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## What is the WCA HOUSE SYSTEM?

The House System forms one of the most important parts of both Student Life and the caught curriculum in the WCA Upper School. Each Upper School student, 7th graders up to 12th graders, are placed in one of our four houses (Lewis, Galileo, Augustine, and Aquinas). These selections are intentional on the part of the teachers in order to most effectively build cohesion and strength within the Houses. These Houses meet regularly (at least weekly), compete against one another in athletic, academic, and other challenges throughout the week, and complete service projects together. House points are assigned for many commendable or virtuous achievements including success at the assigned challenges, cleanliness, success in class competitions, and at other times. These points are tallied throughout the year, and the House which finishes the year with the greatest number is awarded the Headmaster's Cup. Our school community marks the last day of the school year, after all exams have been completed, and great academic rigor is behind us, in a day of revelry and competition with the last chance for Houses to earn points for the year.

The names of our four Houses, Lewis, Galileo, Augustine, and Aquinas have been selected to honor great Christian Thinkers of various disciplines who each participated impactfully in the Great Tradition. Junior and Senior house-members are eligible to serve as house heads. Students desiring to be elected as house head must announce their candidacy and present a platform. They are then elected by a vote from all house members. House heads meet monthly with the principal and play an important role in directing the program and speaking to the decisions made about the school in general. 7th grade students are inducted in a surprise ceremony near the beginning of the school year. The Student Opportunities Coordinator oversees the House System and is charged with looking for ways to intentionally expand its influence and increase its effectiveness.

