



CINCINNATI CLASSICAL ACADEMY

FORMING HABITS OF MIND, HEART, AND SOUL

SENTINEL LIFE SUMMER ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 14, 2023

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 08 – CLASSICAL Night – Reds Game 6:40 PM

Aug. 24 – Grades 5-7 Parent Info Night 7:00 PM

Aug. 25 – Meet the Teacher Day 8:15-3:15

– LifeTouch Photo Day 8:15-3:15

Aug. 29 – First Day of School, Grades 1-7

Sep. 04 – Labor Day. No School.

Sep. 05 – Kindergarten First Day of School

Sep. 06 – Curriculum Night Grades K-4 7:00 PM

Sep. 07 – Curriculum Night Grades 5-7 7:00 PM

* for sports practices and games please see the online events calendar

NEW & NOTABLE

Bona Verba from the Headmaster – July 14, 2023

Read Mr. Rose's full article: [LINK](#)

In our world of desires and consumption, philosopher René Girard's concept of mimetic desire reveals how our aspirations are shaped by others. What if we redirected these desires towards the good, true, and beautiful? Cincinnati Classical Academy embraces this approach through classical education, cultivating a longing for authenticity and exploring timeless subjects. [Continue reading...](#)

CLASSICAL Book Recommendation of the Week

Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain (2013) explores the powerful connection between physical exercise and cognitive function. Author John J. Ratey delves into the groundbreaking research and compelling evidence that demonstrate how exercise has the potential to transform our brains, improve mental health, and enhance overall well-being. By examining the impact of exercise on various brain functions, including attention, learning, mood regulation, and stress reduction, Ratey presents a compelling case for integrating physical activity into our daily lives as a means to optimize brain health and unlock our cognitive potential. Our PE instructors highly recommend this book!

Cross Country – Join the Classical Running Tradition!

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

Registration is now open in Final Forms for our Fall Cross-Country (XC) program! Experience the enduring joy of running, racing, and the camaraderie of a team sport in the heart of nature. Since the 6th century BC, when the legendary Pheidippides exclaimed, "Joy to you, we've won!" running has held a special place in Western Civilization.

At CLASSICAL, we are proud to field a middle school team (grades 5-7), as well as a lower school XC club for students in grades 2-4. Whether your child is an experienced runner or just excited to run in the dark before school, our program offers a supportive environment to grow and excel. For more information about the XC team or club, please refer to the info link above or contact Coach Gibbons.

Orchestra and Band - Coming in this Fall

Contact: [Mrs. Kim Boardman](#)

Beginning this academic year, we will be offering a Zero Hour Orchestra Program and Band Program. Ms. Sherry Randall, a highly experienced music teacher, director, and multi-instrumentalist, will be launching our Orchestra Program (grades 3-7). Ms. Randall brings decades of expertise and a passion for fostering musical excellence among students. We are also delighted to welcome Mr. Jim Yost, another exceptional music teacher, director, and accomplished multi-instrumentalist, who will be spearheading the Band Program (grades 4-7). To learn more about these new programs, we invite you to attend our Extracurriculars Night on August 31. This event will provide an opportunity to speak directly with Ms. Randall and Mr. Yost.

Voice Lessons – Coming this Fall

Contact: [Miss Lambrecht](#)

In addition to our existing private lessons for piano and strings, we are pleased to announce another addition to our extracurricular music program. Miss Brianna Lambrecht, an accomplished opera singer and experienced voice coach, will be offering private voice lessons for students in grades 6-7. With her guidance, students will have the opportunity to explore and develop their vocal abilities, learning proper technique, breathing exercises, and the art of performance. To learn more, we invite you to join us at our upcoming Extracurriculars Night. The event will be held in our gymnasium on August 31, where Miss Lambrecht will be available to answer any questions you may have and provide detailed information about her program.

Middle School Parent Info Night

Contact: [Mrs. Puglielli](#)

Beginning this fall, we will be implementing a class-switching system for students in grades 5-7. This means that your child will have the opportunity to experience several different classrooms and teachers throughout the school day. One way to look at the middle school schedule is as a hybrid between the self-contained classroom format of K-4 and the departmentalization of classes in high school. We understand that change can sometimes be challenging for students, and we want to assure you that we are carefully planning this transition. Our teachers and school leaders will provide the necessary support and guidance to ensure a smooth adjustment for middle school students to the new schedule, routines, and procedures. We have scheduled a middle school parent information session for the evening of August 24 at 7 PM in the Sojourner Truth Auditorium to provide detailed explanations, address any queries, and offer insights into the benefits of this approach to the middle school grades.

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

Contact: [Mrs. Duh](#)

Kindergarten students will begin their school year on Tuesday, September 5, one week after grades 1-7 begin school. This staggered start allows us to create a nurturing and supportive environment for our youngest learners as they transition into formal education. During the first week of school (Aug. 29-Sept. 1), kindergarten parents will be asked to schedule an appointment to bring in their child for the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). The KRA is designed to evaluate various aspects of readiness for kindergarten, including social, cognitive, and physical development. It helps us gain valuable insights into each child's strengths and areas where additional support may be beneficial. We understand that starting school can be an exciting yet apprehensive time for both parents and kindergarteners. To ensure that all parents are well-informed and prepared for their child's first days at school, we will be sending out an orientation letter in early August. This letter will provide detailed information about the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment process, as well as other essential details about the start of the school year, including teacher homeroom assignments.

A Note on Gym Uniforms

We would like to clarify the uniform requirements for Physical Education classes. Students in grades 3-7 will be changing for gym class and are required to have the CLASSICAL gym uniform. This uniform ensures uniformity and promotes a sense of unity among our students during physical activities. Students in these grades should come prepared with their gym uniform each day and will be required to change into it before the start of the class. Please note that this requirement does not apply to students in kindergarten, first, and second grade. They will not be changing for P.E. classes, and they are not required to have the gym uniform.

REMINDERS

CLASSICAL Reds Night Out - August 8

Contact: [Mr. George Kimura](#) | [LINK](#)

The Cincinnati Reds are proud to offer discounted tickets to the Cincinnati Classical Academy! Bring your family and friends down to the ballpark on Tuesday, August 8 at 6:40PM against the Miami Marlins -- and be sure to wear your CLASSICAL swag! We are all sitting together in a reserved section of the ballpark. To purchase tickets, visit the link above.

Review the School Uniform Policy

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

We would like to remind you to review the official uniform policy before placing any uniform orders so that you know what is required — and what is merely optional. You can download the PDF document from our website at the link above. Please note that the DENNIS website page for our school provides a wide range of items *beyond* the required uniform. These additional items are designated for Spirit Wear Fridays and offer an opportunity for students to showcase their school spirit. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the school uniform policy, please contact Mr. Johnson.

School Uniform Fittings

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

Uniforms can be tried on in the school office from Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Please review the uniform policies on the website first. Orders should be placed as soon as possible through DENNIS Uniform (Our school code is HCN). Questions about ordering should be directed to Anna Marie Brewer to amb@dennisuniform.com.

Student Book Fee [Mrs. Hauck](#) | [LINK](#)

The 2023-2024 School year will have the implementation of a fee of \$95 per student. The student fee will be allocated towards the purchase of curriculum consumables and new curriculum texts. By implementing this fee, we can ensure that our students have access to up-to-date and comprehensive resources that enhance their learning and support their academic growth. We understand the importance of responsible financial management and are committed to using these funds judiciously to benefit our students directly.

The Student Book Fee can be paid directly through your Final Forms account (FinalForms.com). To the left of your students name you will see \$ sign. Click on that sign and your Student Book Fee will appear. You can pay it directly online with a credit card. Once the payment is completed your dollar sign will change from RED to GREEN. If you prefer not to make payment online, you may bring or mail a check or money order into the school office. Please mark the envelope "Student Book Fee". On the check or money order please place a post it with have your child(ren) name and grade for the 2023-2024 school year. Summer Office hours are 8am-12pm. The office will be closed July 3 – July 7, 2023.

Recommended Summer Reading

Visit the Summer Reading Page: [LINK](#)

The recommended summer reading list is now available online. In addition to the grade-level recommendations, CLASSICAL also presents a recommended reading list for parents as well as John Senior's "[The Thousand Good](#)"

[Books Incomplete Life-long Reading List](#)" for those students (and parents) who'd like to dig deeper into classic "good books" this summer.

Final Forms for 2023-2024

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

Beginning May 31, 2023, you can begin completing your Student's Final Forms. Please refer to your account. Most of the forms remain the same as 2022-2023 school year, but we have added a few new ones; so, please be diligent when reviewing. Please note these three points.

- All information currently in FinalForms will rollover to the 2023-2024 year but please review each section in case there is missing information. All forms will need an updated electronic signature and date. All Forms will be **RED** until completed. Once completed the form will turn **GREEN**.
- We ask that you complete and sign the first form – Contact Information – by the end of the day, May 31, as well as uploading a current Proof of Residency. The remainder can be filled in throughout the summer with the deadline of **Monday, July 17, 2023**.
- Fall Sports (Girls Volleyball Grades 3-7 and Co-ed Cross Country Grades 5-7) will have open registration starting June 12. You can do this through Final Forms. A reminder, once you sign up for a sport, additional paperwork will be required in your Final Forms.

School Tool Box School Supplies

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

For the 2023-24 school year, CLASSICAL is partnering with School Tool Box to supply school supplies for those who are interested. Using the link above, parents can choose to purchase a box, specific to each grade, of supplies for next year that will be delivered straight to the school. The box will include everything that your student will need for the year. The order deadline to have the box shipped to the school is July 2. After that, the box will be shipped to your home. **This is an optional service.** You will still be able to access school supply lists and shop for them separately if you wish.

Summer Grade-level Meetups

Contact: [Mrs. Hauck](#)

Meetups will be happening again for each grade this summer. These meetups are a great chance to meet other current and new CLASSICAL families, for children to meet friends in their grade, and to begin forming connections over the summer. Meetups are a continued effort to build community at CLASSICAL and include a variety of activities including, but not limited to: spending time on the school playground, meeting at parks, splash parks, or family picnics. You will soon be hearing from your child's grade level coordinator(s) with meetup plans and dates. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to connect with others before the school year begins.

New Families to Classical Academy

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

If you haven't done so already, please schedule a Registration Appointment with our Enrollment Manager to complete your new student's enrollment. To do so, please click on [Final Forms here](#) and create an account. Then add your student. In the first form titled New Student Registration Process, you'll see a link to schedule an appointment with Mrs. O'Callaghan.

Medical Forms for 2023-24

Contact: [Mrs. Di Nino](#) | [LINK](#)

Please read Mrs. Di Nino's letter to parents regarding medical forms for the 2023-24 school year, [linked here](#). All medical forms you will need to fill out will be required by August 29, 2023, and can be found in Final Forms.

The 400-Hours Outdoors Challenge

Are you up for the challenge? Mr. Rose and School Nurse Mrs. Di Nino have challenged all of our students to spend 400 hours outdoors this summer—without any screens, in an effort to encourage mental and physical well-being.

Mr. Rose asked students to think of their favorite outdoor activities and hobbies, and to tell him what they are when they see him in the morning. Your child will be coming home with a [letter about the challenge](#) as well as a [sheet to track their hours](#) throughout the 93 days of summer.

Carpool 2023-24

Contact: [Jenn Lewis](#) | [LINK](#)

If you are interested in participating in carpool for the 2023-24 school year, please complete this [Google Form](#). **All carpooling families must indicate interest, even if you participated in carpool this past year.** This form indicates your interest in carpooling for the 2023-24 school year at Cincinnati Classical Academy. Completing the form does not guarantee a carpool match but is a starting point to make connections with families who live or work near you who could help facilitate transportation to or from Cincy Classical. If you have questions, please contact [Jenn Lewis](#). Bi-weekly updates will be sent starting mid-June through mid-September.

Current Parents with New Students at CLASSICAL

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

Don't forget to upload your new student's Birth Certificate and a current Proof of Residency to their FinalForms account.

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. Thank you!

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.

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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!