



CINCINNATI CLASSICAL ACADEMY

FORMING HABITS OF MIND, HEART, AND SOUL

SENTINEL LIFE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug 11, 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. 24 – Grades 5-7 Parent Info Night 7:00 PM

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

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

Aug. 31 – Extracurriculars Evening 7:00 PM

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

Sep. 19 – Singapore Math for Parents 7:00-8:30 PM

Sep. 28 – Veritatis Splendor: Patrick Whalen 7:00 PM

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

DENNIS Uniform Concerns

We would like to address the frustration and inconvenience that many of you have experienced due to the recent challenges with DENNIS Uniform, our current uniform provider. We understand the importance of a smooth uniform process and apologize for any inconvenience this situation has caused. We want to assure you that CLASSICAL is actively addressing this issue. While we have a three-year contract with DENNIS, we have been actively exploring alternative options with other uniform vendors, both for immediate service and for the coming years. Our priority is to provide a reliable and efficient uniform solution for our students and families. Mr. Rose will be following up on this matter next week with a detailed letter to parents, outlining the steps we are taking to resolve the situation and ensure a seamless uniform process moving forward. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to find the best possible solution.

Bona Verba from the Headmaster – August 11, 2023

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

Building upon the success of our "Painting of the Week" initiative last year, which focused on famous paintings throughout history, we are excited to embark on a new exploration that will broaden students' horizons and deepen their understanding of the world. This year, we are proud to introduce our weekly exploration of the world's greatest architectural masterpieces. [Continue Reading...](#)

CLASSICAL Book Recommendation of the Week

Study Is Hard Work by William H. Armstrong is a gem of a book that every student, teacher, and lifelong learner should have on the shelf. Armstrong provides a practical and engaging guide to effective study skills and techniques, emphasizing the importance of discipline, organization, and dedication in the learning process. Armstrong shares valuable insights on how to manage time wisely, set achievable goals, and develop a focused mindset. As we say around Cincy Classical: Perseverance pays off!

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cafeteria Help Needed

Contact: [Mr. Randy Duff](#)

We have an exciting opportunity available for someone interested in joining our cafeteria team here at Cincinnati Classical Academy. WG Grinders, our food service provider, is currently looking for dedicated individuals to fill cafeteria positions. If you're looking for flexible hours and a rewarding role, this might be a perfect fit for you! To express your interest, please email [Mr. Randy Duff](#) (above). Feel free to share this opportunity with anyone you think might be interested.

Library Volunteers

Contact: [Mrs. Puglielli](#)

Calling all book enthusiasts! We're looking for volunteers to join our library team this year. If you have a passion for great literature and enjoy engaging with students, this is your chance to become an integral part of the CLASSICAL community. To express your interest and find out more, please contact Mrs. Puglielli, Dean of Faculty.

Substitute Teachers

Contact: [Mrs. Puglielli](#)

Are you interested in making a positive impact on students' lives while embracing the CLASSICAL mission? We're excited to expand our team of exceptional substitute teachers. Whether you're an educator looking for flexible opportunities or know someone who might be, we invite you to join us in this meaningful endeavor. As a substitute teacher, you'll have the chance to engage with students and support their learning. If this resonates with you or someone you know, we encourage you to get in touch with Mrs. Puglielli, our Dean of Faculty, for more details.

ACTION ITEMS

Seeking Sentinel Summer Photos

Contact: [Communications Team](#)

As we reflect on the vibrant and eventful summer our Sentinels have had, we'd like to invite you to contribute to our visual storytelling. If you've captured any fantastic candid shots from our summer meetups or your Sentinels participating in the 400 Hour Challenge, we would love to see them! Your photos could be featured on our social media platforms, in our yearbook, and across various publications. Sharing these moments visually helps us capture the spirit of our community and the unique experiences that our Sentinels have had. Please don't hesitate to send your photos to our Communications team at communications@cincyclassical.org throughout the year.

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

Contact: [Mrs. Gleason](#) | [Register](#)

As part of our efforts to ensure a smooth transition into kindergarten, we will be conducting the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) for each child during the week of August 29-September 1. Please note that this is the first week of school for students in grades 1-7. Although the kindergarteners are not in class that week, each child must take the KRA during this time. The first day of school for kindergarteners is September 5, 2023. To schedule a KRA testing time with your child's homeroom teacher, please use the links above and sign up with your child's homeroom teacher

Veritatis Splendor Returns!

Contact: [Ms. Heipel](#) | [Tickets](#)

We are thrilled to introduce the next speaker in our Veritatis Splendor series: Mr. Patrick Whalen. Join us for an enlightening talk on "The Role of the Body in Education." Explore how technology has reshaped our connection with nature and its impact on learning and about restoring the body's importance in education. The event will take place on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 PM in the Sojourner Truth Auditorium. Don't miss this thought-provoking session! Please register online using the provided link above. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEW & NOTABLE

Meet the Teacher Day – August 25

Contact: [Mrs. Puglielli](#)

This is an opportunity for you and your child to meet your child's homeroom teacher, tour the classroom, and drop off school supplies before heading over to the gym to get your child's school photo taken! No appointment is necessary. No need for appointments – simply come and enjoy this relaxed day on campus.

School Photo Day — August 25

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

The dress code for School Photo Day is the school uniform (Summer or Winter acceptable). Exceptions will be made to those who have not yet received their uniforms. Please refer to the [CLASSICAL uniforms page](#) for further information regarding our uniform policy. School photos will be taken in the gymnasium from 8:15 AM – 3:15 on Meet the Teacher Day.

First Day of School – August 29

We eagerly anticipate the beginning of the 2023-24 school year and the return of our students. [For grades 1-7](#), the first day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29. We kindly request that students arrive at school between 7:30 and 8:10 AM each morning. To facilitate a smooth start to the day, we have designated the Blue Awning Entrance as the drop-off point, which is the same as last year. This area operates with a single-line drop-off system, ensuring efficient traffic flow. Please note that the traffic runs in a counter-clockwise one-way direction around the school building. For students who arrive prior to 7:50 AM, they will be directed to the Cincinnatus Refectory. At 7:50 AM, they will be released to their respective classrooms. School starts promptly at 8:15 AM each day.

Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures

Contact: [Mr. Johnson](#)

As we approach the upcoming school year, we'd like to clarify the carline pick-up routine, which will remain the same as last year. Upon your arrival by car, a staff member will welcome you and record your family name, along with the names of any individuals you are picking up. Following this, you will be directed to one of three designated pick-up lanes. To ensure a smooth and secure process, students will be called out in groups of approximately 15 cars each. We kindly request your cooperation in adhering to the directions provided by our traffic sentinels, as safety remains our top priority. In the week leading up to the start of school, we will provide you with more comprehensive instructions, offering a clear understanding of the carline procedures.

Extra-Curriculars Evening – August 31

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

Join us for our upcoming Extracurriculars Evening on Thursday, August 31. This event offers an invaluable opportunity for students and parents to engage with our club moderators, music directors, and athletic coordinators. As you explore various options, you'll have the chance to ask questions, gauge your child's interests, and discover the array of enriching activities available. In addition, our musical instrument rental company will be present to showcase band and orchestra instruments, allowing students to explore new or ongoing musical pursuits. Mark your calendar for this informative evening beginning at 7:00 PM in the gymnasium.

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.

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.

REMINDERS

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.

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 and to handle and play the available instruments.

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.

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.

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 if you wish.

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.

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