

Veritas Christian Academy

700 Oak Grove St., Chesapeake, VA 23320

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to introduce you to Veritas' first Annual formal event for our Juniors & Seniors called *Chrysalis*. The event has been given its name because of the spirit and nature of it. This is not a replacement for a "prom," a "wannabe prom," or an event to keep up with the culture of our neighboring schools. It is the final touch of our student's training for leadership; it is to have them prepared and equipped in every way *to serve God's purposes in their generation. (Acts 13:36)* Just as a butterfly grows through a growth and transformation stage called *chrysalis*, our juniors and seniors are having this experience as part of their transformation into the statesmen of their generation. In the Bible, Esther was prepared by God to stand before the king as an intercessor for her people. Little did she know that her social graces, manners, and conduct would play such an important role in the history of Israel. Her cousin, Mordecai, said, "And who knows but that you have come to a royal position for such a time as this." (Esther 4:12).

One of the distinctive qualities of Chrysalis versus a prom is it being held in the dining room of the Williamsburg Inn, where many of it's patrons will be dining alongside of us. Part of the "coming out" (chrysalis) of this event is the students coming out into the public eye, rather than being (as in a prom) in their own room where manners and deportment are not a priority. The other distinctive is its purpose and the spirit in which the students are entering this event.

With that said, below are our purposes for the event:

- 1. To provide an opportunity for our Juniors and Seniors to practice the necessary social graces, conduct, and manners for a formal occasion. This is part of the preparation for leadership.**
- 2. To provide and enjoyable social activity during the spring.**

The Chrysalis is for Friday, May 14, 2010, from 6:00-11:00 pm. Again, this event is for 11th, 12th, and older students(not older than 20 yrs. of age for outsiders).

The Structure of Chrysalis

The Juniors and Seniors are to escort someone to this event and are allowed to ask someone outside the school. **However, all guests outside the school must comply with Veritas Christian Academy's department and agenda.** No one younger than the eleventh grade should attend.

The location of *Chrysalis* will be at the *Williamsburg Inn*. The evening will consist of a formal dinner, followed by ballroom dancing. For anyone who wishes to learn how to ballroom dance, **ballroom dance instruction will be held at 7:00 PM on April 22th, as well as the 29th.**

The evening schedule has been streamlined and simplified to provide for the greatest ease and enjoyment of the participants. Those students attending *Chrysalis* will be dismissed at noon from school to pick up tuxedos, corsages, get their hair done, etc. They are required to attend school the morning of *Chrysalis*. Teachers reserve the right to require any homework due that day.

At 6:00 PM, all participants will rendezvous at the Williamsburg Inn for a brief photo session for the yearbook. Please be prompt and anticipate a 1 to 1.25 hour drive in order to arrive at the Inn without hurry. Our dinner reservations are for 6:30 PM in order to allow time for a leisurely dinner before the orchestra begins at 8:00 PM.

Once we depart from the Williamsburg Inn, *Chrysalis* will be officially over and **unchaperoned**. It is possible that a family may open their home to students for a more informal, post-*Chrysalis* party. You may check with your son or daughter to see if any such opportunity exists this year. Please note that any after-parties are **not** Veritas sanctioned. Any questions related to the party should be covered with the hosting parents.

All the young men **must be responsible for the transportation** of their female companions for the entire evening. In addition, it is their responsibility and requirement, by school standards, that all the young men involved in the *Chrysalis*, out of respect to the girl's father, her **covering**, to call the father and receive his permission to be the daughter's escort. The fathers need, at that time or soon afterward, to discuss any concerns that you may have, the time you want your daughter home for the evening, whom you will allow to drive your daughter, numbers of passengers you desire to be in the car, etc. One other area **fathers** may want to consider in your discussion with your daughter's escort is the **matter of finances**. I am certain that you want your daughter and escort to be at ease and to know what is expected.

We look forward to a lovely evening together! Mr. Elgut & Mrs. Elgut, Mrs. Keating and myself will chaperone, and we anticipate being very proud of our students at this event.

If there are any concerns or questions, please feel free to give me a call.

In His service,

Mark Keating

P.S. *Chrysalis Consent Form* must be signed by the father of the female or students will not be able to attend. Also, the *Guest of Veritas Christian Academy Form* must be completed by the guest and Veritas student and signed as well.

P.P.S. We strongly urge couples to travel in groups and not alone.

Chrysalis Consent Form

Fathers,

Please discuss the details of Veritas' Chrysalis evening with your daughter's escort and then sign and return the form to Mr. Keating. Thank you.

Father initials that these areas have been covered:

Permission given to escort	_____
Driver (who is driving)	_____
Passengers in car (numbers)	_____
Finances	_____

Signatures

Father

Escort

Guest of Veritas Christian Academy

First of all, we would like to welcome you to our formal event of the year (Chrysalis), an evening designed to be the finishing touches of a Veritas education for leadership. We make no excuses for this event. It is by design to be an evening of sophistication and refinement in manners, and formal in the nature of its fellowship and entertainment. At the same time, we intend for it to be a fun evening and memorable time together as a student body of eleventh and twelfth graders and their faculty.

It is expected that each guest of Veritas Christian Academy's Chrysalis to conduct themselves in a manner that would represent the spirit, character, and nature of our school. The school has been privileged to have this occasion at the Williamsburg Inn and we would like to carry on with it for the years ahead. We would like the Williamsburg Inn to desire us to continue coming because of the outstanding witness of Christ they saw through us.

With these thoughts in mind, please consider the following requirements of each **guest**:

1. To come to an evening of orientation on etiquette and ballroom dance lessons (April 22th @ 7:00 PM) in the modular lunchroom the school.
2. To follow Dress Code:
 - Males- Clean shaven (no facial hair if a high school student); no body piercing(s); no tattoos visible; must be in tuxedo; hair color must be natural; length of hair should be modest in length (same as stated in SBHS dress code for males). Veritas **girls are responsible** to communicate to male guest that which is appropriate and inappropriate for the evening.
 - Females-all dresses must be approved by committee members (it will need to be worn for approval); calf length minimum; modest in appearance (watch for sheerness of fabric, tightness of dress, low-cut necklines, etc.). Veritas **boys are responsible** to communicate to their female guest that which will be appropriate and inappropriate for the evening.

Signed Statement of Consent by Guest **Chrysalis 2010**

I, _____, have read the following and will comply with the requests of the school.

Signature of Veritas student _____