



# CINCINNATI CLASSICAL ACADEMY

FORMING HABITS OF MIND, HEART, AND SOUL

## SENTINEL LIFE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of February 13, 2023

Contact: [Katherine Swanson](#), Communications Manager

Feb. 13 – Musical Theatre 3:30 PM

Feb. 14 – Taekwondo 3:30 PM

Feb. 15 – Choral Ensemble 3:30 PM

Feb. 15 – Musical Theatre 3:30 PM

Feb. 16 – Taekwondo 3:30 PM

Feb. 17 – No school. In-service Day for Teachers

Feb. 20 – No school. Washington's Birthday

For basketball practice times and games, please consult the [Athletics Calendar](#)

## The CLASSICAL Mission

To develop the minds and nourish the hearts of our students through a content-rich curriculum in the classical liberal arts and sciences, with instruction in moral character and civic virtue

## LUNCH MENU FOR FEBRUARY:

Download from our [School Lunch Information](#) page



## PAINTING OF THE WEEK

*The Love Song*

Norman Rockwell (1926)

## NEW & NOTABLE

### Classroom Newsletters

You may have noticed that each homeroom teacher sends a weekly email newsletter to parents of all students in the class. This is an important part of CLASSICAL culture. The newsletters address what has been going on in your child's classroom, what students have been studying and learning, and what to expect in the coming week. Please note, however, that the teacher newsletter is not meant to include homework assignments and assessment dates. All homework information and due dates need to be recorded by the student in his or her homework planner each day. An equally essential part of CLASSICAL culture is setting the expectation that our students take responsibility for their work. We want students to get in the habit of taking responsibility for recording their own assignments; that's why all students must come to school each day with their homework planner.

### Official Outlets for School Information

In the interest of clarity, we encourage parents who have questions or concerns regarding any school issues to please consult the school website or contact the appropriate school staff rather than soliciting answers from social media pages unofficially connected to the school community.

As a reminder, the official outlets for school information are limited to the following:

- The school website, [Cyncyclassical.org](http://Cyncyclassical.org)
- *The Classical Sentinel*, the official school e-newsletter
- The official Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CincyClassical>
- Correspondence from school administration, including emails and postal correspondence
- Notices sent home with students and/or distributed by the school office
- One-call phone messages sent out by the Headmaster or his designee

We encourage parents and other members of the school community to use social media for the positive support of the school and avoid using it for fomenting a culture of complaint. CLASSICAL administration does not review independent pages and will not recognize complaints or concerns until they are registered through formal channels. We are always happy to discuss any parent concerns. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Washington's Winter Break

Please note that school will not be in session on Friday, February 17 and Monday, February 20, in honor of Presidents' Day. Although the holiday is now most often referred to as Presidents' Day, the observed federal holiday is officially called "Washington's Birthday." Historically, Americans began celebrating George Washington's Birthday just months after his death, long before Congress declared the day a federal holiday. It was not until 1879, under President Rutherford B. Hayes, that Washington's Birthday became a legal holiday, to be observed on his birthday, February 22. Since 1968, the federal holiday was moved to the closest Monday.

### Car Line Reminder

For families involved in car rider drop off and pick up, please be aware of the residents on Siebenthaler Avenue who may need to leave their driveways during those times. As you wait, please be sure to let any residents' cars in or out of their driveways as necessary. Thank you!

### **Fifth Grade Illustrator!**

Congratulations to fifth grader Abby Hilty, who helped illustrate a newly published book, *Do You Have to Take Showers in Heaven? And Other Kid Questions About Our Forever Home with God*. Abby worked with her mom, who wrote the book, to illustrate it and make sure the answers were understandable to kids her age. Great work, Abby!

### **Basketball Open Gym and Clinic**

Contact: [Mr. Toy](#) | [LINK](#)

Classical 1st and 2nd graders are invited to our inaugural basketball open gym and clinics on Feb. 17, Feb. 24 and March 3 from 6:00-7:30pm in our gym. This is a great way for boys and girls to test out their skills and get excited about playing on our Classical basketball teams as they get older. All skill levels are invited to join these free events led by Classical parents who coach in local leagues. For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).

### **Orchestral Music Program**

Contact: [Mrs. Boardman](#) | [LINK](#)

Our Orchestral Music Program is underway! We have a group of talented professional musicians who are available for private and group lessons. Stacey Woolley and Rachel Lee will teach violin, Rebekah Edwards will teach viola, Jacqueline Pegis will teach cello, and Kimberly Russ will teach piano. For musician bios and more information, visit [this link](#).

### **Spring Baseball and Track & Field**

Contact: [Mr. Bissmeyer](#)

Keep your eyes peeled for surveys this week from our Parent Service Organization's Athletics Boosters Committee concerning spring sports, specifically baseball and track & field. These short surveys will help us prepare additional programming for the spring athletics season while also connecting interested parents to coaching and volunteer opportunities.

### **Spring Volleyball Registration**

Contact: [Mrs. O'Callaghan](#)

We are excited to offer spring volleyball for both boys and girls. CLASSICAL is hoping to field one 5th grade boys recreational team, one 6th grade boys recreational team, and one 5th/6th grade girls athletic team. Practices for the boys teams will begin the week of March 13. No tryouts will be necessary for the boys teams. Tryouts for the girls team will be held the week of March 6. All games begin the weekend of April 7. The season is seven weeks long, ending with a championship tournament on May 21-22. Registration is open now on FinalForms and will close on March 1. If you have any questions, please email our volleyball coordinator, [Mrs. Janet O'Callaghan](#).

### **Tennis Clinic**

Contact: [Mrs. Mosley](#)

We're excited for CLASSICAL students to have the chance to participate in our Sentinel Tennis Clinic! This will be led by Mrs. Andrea Mosley and Mrs. Teddi Lofgren, who both played Division I college tennis. This is available to all CLASSICAL students, from Kindergarten to sixth grade.

## REMINDERS

### Weather-Related Cancellations and Delays

Contact: [Mr. Muse](#)

In the case of snow, sleet, freezing rain, or other extreme weather conditions that could potentially affect our ability to safely get to school on time (or at all), please check your email, voice mail, and text messages for an official notification from the school of weather delays or closures. You may also check in with Channel 5 WLWT, which will carry official notifications from Cincinnati Classical Academy. In some cases we'll operate on a 90-minute delay, and the school day will begin at 9:45 AM. When school is closed, please know that all school activities will also be canceled for that day. The decision to close school or operate on a 90-minute delay will typically be made by 6:15 AM.

### Changes of Address

Contact: [Mrs. O'Callaghan](#)

Reminder: If you have moved, please update your address in FinalForms and email Mrs. O'Callaghan, our Enrollment Manager, at [jocallaghan@cincyclassical.org](mailto:jocallaghan@cincyclassical.org). Thank you!

### Notification for Student Absences

Contact: [Mrs. O'Callaghan](#)

A parent or legal guardian must contact our front office each day his or her child will be absent from school for illness or another reason. To notify the front office please either email [attendance@cincyclassical.org](mailto:attendance@cincyclassical.org) or call (513) 554-0285 as early as possible the morning of the absence and at latest by 9:00 AM. Please include your child's full name and the reason for the absence. If no reason for the absence is given, we will have to mark the absence as unexcused.

### Substitute Teachers

Contact: [Mrs. Puglielli](#)

We continue to build our list of substitute teachers. If you have any interest in working with CLASSICAL students, we would love to hear from you. We can help you obtain the necessary substitute teacher license. It is an easy process. If interested, please contact Mrs. Puglielli.

### Current Families Resources Page | [LINK](#)

Did you know that the Cincy Classical website includes a one-stop info page for Current Families? [Here](#), you will find our school events calendar, along with links to the transportation page, the spirit shop, school uniform information, summer reading recommendations, and a contact list so that you might know best whom to contact about various school-related issues.

### Follow us!

Contact: [Mrs. Swanson](#)

Do you want to keep up with what's happening at CLASSICAL? Follow us on social media! Find us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#). Be sure to tag us in any posts with your Sentinels.