



# Dragon Slayer

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Dear Dragon Slayers,

On July 1, 2018, about forty days before the first day of school, my family and I prayed with earnest tears for God to open up a way for this vision of education to take root in our town, and he did. He made a way and He provided.

We inhabited, not a perfect space: bees oozing out of the tops of the pillars, mold on the walls, a very dilapidated and unkept old school house.

But the community rallied that summer to whip the dilapidated school-house into white-washed charm. And it, in its still imperfect shape, has become beloved.

In our first year, my wife gave birth to our 6<sup>th</sup> child, I worked three jobs, and the school never had a secretary. The teachers went valiantly without pay for the love of the school and its vision. We did it all from the ground up without any large donors, and yet the donations of time, talent, and teaching were immense and can never be repaid.

This year began with so much promise: enrollment goals met, a very accommodating host church that shared our vision, new families willing to drive miles and volunteer sweat equity, and a faculty that was growing in number and pedagogical knowledge.

However, we never did recover from the shortfall caused by the unexpected withdrawal of 7 students in the fall (students who left for financial and health reasons). Then after pressing on, and teachers willingly going without pay, we received the official word in February that the building would be demolished as early as this summer. Having searched the city and come up dry for a space, we are now at the end of our road.

It is with sadness that I must announce that Saint George School will close its doors for the last time at the end of this school year.

The closure will truly be a loss for Denton, for all the students we have tried to serve, and specifically for the very people for whom the school was envisioned, my own six children.

When you have seen this school at its best—the peace, the joy, the quiet moments of true connection, the ring of the old school bell, the sound of recitations, the scamper and hoots of children from 5-17 playing sharks and minnows, the parade of crockpots at the all school lunches, the singing of “Be Thou My Vision” acapella—you have, as I do, no doubt in your mind what a worthy endeavor this humble little school is.

*“We perceive that  
God uses [. . .]  
parents above all  
others as vehicles  
for the transmission  
of His gifts.”*

*— Charlotte Mason*

But with the sadness, there is also joy. Joy that in its short span of existence, we believe that Saint George served the purposes for which it was created.

Thank you especially to those who labored and believed: Lois Lyda, Melinda Brown, Teresa Elsenbrock, Lynne Wolf, Elisabeth and Robert Terry, Rose Ortiz, Elias Rehmet, Kathy Wiesner, Father Paul of Saint David of Wales, Tim Anderson, Brian and Adrienne Freas, John Colias, John Heitzenrater, Joe and Debbie Lyda, Father John Anderson, Olivia Reynolds, Christina Anderson, Lena Key, Donna Lange, Frank Wells, Amy Cecil, Russ York.

After striving to make it work, but finding doors closing, we are putting it to rest in the Lord's hands, trusting that everything that happens, happens according to God's will, and we give glory to God for all things.

It was my great joy and privilege to serve you and your children.

Blessings,

Benjamin Lyda

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Break

Friday March 23- Monday March 31

### Exams

April 22, 24

### Feast of Saint George Academic Banquet

Monday, April 27, 6:00-8:00 PM

### Good Friday—No School

April 10, No School

### Holy Friday and Bright Monday—No School

April 17, No School

April 20, No School

### Shakespeare Festival and Last Day of School, Friday May 22

Half School Day: 8:30-12:00

Festival: 5:30-Buy Dinner

6:30-Play Begins

## Shakespeare Festival

The last day of school brings with it a culminating celebration of the joy of learning. The children will present *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare. All the children will be involved with this production singing, acting, or working behind stage. You will receive a script by email before Spring Break, and every student is responsible for printing out their own script and bringing it to school every day beginning



**Running Club**

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. After Spring Break, make line memorization a part of your home-school day's work!

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the show in our very own school yard where we have already seen performances of *The Tempest*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Taming of the Shrew*.

Entry to the festival is free, so invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

You can purchase your hotdog dinner and buy drinks the night of the event. Your purchases help support the production costs of *Julius Caesar*.

This event is a grand opportunity for being together as a whole school, taking pictures, signing year books, and sharing our love for Saint George School, but more importantly, the people that make it.

## Year Books

**Year Books are available for purchase for \$40. Write checks to Saint George School, Memo Line: "Yearbook." Place checks in the drop box by May 1. Please send pictures from the 2019-2020 school year to be considered for inclusion in the yearbook to [k.wiesner@gmail.com](mailto:k.wiesner@gmail.com). Year books will be distributed at The Shakespeare Festival.**



**K-4 Tulip Farm Field Trip**