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LOCATION, TIMES and FEES

The seminars will meet at
Westcott Study Center
410 Westcott St.
Houston, TX 77007

The seminars begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 4:45 p.m.
**The Grade seminar always occurs on
the 2nd Saturday of the month.**

The seminar fee is \$350.
(\$300 for applications received by August 1st)
Scholarships available upon request

About Westcott Study Center

The Westcott Study Center is dedicated to the academic and character development of young men. The Christian orientation of its activities is the responsibility of Opus Dei, a personal Prelature of the Catholic Church.

REGISTER FOR THE GRADE ONLINE AT: WWW.CHAUCERCENTER.NET

Need more information?

Big Picture Seminar

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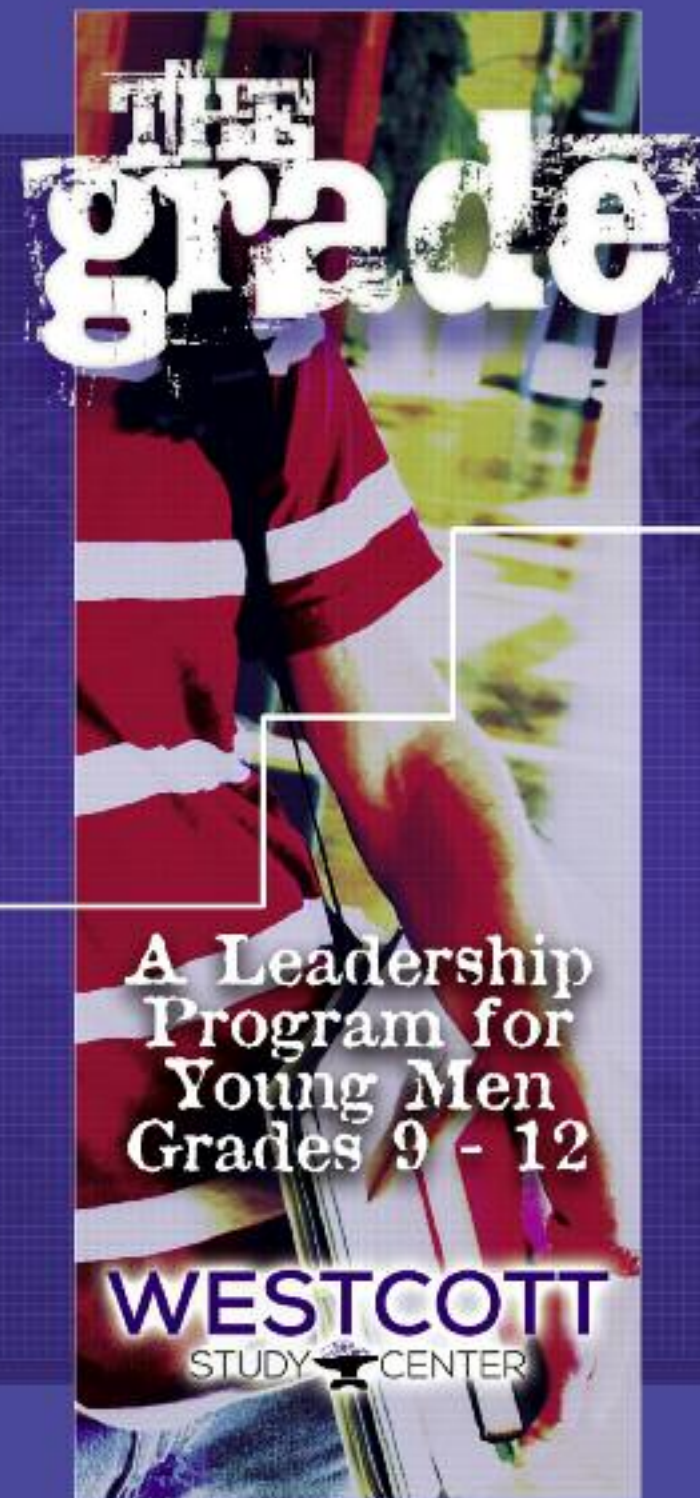
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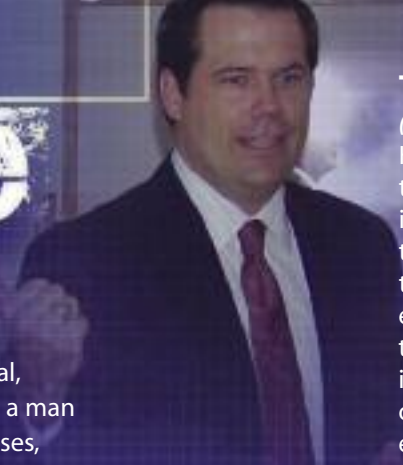
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Success: what will
YOU do about it?



THE grade



Program Overview

The Grade gives young men the practical, intellectual, and moral foundation to be a man of virtue. Through a combination of classes, one-on-one mentoring, and career presentations by successful professionals, it helps them develop the skills and attitude necessary to be effective in college and later on as a father, a professional, and a citizen. There are eight general Grade sessions from August through April, accompanied by eight one-on-one mentoring sessions. In order for the program to be effective, we highly recommend that students make a commitment to attending the majority of these sessions.

Your Future: what are you going to do about it?

Mentoring

Each student will be assigned a mentor who guides him in applying the principles taught in class. The mentor is like a coach who challenges and encourages each student to reach his best. Specifically, he helps the student set goals that are important and practical. In an ongoing way, he helps the student track his progress toward these goals. For the sake of continuity the mentor will try to maintain contact with the student in between sessions.

The Professional Seminar

(for Sophomores and Juniors)

High school is the time to begin thinking about career interests. Your interests will affect the college and the major you choose. It is also the time to develop the habits of effective speaking and critical thinking that are essential for success in college and the workplace. A talk on character development follows each presentation.

Year 1: 2016-17	
Aug	Leadership examined
Sept	Keeping data safe: IT security
Oct	Building a career in architecture
Nov	Making things work: The world of engineering
Dec	Study for Midterms: 10 AM - 10 PM (sponsored by The Grade)
Jan	The value of a career in finance
Feb	Entering the advertising arena
Mar	Discovering a career in science
Apr	Exploring the legal field
May	Study for Finals: 10 AM - 10 PM (sponsored by The Grade)

Year 2: 2017-18	
Aug	Politics and public service
Sept	A future in teaching
Oct	The oil and gas industry
Nov	Journalism: Did that really happen?
Dec	Study for Midterms: 10 AM - 10 PM (sponsored by The Grade)
Jan	Can you cure this? A career in medicine
Feb	Computer science; programming, software, hardware and apps!
Mar	A liberal arts education; how to become a lifelong reader
Apr	Running a successful business
May	Study for Finals: 10 AM - 10 PM (sponsored by The Grade)

The Big Picture Seminar (for Freshmen)

Freshmen need to establish the right priorities early in high school. Each topic is examined first in a short talk and then studied interactively in a "break-out" session.

Date	Topic Covered
Aug 12	Making the most of high school; challenges of the future
Sept 9	Honing your study techniques
Oct 14	Building character and maturity
Nov 11	Morality in our society; achieving the common good
Dec 9	Study for Midterms: 10 AM - 10 PM (sponsored by The Grade)
Jan 13	Developing the virtues of a family man; the struggle for purity
Feb 10	Becoming a man of culture; the world of great books, music & art
Mar 10	Evaluating career possibilities
Apr 14	The path to happiness
May 19	Study for Finals: 10 AM - 10 PM (sponsored by The Grade)

Filling the Gaps (for Seniors)

This seminar gives seniors an analysis of philosophical ideas that currently underlie the academics at most American universities. It is taught by a Ph.D. candidate from Rice University and lets seniors experience a college-level class.

Date	Class Topic
Aug 12	Relativism: Is Morality Whatever I Want?
Sept 9	Is the New Testament Reliable?
Oct 14	Faith and Science: No Conflict
Nov 11	Marriage: What it is and Why it Matters for the Law
Dec 9	Study for Midterms: 10 AM - 10 PM (sponsored by The Grade)
Jan 13	Clear Ideas on Romantic Love
Feb 10	Authority and Freedom: Can We Have Both?
Mar 10	Does Reason Tell Us God exists?
Apr 14	On Faith
May 19	Study for Finals: 10 AM - 10 PM (sponsored by The Grade)