

Moving beyond the X's and O's of Education

It is one thing to teach the foundational X's and O's of occupational success: English, history, STEAM, etc. It is a completely different thing to teach how to discern which path to follow in pursuit of vocational success. The X's and O's might pale in comparison to the discernment of proper X and O usage (vocation). Generally schools are not structured beyond the X's & O's. So how do young people learn the "how's" and "why's" in se-

lecting proper usage of their interests and talents? One can easily argue that the primary sources for most young people today for the "how's" and "why's" are the internet (complicated by device addiction), a culture of entitlement, drugs, and porn. I realize this is a little harsh, but there is a strong reality in the dysfunctionalism of Generation Z. Some of those characteristics include being unchurched, massively pantheistic, gender fluid, super connected, yet incredibly isolated and depressed. Suicidal circumstances are off the chart. These are facts! And to make matters worse, these facts are easily ignored by the prior generations, making them woefully ignorant and underprepared to help. The educational system needs to get a handle on prepping kids for these challenges! The Church also needs to take a significant and active role in this epidemic.

What can help??? Answer: real, objective morality and ethics, which can only be defined in the reality of Jesus, the God and Author of the Law, which is written on the hearts of all men — Romans 2:15. Only these facts allow a person to effectively navigate the "rights and wrongs" of culture, hence discerning the proper vocational course. If someone is trying to navigate culture based on the subjective "rights and rights (and no wrongs)" of culture, the odds of ending up in a productive, positive place are very slim and rather random. It is not like success was a purposeful pursuit. We need to teach the deceptions of the "cleverly devised myths" of culture. We need to teach directional (navigational) discernment, device management, and discipleship, AND we need to do it in the school day, AND there is only one kind of school that can teach Objective Morality, Ethics, and Jesus! For, we do not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty — 2 Peter 1:16.

If this is not deliberate, we cannot expect success. Our Lutheran/Christian schools are part of the solution AND we need to get better. We are in pursuit of purposeful success for our young people in a culture that is very troubling, tossing our youth "to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes" – Ephesians 4:14. Help us help our young people find stability!

Come Lord Jesus, Amen!

Paul Steinhaus, Principal

Mission Statement
Preparing students for discipleship until Christ's return.

Rummage

Bake Sale

Thursday, October 20th

4 p.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, October 21st

8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday, October 22nd

8 a.m.—noon

7th & 8th Grade Step UP Day All 7 & 8 Students Invited: Friday, October 28 A Day of Fun!

