we embark on this endeavor together. As we lay the foundation for the school's great task of delivering a classical education grounded in faith, we are excited to keep you informed about our progress, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved.

Our Mission

Guided by the Scriptures, Saint George Classical School exists to educate students in the classical tradition so that they may grow in knowledge, wisdom, and virtue, seeking to love the Lord and use their gifts in the service of Christ and His kingdom.



Who Was Saint George?

Saint George, also known as George of Lydda, was a legendary Christian martyr and a Roman soldier who lived during the 3rd century AD. He is widely revered in both Eastern and Western Christianity and is considered one of the most significant saints in the Christian tradition.

George became a prominent officer in the Roman army, serving under Emperor Diocletian. Tragically, a fierce persecution of Christians swept across the Empire, known as the Diocletianic Persecution (303-311 AD). Believers were ordered to comply with Roman religious practices, including sacrificing to Pagan gods.

George's refusal to renounce his Christian faith led to his imprisonment, torture, and execution. The martyrdom of Saint George occurred on April 23, 303 AD, in Nicomedia (modern-day Turkey).

The legend of Saint George and the Dragon is a well-known tale that has been passed down through generations. According to the legend, the city of Silene was terrorized by a fierce and malevolent dragon that resided nearby. To appease the beast, the residents offered it a daily sacrifice of livestock. However, when the supply of animals began to run out, the townspeople were forced to choose humans to sacrifice, drawn by lot.

One day, the lot fell on the princess of Silene, and despite her father's pleas to spare her, she was sent out to meet her doom. As she was preparing to face the dragon, Saint George happened to pass by. Moved by her plight, George set forth to confront the dragon. After an epic battle, the dragon was slain.



Having saved the princess and the town from the terrifying creature, the grateful city put their faith in God and converted to Christianity. For the man and the legend, our school proudly bears the name of Saint George.

Where We've Been

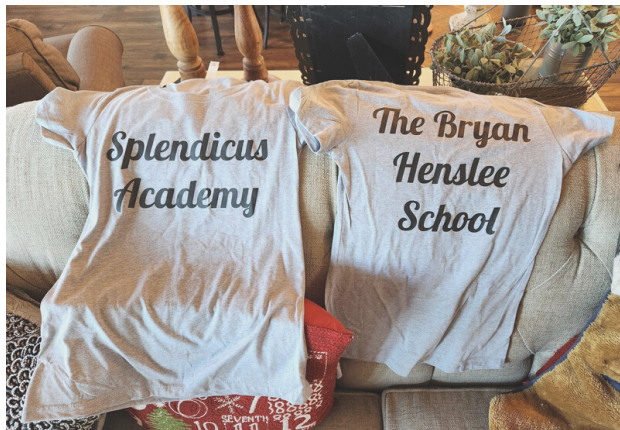
The Naming Fiasco

by Bryan Henslee

Considering this is our first newsletter, it seems appropriate to briefly touch on the genesis of the school, which is not devoid of comedy.

Although the school has existed in our hearts for years, it moved beyond our imagination just over a year ago in July of 2022, when we joined the Association of Classical Christian Schools as a startup. What we needed at that point was access to the wisdom and resources that the ACCS could provide.

At the time of registration, we had not settled on a name for the school. It had become such a creative task that I started proposing humorous names, such as "Splendicus Academy." But since I was assured by ACCS that we didn't have to settle on a name yet, I did not provide one. This proved quite the embarrassment months later when my brother-in-law proclaimed, "I just noticed a new ACCS school coming to our area. Its name is Bryan Henslee School." Thus began the joke that keeps on giving to this day. "Splendicus Academy" suddenly sounded much more appealing.



Shortly thereafter, in December of 2022, I was contacted by the ACCS about an Accelerator workshop for startup schools. Stephanie and I knew we wanted to participate, but we were not about to join a classical cohort under the banner "Bryan Henslee School." Dave Seibel, who was leading the class, jokingly said, "I think you are the only school named after someone still living. I don't know if you should be proud or ashamed." We both knew.

After reviewing with the group that would eventually become the startup board, we arrived at "Saint George Classical School," but to memorialize our **humbling** beginnings, my daughters gifted us that Christmas with school t-shirts. Always the comedians.

Prayer and Watchword

We recently adopted our school watchword:
"Pursuing the True Font of Light and Wisdom"

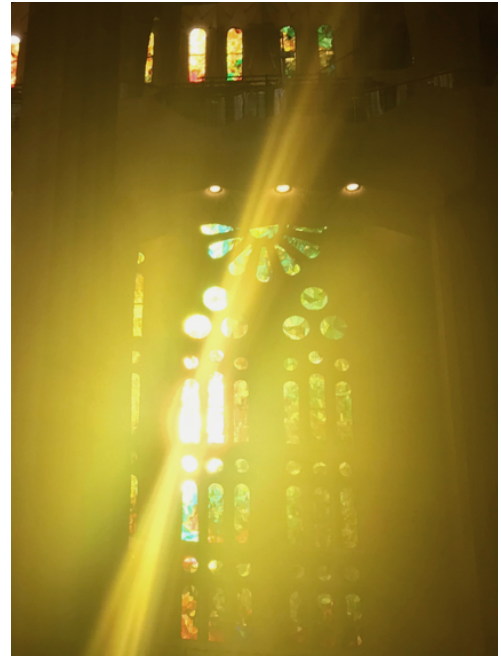
The phrase comes from a prayer by St. Thomas Aquinas. Because the prayer embodies the attitude we seek to instill in our students, it will be incorporated in the morning assembly..

Ineffable Creator, Who, from the treasures of Your wisdom, have established three hierarchies of angels, have arrayed them in marvellous order above the fiery heavens, and have marshalled the regions of the universe with such artful skill,

You are proclaimed the true font of light and wisdom, and the primal origin raised high beyond all things. Pour forth a ray of Your brightness into the darkened places of my mind; disperse from my soul the twofold darkness into which I was born: sin and ignorance.

You make eloquent the tongues of infants. Refine my speech and pour forth upon my lips the goodness of Your blessing. Grant to me keenness of mind, capacity to remember, skill in learning, subtlety to interpret, and eloquence in speech.

May You guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to completion. You Who are true God and true Man, Who live and reign, world without end. Amen.



Startup Milestones

- July 7, 2022 Joined the ACCS
- Dec 28, 2022 Named 'Saint George Classical School'
- Jan 23, 2023 Registered stgeorgeclassical.org
- Mar 21, 2023 Filed with the state of Texas
- Apr 1, 2023 Completed the ACCS Accelerator
- May 27, 2023 Adopted the school logo
- June 17, 2023 First Interest Meeting
- July 12, 2023 School Colors adopted

Where We Are

We are excited about what God has in store for the month of August. It will be busy, but rewarding. We are in the process of applying for 501c3 status.

While the paperwork involved is no small task, it serves to help us refine our Constitution, By-Laws, and other governing documentation. Once complete, we will seek third party review.



On the marketing front, we are in talks with Lands' End regarding uniforms. Presently, we are dependent on stock photos for much of our advertising campaign, but uniforms will pave the way to producing our own content. We are also designing leaflets and other promotional material to be displayed at partner businesses.

Lastly, the building search continues, but in the meantime, we are actively looking for churches to host informationals and vision nights. We are finalizing arrangements for a public informational in September, likely in the second half of the month. Please contact us if you become aware of any churches that might be interested in partnering with us.



Get Involved

We need people, donations, and prayer. We also need advocates who will spread the word and connect us with prospective teachers, families, donors, churches and businesses. This project starts with a team, but succeeds with a community.

If you are interested in getting involved, we would love to hear from you.

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