



Renuntio

No nobler training exists but that which cherishes the good, the beautiful, and the true, thus producing disciples of knowledge and lovers of wisdom.

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Xavier Teachers' Perspective

This year's Renuntio focuses on our teacher's thoughts and insights as educators. It is our hope that through their words you will glean a clearer picture of what and who we are about as a staff and school. Enjoy!

WHY SHOULD CHILDREN STUDY ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

Why should we encourage our children to study another language? In the business world, the justification can be made that those who speak more than one language can have higher earnings over their lifetime and have more employment versatility and flexibility. Many universities want candidates to have two years of language studies during high school and some actually want or require three or four years of study. We live in a culturally diverse world and we need to move our younger generations toward more acceptance and tolerance of difference language speakers and cultural differences.

The demand for increased versatility in the job force grows every year as businesses expand around the world. Businesses are employing a more diversified work force here and in other countries and the demand for our young people to speak

another language and understand culture differences increases daily. Employers are beginning to offer some employment opportunities only to candidates that speak a second language. English is our first language in the U.S. but that is quickly changing and a second or third language is becoming more important as frontline employees such as receptionists and managers are required to interact with a diverse speaking populous. Everyone should be able to speak English but we cannot resist or ignore the importance of second language acquisition for our children. The demand is only going to increase and we would be remiss in not encouraging our young people to study another language for more than one year.

Every year many juniors have to change what college they choose to go to as they do not meet some of the admission requirements. It is disappointing to talk with these young people and hear that they cannot attend their first college of choice because the college requires 2-4 years of a language. The state minimum is only one year and therefore many students do not heed the advice given and continue with another year or two.

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THE XAVIER PROMISE

Xavier Classical Charter Schools are dedicated to providing a classical, academically rigorous, content-rich, liberal arts education, preparing students to excel in every duty and guiding them toward wisdom and virtue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/6— Teacher In-Service
NO SCHOOL (K-12)
- 10/7— Teacher In-Service
NO SCHOOL (K-12)
- 10/12— Regular Board Meeting
6p.m.
- 10/31— Parent/Teacher
Conferences K-6
(scheduled by appointment)
- 11/1— Parent/Teacher
Conferences K-6
(scheduled by appointment)
- 11/1— Fall Choir Concert
7:00p.m. (Upper School)
- 11/2— Parent/Teacher
Conferences K-6
(scheduled by appointment)
Upper School— 4-7p.m.
- 11/3— Kindergarten— **NO SCHOOL**
Early Release-1p.m. (1-12)
Parent/Teacher
Conferences K-6
(scheduled by appointment)
Upper School— 1-4p.m.
- 11/4— **NO SCHOOL**
Teacher Comp Day

Learn another language cont...

Language acquisition can be difficult for many students and the first year is almost always the most difficult as they begin to learn how to study a language. But the adults in their lives, teachers and parents, need to help them persevere to become successful and look at long term goals and not to give up when things are difficult.

Other than better and more job opportunities, what are some other benefits of studying a second language? Student gain a deeper understanding of the grammar of their first language as they delve into the similarities and differences of the structure of the second language. Learning to speak another language can be powerful for the learner as they realize that they can communicate effectively in a different language. But language acquisition cannot be accomplished by studying only one year. One year will only give an introduction to the language. Language acquisition takes time and practice and we need to encourage our future generations to continue with their language studies. Language learners also gain a better understanding of cultural differences and/or similarities with their own culture. Cultural understanding helps us to become more tolerant of the peoples of the world especially as tolerance is decreasing worldwide.

Learning a second language can be difficult for most people; it is often only easy for a few. Everyone can learn a second language to varying degrees with enough determination and assistance. Its importance as well as its impact on the lives of our younger generation should not be underestimated. Perseverance will often pay off. The financial, educational and cultural impact will vary with each individual.

Brenda Blanco, Spanish

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Responsibility— We accept obligation related to our own good and the good of others, and we act on those obligations in a manner suitable to their timely and satisfactory fulfillment. We are willingly accountable for what we do and say, and we seek to learn from our mistakes.

Sept. 6— *“Character—the willingness to accept responsibility for one’s own life—is the source from which self-respect springs.”* ~Joan Didian (American novelist, b.1934-)

Sept. 12— *“In times like the present, men should utter nothing for which they would not willingly be responsible through time and eternity.”* ~Abraham Lincoln (16th President, b.1809-1865)

Sept. 19— *“In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.”* ~Eleanor Roosevelt, (longest serving First Lady of the US, politician and diplomat, b.1884-1962)

Sept. 26— *“We are made wise not by the recollection of our past but by the responsibility for our future.”* ~George Bernard Shaw (Irish playwright, b.1856-1950)

WORDS from the past...

“I would never use a long word where a short one would answer the purpose. I know there are professors in this country who 'ligate' arteries. Other surgeons only tie them, and it stops the bleeding just as well.”

~Oliver Wendell Holmes