



# Rhetoric School Letter

The final phase of a classical education, the “Rhetoric Stage,” builds on the first two stages of grammar and logic. By 9th grade, our high school students are learning to write and speak with force and originality. Our rhetoric students apply the rules of logic learned in middle school to the foundational information learned in the early grades and express their conclusions in clear, forceful, and elegant language. This is practiced in the rhetoric classroom regularly and students are even assessed orally during their final exams at the end of the first semester of each year in our rhetoric school. We have a huge focus on our seniors in the rhetoric stage as there is a culmination of all they learned through their years at SCCS by presenting their senior thesis research and defending it before an audience. All this is done with a Biblical worldview focus!

I share all this to give you a picture of what our rhetoric students do verses other high school students from other area schools. As families consider where to place their high school students for next year, I recommend that they strongly consider SCCS. Our Rhetoric School is rigorous and truly prepares students for college.

If you know of anyone with an upcoming 9th grade student, let them know about our Rhetoric Informational Meeting set for Monday, January 8 at 6:30 PM. If they cannot make that meeting, they can call our St. Anthony’s campus to meet with me individually and to get a tour. I am convinced that SCCS is the best option in the area for students to get an education and our Rhetoric School is one great reason for that.