

## St John Vianney - Bakersfield

**At St John Vianney Academy, we strive to empower children by giving them the gifts of faith, reason, and virtue.** We believe this is best done by employing the classical method of education. The beauty of classical education is that children learn *how* to think, and not *what* to think. Our teachers are trained to approach learning by recognizing that there are natural and progressive stages in child development. Our children will become adept at applying the tools of learning to any subject -mastering new information in sometimes half the time of their peers. This develops confidence in personal ability because now the person knows *how* to learn. Ultimately, this creates a life-long desire and love for learning.

**In Catholic classical education,** school subjects are regarded as disciplines or categories of creation which can be integrated and related back to God. Do we observe that the Creator is a God of order and intention? Does math, science, languages, music and the fine arts - using logic, reason, and order ultimately reflect the beauty of the created world and universe? How do we fit into the scheme of creation, and what is our relationship with the Creator?

**Seeking answers to these questions, observing goodness, and practicing the faith require community.** SJVA provides an environment rich in the encouragement of the formation of good conscience and a moral compass. Our teachers are not only classically trained, but also, are themselves, people of faith. They themselves are seekers of truth, virtue, and joy. Our community supports ideals which are beneficial for the family and society as a whole. We provide a place for learning and practicing virtue - a place for gaining a clear understanding of the beauty and traditions of the faith.

With this strong foundation, our children are on the path to becoming responsible adults with passion and ability for glorifying our Creator - which is afterall, what we were made to do! Would you like to find out more about what we can offer you and your family?

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