



# CINCINNATI CLASSICAL ACADEMY

FORMING HABITS OF MIND, HEART, AND SOUL

## SENTINEL LIFE SUMMER ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 28, 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

## ACTION ITEMS

### Final Forms for 2023-2024

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

Please note that the deadline (July 17) to complete registration forms in Final Forms for the 2023-24 academic has passed. If you have not yet completed your Final Forms, please attend to this immediately. Students will not be assigned a homeroom teacher until all forms are completed and submitted, according to the instructions below. 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**.

### First Week Attendance

Contact: [Mr. Johnson](#)

Classical education is highly interactive and requires consistent and punctual attendance. Because the classical approach relies heavily on classroom discussion among students and teachers, most work done in class cannot be made up if a student is absent. For this reason, parents should exercise prudence and make every reasonable effort to ensure that students do not miss class, including restricting family trips to the allotted school holidays and vacation weeks. The first week of the school year is particularly important for students. Students who take family vacations during school days, including during the first week of school, will be marked as having unexcused absences for the days missed. Unexcused absences will negatively affect the student's academic progress and academic standing; they may lead to a decline in their overall academic performance.

### Parent Service Organization – Survey

Contact: [Mrs. Ann Schmidt](#) | [LINK](#)

Cincinnati Classical Academy is proud to host various exciting events and initiatives that contribute to our vibrant school culture. If you are interested in volunteering to support these CLASSICAL events, such as the Veritatis Splendor Speaker Series, Trivia Night, Faculty/Staff Luncheons, the Classical Renaissance gala, Open House,

Olympiad Day, and more, we invite you to complete [a brief survey](#). Your participation in this survey will enable the PSO to plan and organize events for the upcoming year with your valuable assistance. We greatly appreciate your willingness to contribute to our school community.

## **NEW & NOTABLE**

### **2023-24 Family Handbook**

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

As we gear up for the upcoming academic year, we are pleased to announce that the *2023-24 Family Handbook for Students and Parents* is now available for download from our website. The *Family Handbook* serves as a comprehensive guide that outlines essential policies, procedures, and expectations that contribute to a positive and successful learning environment for our students. It is a valuable resource for both parents and students to familiarize themselves with the school's guidelines and expectations to ensure a smooth transition into the new school year.

### **Bona Verba from the Headmaster – July 28, 2023**

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

At Cincinnati Classical Academy, physical education is a fundamental component of a comprehensive education that nurtures students' overall well-being and academic success. Research consistently demonstrates the numerous benefits of regular physical activity, making a compelling case for daily physical education in schools. At a time when academic pressures often take center stage, we must also give due attention to the physical development, discipline, and mental well-being of our students. [Continue reading...](#)

### **CLASSICAL Book Recommendation of the Week**

*How to Think Like Shakespeare* by Scot Newstok offers a peek at the unique thought processes that shaped William Shakespeare's timeless works. Through a blend of literary analysis, historical context, and cultural anecdotes, the book showcases the Bard's remarkable ability to capture the human experience and the universality of his themes. He argues that thinking like Shakespeare involves combining knowledge from various disciplines and embracing curiosity. Newstok explores the connections between rhetoric, language, memory, and imagination, revealing the interconnectedness of these elements in Shakespeare's works. It is a captivating exploration of Shakespeare's enduring legacy and an invitation to embrace the timeless wisdom of one of history's greatest minds.

### **Be On the Lookout! – Important Mailing**

Contact: [Mrs. Hauck](#)

On August 1, we will be sending out a mailing to all our families, which will contain essential details to kickstart the new academic year. This mailing includes the following information:

- [Homeroom Teacher Assignments](#): You will find your child's homeroom teacher assignment enclosed. Please note that students will not be assigned a homeroom teacher until all required forms are filled out in Final Forms. See note above.
- [Schedules \(for students in grades 5-7\)](#): Middle School students will receive their schedules for the upcoming school year. These schedules will provide a comprehensive overview of their daily classes and activities.
- [Individual student state assessment reports](#) for the 2022-23 academic year: The report will provide valuable insights into your child's academic progress and achievements throughout the previous school year. It offers a comprehensive view of your child's performance in various subject areas, enabling you to celebrate their successes and identify areas where additional support and focus may be beneficial.
- [KRA Scheduling](#): Parents of incoming Kindergarteners will receive important scheduling information for the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) the week of August 29. This will help you prepare your child for a smooth transition into the Kindergarten experience.

This information is vital in ensuring a successful start to the new school year. Please be on the lookout for this important school mailing at the end of next week.

## FALL ATHLETICS

### Taekwondo – Register Now for Fall Session

Contact: [Master Kim](#) | [REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Registration is now open for our fall session (Sept. 12-Nov 21) of Taekwondo. Our after-school program is run by Ahn Taekwondo Institute, offering all of the benefits of a program at the Institute with the convenience of being offered right in the CLASSICAL school gymnasium. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Your child will learn a variety of skills and drills making training exciting and challenging but not overwhelming. Registration closes September 9.

### Girls Fall Volleyball

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

Girls Fall Volleyball registration is still open, but time is running out! The last day to sign up and pay your sports fee to be assigned to a team is August 4. To secure your spot, complete the registration process in FinalForms before the deadline. Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar:

- Open Gym (optional): For grades 5-7 only, join us for Open Gym from July 31 to August 2, between 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to get back into the groove and prepare for the upcoming season.
- Keepin' it Classy Volleyball Camp (optional and free): Mt. Notre Dame student and volleyball athlete, Riley Gifford, will be running this exciting camp from August 7 to August 9, starting at 9:00 AM and concluding at 2:00 PM. The camp is open to grades 4-7, and you can sign up here: [Camp Sign Up](#).
- Parent Meeting: An essential Parent Meeting will be held in the gym on August 10, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. At least one parent of the volleyball player should attend this meeting.
- Team Practices and Games: Team practices will begin on August 14, and the games will kick off the weekend of August 26.

We still need volleyball coaches, especially assistant coaches. If you or someone you know is interested in contributing to the success of our volleyball teams, please contact [Mrs. O'Callaghan](#).

### Join the Classical Running Tradition!

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

Registration is now open in Final Forms for our Fall Cross Country 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.

### And... Cross Country Club

Contact: [Mrs. Duh](#)

Calling all students in grades 2-4! We invite you to join the Cross Country Club for an enjoyable and relaxed introduction to the world of running. The Club's activities will take place during cross country team practices before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:45-7:45 AM. Rest assured, the entire Club will stay within the safe confines of the CLASSICAL property for sprints, relays, and fun running games. For Cross Country Club members, participation in races and meets will be entirely optional. If you're interested, sign up now in Final Forms at a cost of \$30. The first practice will be held on August 15.

## 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.

### **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](mailto:amb@dennisuniform.com).

### **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.

### **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 as you wish.

### **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.

### **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 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 on Social Media!**

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!