



CAPSTONE
2018



CLASSICAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

A CAPSTONE is a culminating educational experience that is meant to provide the finishing touches to one's preparation. Many prestigious institutions from Harvard University to the United States Department of Defense offer capstone programs to those students and officers who show exceptional promise of leadership and ability to move to the next stage of their training.

The Montfort Academy's **Classical Achievement Program** is designed to be the capstone of your elementary school years and to help you prepare for admission at the most prestigious high schools, including The Montfort Academy. Montfort's Capstone Program exposes you to the best that man has thought, said, or done in the world and introduces you to classical education, the Socratic methodology, and formation in Christian virtue. The Program is a two-week commitment that will take

place from July 9-July 20, 2018. Each day begins at 9:00 am (except for the first day, which begins at 8:00 am) and ends in the late afternoon. Most days are structured with a class in the morning, followed by noon Holy Mass in our Chapel and then lunch, and capped with an afternoon trip to a special place related to the class. A Capstone Certificate is awarded to all graduates of the program. Those who successfully complete the Capstone will be awarded a \$1,000 annual scholarship to attend The Montfort Academy.

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Day 1

Monday July 9, 2018

THE GREAT CONVERSATION

Experience for yourself the ongoing conversation of the great philosophers, theologians, scientists, mathematicians, and politicians. We start in ancient Greece, travel through ancient Rome and medieval Europe, to Renaissance Italy, the Enlightenment, and the American period. We study the great ideas that have shaped human history since the beginning of time. You will become part of that conversation.



- Mass at 8:00 am, followed by a bagel breakfast
- Class from 9:00 am to 11:30, followed by a rooftop picnic lunch
- We depart Fleetwood on a 12:52 pm train and head to The University Club of New York where we will tour the breathtaking library and its gilded ceiling and images of classical knowledge and even have a treasure hunt of the ceiling's hidden secrets.

Day 2

Tuesday July 10, 2018

ASTRONOMY



Socrates said that "Wisdom begins in wonder." This session 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. Also, Galileo himself

may make a guest appearance and present his most recent discoveries made using his newly devised spyglass.

- Mass at 12:00 pm, lunch at 12:30 pm
- Trip to Hudson River Planetarium, departing on Montfort van 1:00 pm

Day 3

Wednesday July 11, 2018

GREEK

Greek is the language of philosophy, mythology, science, politics, knowledge in general, and so much more. There are hundreds of thousands of English words of Greek origin. Learn the Greek alphabet and learn how to read a Greek poem. Following our class, we will head to the hidden jewel of Untermyer Gardens where we will proceed to the Amphitheater and recite our poems.



- Mass at 12:00 pm, Lunch at 12:30 pm
- Trip to Untermyer Garden & Amphitheater, departing on Montfort van 1:00 pm

Day 4

Thursday July 12, 2018

SACRED MUSIC



“He who sings well prays twice.” This famous quote, attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo, represents the core of the Church’s approach to music. Throughout the ages, the Church has developed a great variety of music, from Gregorian chant to complex polyphony, to aid the faithful in the worship of God. Come experience this rich

Tradition, see it lived out at our daily noon Mass, and discover how cool “praying twice” can really be.

- Lunch at 11:00 am, Mass at 12:00 pm
- St. Joseph the Worker Club Service Afternoon

Cost of CAPSTONE 2018: \$500 for all ten days

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Day 5

Friday July 13, 2018

CHESS

Chess is the greatest game ever invented by the mind of man—and one of the most competitive. Like real warfare, a chess game can last for days, even weeks, until the enemy’s king has been captured or there is a truce. The complexity of its strategy, the precision of its movement, and the beauty of its order have prompted men of all ages to spend their entire lives in the attempt to master its mysteries. You will learn from an actual chess master—and compete in an exciting chess tournament! This chess seminar is open to students of all playing levels, from rank beginners to experts. Chess sets are provided.



- Mass at 12:00 pm, Lunch at 12:30 pm
- Trip to The Marshall Chess Club, New York City, departing Fleetwood on 12:52 pm train Metro North

Day 6

Monday July 16, 2018

CHIVALRY AND CHRISTIAN WOMANHOOD



It’s 2018, but do you dream of being a Knight in Shining Armor? Chivalry is not just from the Middle Ages; it is timeless. In this class you will learn about good manners, proper etiquette, the art of manliness, and the beauty of Christian womanhood. It begins with the proposition that man is made in the image and likeness of God, male and female (Gen 1:27) and that this leads to the notion that male and female are equal but different and, in fact, complementary and generative.

- Lunch at 11:00 am, Mass at 12:00 pm
- Trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art, departing Fleetwood on 12:52 train Metro North

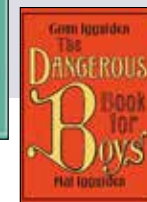
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Tuesday July 17, 2018

THE DANGEROUS & DARING BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

This session is a surprise workshop.

- Mass at 12:00 pm
- Trip to Davenport Beach Club, New Rochelle. Please Bring money for snack bar



Day 8

Wednesday July 18, 2018

DEBATE & RHETORIC

Debate is the art of argument through logically ordered speech. Which team can assemble the most impressive pieces of evidence and express its thesis in the most forceful and convincing way? Which speaker can most effectively move the hearts and minds of his listeners? In this class you will learn how to express your thoughts, persuade your audience, and defeat your opponent!

- Mass at 12:00 pm, Lunch at 12:30
- Afternoon preparation for Debates



Day 9:

Thursday July 19, 2018

DEBATE & RHETORIC (CONTINUED)

In this session, you and your fellow CAPSTONE classmates will duke it out with words and passion. Our setting will be the outdoor amphitheater at Untermyer Gardens. Participate in that art of civics that forms the basis of civil government—the friendly exchange of competing ideas.

- Mass at 12:00 pm, Lunch at 12:30
- Trip to Untermyer Garden & Amphitheater for Outdoor Debates, parents are welcome

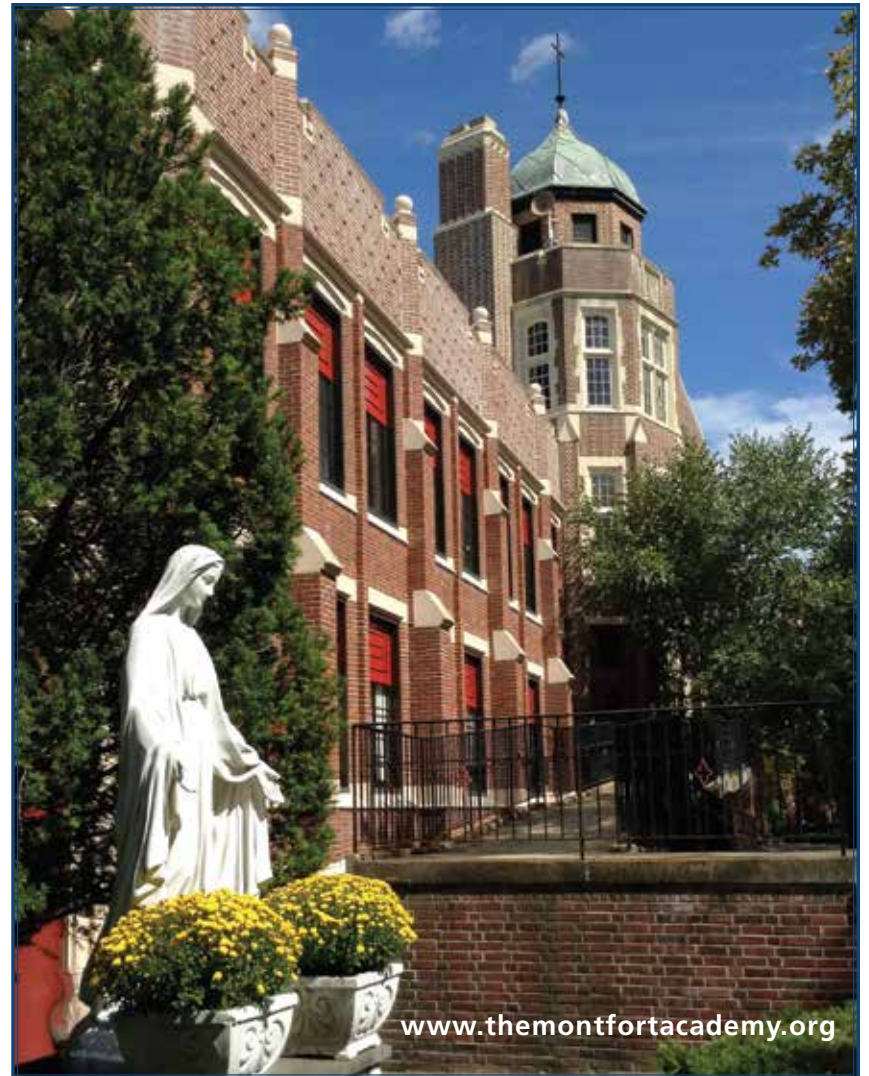
Day 10

Friday July 20, 2018

GRADUATION

The etymology of graduation is the Latin word gradus, which means step. At our graduation ceremony you take the next step in your education—beginning your final elementary school year and your search for high schools. After The Montfort Academy's Capstone course, you will be very well prepared.

- Mass at 8:00 am
- 9:00 am Graduation Ceremony



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