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WHAT HIGH SCHOOL IS MEANT TO BE



SUMMER 2023 CAPSTONE  
FOR RISING 7th and 8TH GRADERS

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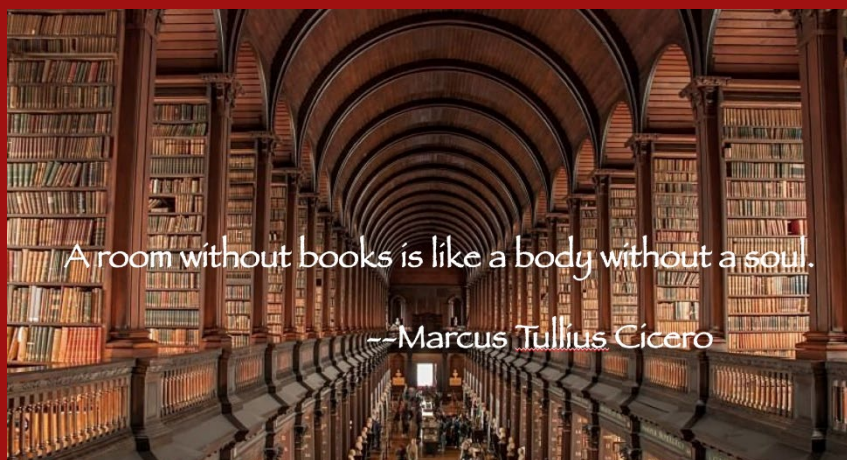
*\$1150 10 Days*

*Monday, July 10th through Thursday, July 20th*

*8:30am -4:00pm*

*Daily Mass at 12 noon*

EARN A \$6,000 SCHOLARSHIP TO MONTFORT  
(\$1,500 PER YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS)



A room without books is like a body without a soul.

-- Marcus Tullius Cicero

**MONDAY JULY 10, 2023**

## **THE GREAT BOOKS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION**

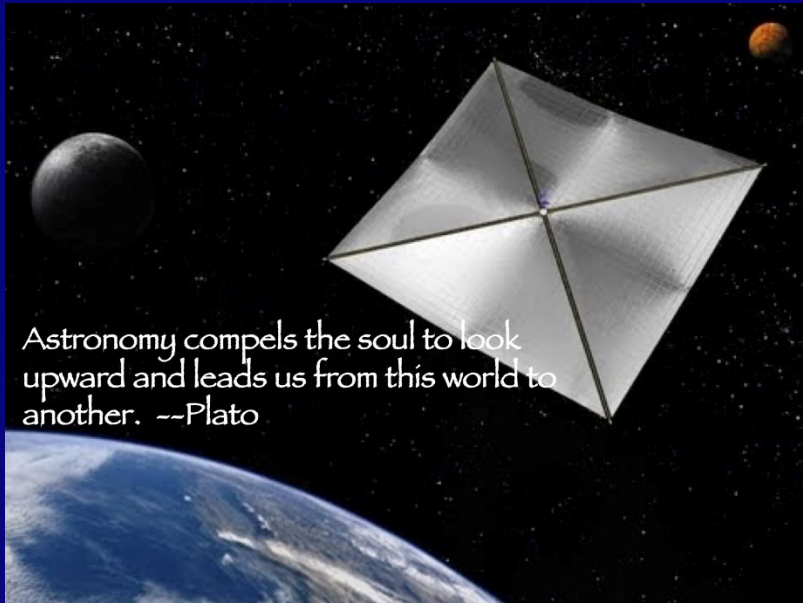
*"For those who want to lead, read." Harvard Business Review  
August 15, 2012*

The Great Books of Rome and Greece have been the foundation of ethics, innovation, and leadership for centuries. Come and experience the Great Books and the Great Conversation--that ongoing conversation of the great authors, philosophers, theologians, scientists, industry leaders, mathematicians, and political thinkers. We start in ancient Greece, travel through ancient Rome and medieval Europe, delight in the Renaissance, and end up in 2022 America and beyond. Ignite in yourself the spark and love of reading that will last a lifetime with an overview of the greatest books ever written.

**GREAT BOOK:** Introduction to Dr. Eliot's Five Foot Shelf, also known as The Harvard Classics and his famous "15 minutes a day of reading."

**TRAVEL** to The University Club of New York and visit one of the world's most exquisite libraries and enjoy a private tour and scavenger hunt of its frescoed ceiling.

**TAUGHT** by Mr. Michael Innocenti, Chairman of the Philosophy Department, The Montfort Academy



**TUESDAY JULY 11, 2023**

## **ASTRONOMY: FROM ANTIKYTHERA TO MARS**

Socrates said that "Wisdom begins in wonder." This seminar takes us back to the beginning of time when mankind looked in awe at the stars, the moon, and the galaxy and wondered questions such as "Who is Man?" "Why are we here?" "What is out there?" Experience creation through The Montfort Academy's very own astronomical observatory. Feel and touch a replica of the world's very first computer, the Antikythera mechanism, an amazing piece of technology designed and built around 100 BC in Greece, used to predict eclipses of the sun and moon. Learn about the 2034 planned mission to Mars and build your own rockets.

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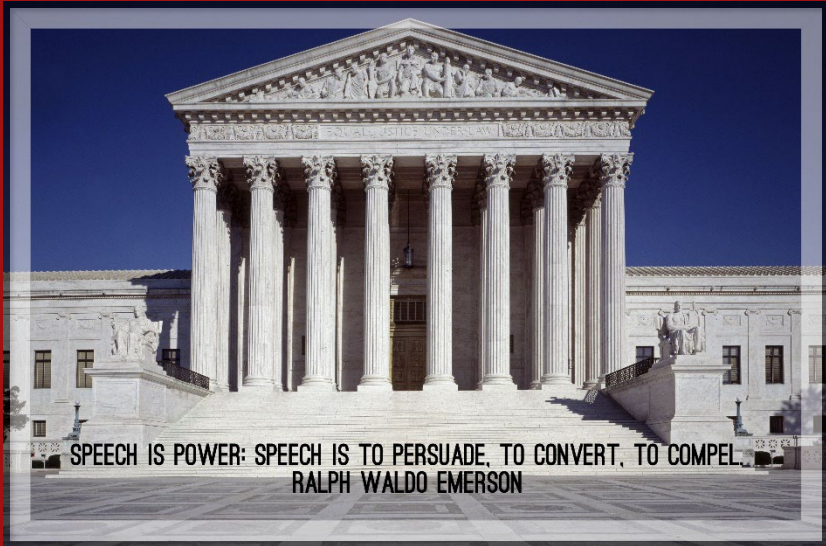
**GREAT BOOKS:** Galileo's *The Starry Messenger* and Aristotle's *Metaphysics*

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**TRAVEL** to The Hudson River Museum & Planetarium

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**TAUGHT** by Evan Iervolino, Montfort Class of 2022



**WEDNESDAY JULY 12, 2023**  
**ORATORY**

The art of speaking in public, or *Ars Oratoria*, was a mark of the distinguished Roman citizen, especially those engaged in public life. With a long heritage already established in ancient Greece, many Roman families sent their children to Greece to study under the masters. Cicero was among the greatest orators in all of history, and his speeches are timeless. Read and learn the basics from Cicero's *De Oratore*, a manual he wrote for good public speaking.

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**GREAT BOOKS:** Aeschylus's *The Persians* and Cicero's *De Oratore*

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**TRAVEL** to Untermyer Gardens Conservancy and read aloud in a Roman amphitheater

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**TAUGHT** by Marcus Francis, Montfort Class of 2023 and Elizabeth Rice, Montfort Class of 2024



## THURSDAY JULY 13, 2023 ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS

Before the invention of the printing press, knowledge was passed on through oral tradition or through the painstaking process of hand transcribing books and manuscripts. Often, hand-written manuscripts had decorative lettering and images to support the text. Making such images and fancy lettering became an art, almost a calling or vocation. Because many of these images and letters often had gold or other precious metal highlights that glittered or reflected light, they were called Illuminations, and the manuscripts that contained illuminations were called Illuminated Manuscripts. From fairy tales to Bibles learn the fascinating history of Illuminated Manuscripts.

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**GREAT BOOK:** Julius Sextus Frontinus, *De Aqueductu*

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**TRAVEL** to The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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**TAUGHT** by Fr. Leo Camurati, OP, teacher of physics and mathematics at The Montfort Academy, and Chaplain.





At the Olympic Games, it isn't the most beautiful or strongest who are crowned, but those who compete. Aristotle

**FRIDAY JULY 14, 2023**  
**THE GREEK OLYMPIAD**

Greece and Rome provide the foundations for Western civilization and the world we live in. Spend the morning learning interesting facts about both Greece and Rome and how they both continue to influence people today. Spend the afternoon in NYC visiting the antiquity section of the Metropolitan Museum discussing some of the more important Greek and Roman works and touring the broader museum.

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**GREAT BOOKS: No reading required**

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**TRAVEL to Hilltop Hanover Farm**

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**TAUGHT by Mr. Steven Edelson, Chivalry teacher and Dean of Students, The Montfort Academy**



**MONDAY JULY 17, 2023**  
**ARCHITECTURE**

Babylon, Jerusalem, Rome, London, Shanghai, New York. . . Why has the world always had cities? Come learn how civilizations start with the building of cities and how man's creation of buildings can actually be a reflection of God's creation. Enter a curious student and leave a novice draftsman.

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**GREAT BOOK:** Palladio's *I Quattro Libri di Architettura*

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**TRAVEL** to Columbia University, NYC

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**TAUGHT** by by Fr. Leo Camurati, OP, teacher of physics and mathematics at The Montfort Academy, and Chaplain



**TUESDAY JULY 18, 2023**

## **CHESS**

From, "Why Study Chess?" Jackson Hole Classical Academy

Chess has a nearly infinite number of unique situations to solve.

Chess gives immediate punishments and rewards for decisions.

Chess engrains creative thinking.

Chess offers intellectual competition.

Chess improves critical thinking skills.

Chess preserves mental acuity.

Chess improves emotional intelligence.

Chess challenges gifted underachievers.

Chess teaches the importance of planning.

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**GREAT BOOK:** Plutarch's *Lives of the Noble Greeks and Romans*

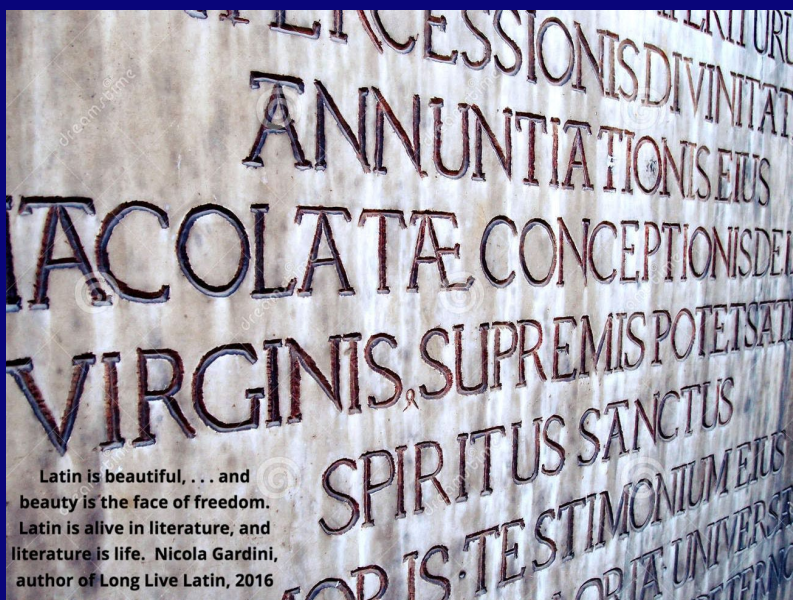
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**TRAVEL** to Washington Square Park, NYC

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**TAUGHT** by Mr. Steven Edelson, Dean of Students and Moderator  
of the Chess Club, The Montfort Academy





Latin is beautiful, . . . and  
beauty is the face of freedom.  
Latin is alive in literature, and  
literature is life. Nicola Gardini,  
author of Long Live Latin, 2016

**WEDNESDAY JULY 19, 2023**

## **LATIN IS BEAUTIFUL**

In his book *Long Live Latin* (2016), Nicola Gardini argues that Latin is neither useful nor useless. Rather, Latin is beautiful; and because Latin is beautiful, it is the foundation of science, literature, and culture, and it is the language of our Church. "When we study Latin, we must study it for one fundamental reason: because it is the language of a civilization; because the Western world was created on its back; because inscribed in Latin are the secrets of our deepest cultural memory, secrets that demand to be read."

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**GREAT BOOK: Virgil's The Aeneid**

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**TRAVEL to Glen Island Park for an afternoon of fun**

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**TAUGHT by Mr. Steven Merola, Chairman of the Classical Languages Department**

**The most incredible thing about miracles is that they happen.  
--G.K. Chesterton, in *The Innocence of Fr. Brown*, 1911**



## **THURSDAY JULY 20, 2023 MIRACLES**

From Euclid's Geometry to Newton's Physics, from Galileo's Heliocentrism to Einstein's relativity, man has sought to define the world in math and physics. Yet, every day man experiences miracles that cannot be described by mathematical or physical law. Are not math and physics the language with which God wrote the universe? Might the author of that universe reveal himself in both the discoverable language of math and in the revealed language of miracles? We will study the work of world- renowned theologian and physicist Fr. Stanley L. Jaki, Templeton Prize Winner 1987, and guest speaker at The Montfort Academy.

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**GREAT BOOK: Sulpicius Severus, *The Life of St. Martin of Tours***

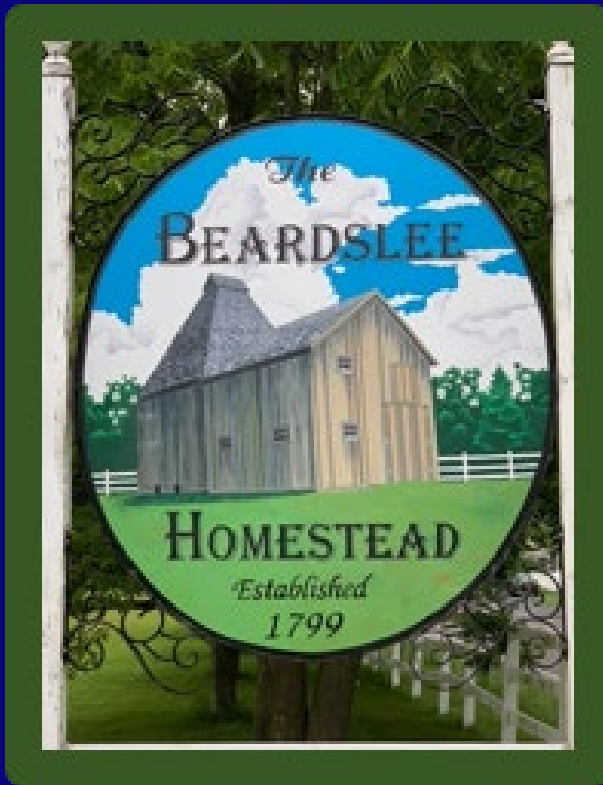
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**TAUGHT by Mr. Michael Innocenti, Chairman of the Philosophy Department and teacher of Metaphysics at Montfort**



**THURSDAY JULY 20, 2023  
GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**Commencement for the Capstone Class of 2023 will be held in the Montfort Chapel at 1:00 pm on Friday, July 20th. All family and friends are welcome. Come hear your child give an address in Latin.**



## **FRIDAY JULY 21 TO MONDAY JULY 24, 2023 OPTIONAL WEEKEND**

Spend three and a half days at the beautiful and historic Beardslee Homestead in Upstate New York. For an additional fee of \$850, students will be hosted to a true outdoors experience designed to foster friendship and camaraderie among Montfort Knights and prospective Montfort Knights with campfire discussions, meal together like homemade pizza from a wood-burning pizza oven, activities like target practice, archery, fishing, bridge jumping, bocce, baseball, frisbee, and so much more. Of course, true friendship is based in a common pursuit of virtue, so faith, daily prayer, and work initiatives like woodworking and metal forging are part of this very special and unique camp.



## PROGRAM AGENDA

### FRIDAY JULY 21st

Arrival at The Homestead. Welcome Lunch and Orientation. Afternoon Bridge Jumping into the Unadilla River, Lawn Games, Swimming, Kayaking, Pizza Making Lessons and Pizza Making for Dinner, Evening Camp Fire Discussion on Philosophy, Stargazing in the Observatory.

### SATURDAY JULY 22nd

Breakfast in the Tavern after collecting eggs from the chickens, Morning Archery Lessons and Target Practice, Pizza Making Lunch, Afternoon Blacksmithing Lessons and Knife Making in the Forge, Lawn Games, Dinner, Camp Fire Discussion on Virtue.

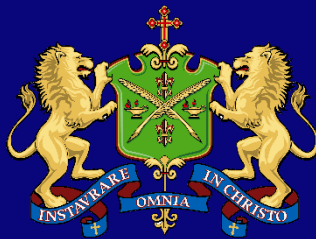
### SUNDAY JULY 23rd

Breakfast in the Tavern, Woodshop Lessons on Knife Handles, Possible visit to The Baseball Hall of Fame, Farewell Sunday Dinner followed by recreational activities and reading in the Library.

### MONDAY JULY 24th

Introduction to the College admissions process and Visit to nearby Cornell University.





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