

# SCHOOL LEADERS FORUM

NOVEMBER 21-23, 2024

Hosted by:

St. Jerome Academy 5207 42nd Place | Hyattsville, MD 20781

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions

7:15 p.m. Opening Remarks

7:30 p.m. The St. Jerome's Story

Participants will be provided a brief history of St. Jerome Academy since its near closure in 2010 due to low enrollment and debt struggles to its ongoing expansion to two classes per grade level. How and why their transition to a classical liberal arts approach contributed to the dramatic

turnaround will be highlighted.

7:45 p.m. Overview of Visitation Options

8:15 p.m. School Tour

8:45 p.m. Conclusion

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

School day Observations

Participants will be given the opportunity to observe classes at their leisure in order to see the

classical liberal arts approach in action across subjects and grade levels.

11:45-12:45 Lunch available

12:45 p.m. Optional: Teaching the Integrated Humanities Core in Middle School

Mr. Will Clerx, Grade 6

2:00 p.m. Optional: "Marketing on a Shoestring Budget"

Christopher Currie, Director of Enrollment

2:30 p.m. Optional: "The Beauty of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd"

Mary Pat Pollock

3:30 p.m. Panel Discussion with Faculty

The St. Jerome Academy faculty will be on hand to share their experiences throughout the transition and answer any questions participants have based on their observations throughout

the day.

4:30 p.m. Break

5:30 p.m. Dinner

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:45 a.m. Nature Studies: An Invitation to Wonder

Dr. Merrill Roberts

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. A Classical Approach to Learning Differences

Mr. Eddie Beall, Resources Grades 6-8

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. School Culture

Kevin Somok, Principal

11:45 a.m. Lunch: Headmasters' Roundtable

12:30 p.m. Mathematics: Order, Pattern, Relation, and Beauty

Michelle Orhan, Math Grades 6-8

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. Picture Study

JMEG Faculty

2:00 p.m. Evaluations & Final Q&A

2:30 p.m. Conclusion of Program