

SENTINEL LIFE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of October 2, 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 THIS WEEK

Oct. 02 – Piano 3:45

- Oct. 03 Taekwondo 3:30-4:30 PM Art Guild: Public Art 3:45-4:45 PM Sentinel Service Corps 3:45-4:45 PM
 - Violin 3:45-4:45 PM
- Oct. 04 Art Guild: Drawing 3:45-4:45 PM Gardening Club 3:45-4:45 PM Piano 3:45
- Oct. 05 Taekwondo 3:30-4:30 PM
- Oct. 05 Miami Township Zoning Meeting 7:00 PM
- Oct. 06 LifeTouch School Photos Retakes 9-11:00 AM
- Oct. 06 Chess Grades 3-4 3:45-4:45

LUNCH MENU FOR OCTOBER:

Download from our School Lunch Information page



ARCHITECTURE OF THE WEEK St. Peter's Basilica, Rome (1506–1626)

BONA VERBA – Facility Search Update

Read Mr. Rose's full article: LINK

I would like to provide you with a comprehensive summary of the update on the Facilities Search shared by the Cincy Classical Board of Directors at the meeting held on September 27. For those who were unable to attend, I want to ensure you are fully informed about the important developments discussed during the meeting. <u>Continue Reading...</u>

Cafeteria Kitchen Help Needed

Contact: Mr. Randy Duff

WG Grinders, our food service provider, is looking for cafeteria help in our school. They are looking for someone for about 20 hours per week. Position entails cooking, prep work, lunch service and dishes. Please email Randy Duff at wggrinders@wggrindersdayton.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 5 – Miami Township Zoning Meeting

Contact: Mr. Rose

We've been working diligently to secure the impressive 200,000 square foot property at <u>6285-87 Tri Ridge Blvd</u>. for our permanent K-12 facility. However, the property requires a zoning change to be suitable for educational use. A critical public hearing for this zoning change is set for Thursday, October 5th at 7 PM, taking place at the Miami Township Civic Building, 6101 Meijer Drive, 45150. We strongly encourage our Miami Township resident community members to attend and express their support for this change. Your presence and endorsement can have a significant impact.

Oct. 6 – School Photos Retake Day

Contact: Mrs. Hauck

If your child is new to CLASSICAL (since the beginning of the school year) or you would like to have your child's school photo retaken, please send an email to Mrs. Hauck by Friday, September 29. Lifetouch will be on campus on Friday, October 6, from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please note that your child's name must be on the list by September 29 in order to leave class for photos. Lifetouch is offering this opportunity only on October 6. Don't miss this chance to capture a great school photo!

Oct. 12-13 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Contact: Mrs. Puglielli

Fall Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 12, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and October 13, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Each conference slot is 15 minutes long. At least one parent or guardian must register for a conference with your child's homeroom teacher You also have the option to sign up for a conference with your child's PE, music, or art teacher. Look out for a registration link from your child's homeroom teacher in the coming week. Please keep in mind that there is no school on these two days, and Fall Break follows on October 16 and 17.

NEW & NOTABLE

Afternoon Carline Congestion

Because such a back-up is being created on Siebenthaler and Hunt between 2:50 and 3:20 PM each day, parents whose schedules permit are encouraged to arrive on campus between 3:30 and 3:40 for student pick-up. Doing so will help alleviate the afternoon carline congestion. It will also allow those who pick up between 3:30 and 3:40 very short wait times. Please consider this. It would greatly help our traffic flow! Thank you.

The Postman Pledge (for a Low-Tech Household)

Contact: Mrs. Keegan | LINK

A few CLASSICAL families would like to invite other CLASSICAL parents to join them in signing The Postman Pledge this 2023-2024 academic year. The Postman Pledge is a statement of intention (inspired by the insights of media critic and educator Neil Postman) signed by parents who aspire to create a lower-tech environment for their families and who recognize that to change the ethos of a community requires a common effort. The proposal is to agree as a family to forgo giving one's children smartphones or access to social media for one year, and to work together as participating families to cultivate moments of community and friendship in the real world (examples could include a night of singing, a hike, a cookout, a dance, going to a play together, etc.). Our hope is to grow in community among CLASSICAL families and to help each other to anchor firmly in the home all of the richness our children receive through their school experience.

Sentinel Football Interest Survey (2024)

Contact: Mr. Bissmeyer | SURVEY LINK

We are exploring the possibility of introducing a 7th and 8th-grade Varsity Middle School Football Team next year (2024) and are seeking input to gauge interest from both potential players and coaches. If your 6th or 7th-grade student (next year in 7th or 8th grade) is interested in participating or if you have coaching expertise to contribute, please complete the <u>Sentinel Football Interest Survey</u> to help us assess the feasibility and enthusiasm for this initiative. Your feedback is crucial in determining the viability of this program.

Late Pick-up Policy

Contact: Mr. Johnson

Students are required to be picked up by 3:45 PM, unless they are participating in our after-care program or an extracurricular activity starting at 3:45 PM or earlier. Even if they have siblings in clubs or athletics, students must either be picked up or supervised outside by a parent/guardian. If a student is still on campus and not engaged in a club or athletics by 3:45 PM, the student must wait in the front office until picked up. The late fee for pick-up after 3:45 PM is \$10 for the first minute and \$1 per minute thereafter. The same late fee applies to those picking up students late from any extracurricular activity ending after 3:45 PM. If a student is picked up late on two or more occasions during the school year, they may be unenrolled from the activity.

School Communication Procedures

At CLASSICAL, we highly value constructive conversations between parents and teachers regarding children's education. To ensure these discussions are productive and to respect teachers' dedication to their classes, we've established these guidelines:

- 1. Social Media: CLASSICAL staff will not use social media for communication with parents or students.
- 2. Timing: Teachers are primarily focused on teaching, meetings, and extracurricular activities during school hours, as well as just before and after school. To engage with a teacher, please schedule a phone call or meeting in advance. Please do not come to the front office to request an immediate meet with either a teacher or staff member. Please schedule an appointment 24 hours ahead of time.
- 3. Response Time: CLASSICAL teachers and administrators will make efforts to respond as swiftly as possible, within 48 hours of initial contact (excluding weekends and holidays) and often within 24 hours. While an immediate meeting may not always be feasible, teachers will aim to initiate contact promptly.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Driving Along Siebenthaler Ave.

Thank you again for your continued respect of our neighbors on Siebenthaler Avenue. Please remember that when traffic is backed up onto Siebenthaler, <u>be mindful not to block any of the neighbors' driveways</u>. <u>And please do not block the intersection with Carol or Dorian</u>. The school continues to receive complaints from neighbors and the Reading Police Department about this issue.

Order Your School Photos

Contact: Mrs. Hauck | LIFETOUCH LINK

Don't forget to order this year's school pictures from Lifetouch. For a 10% discount on your order enter the following code: F2023100FF. Please use this link to redeem at Lifetouch: <u>MyLifetouch</u>

Clubs, Sports and Activities

Contact: Mrs. Hauck

To ensure your child's smooth participation in end-of-day activities, please take a moment to record in their daily planner whether they will be staying for a club, activity, or sports session. This simple step will greatly assist both students and teachers in preparing for a productive and enjoyable end to each school day. Thank you for your cooperation!

Band & Orchestra

Full Details: LINK | REGISTRATION

Our new Band and Orchestra Program is designed to provide students with a comprehensive and enriching musical experience. Students have the opportunity to learn and master a wide range of musical instruments, including brass, woodwinds, strings, and percussion. Our experienced instructors guide students through the intricacies of each instrument, ensuring a solid foundation in musical technique. Registration is open until September 29. Lessons begin the week of October 2.

Private Instrumental Lessons

Full Details: LINK

At CLASSICAL, our intention is to create one of the finest orchestra and band programs in the region. We believe the best way to do this is to have our students take private lessons with professional musicians. We have recruited some truly incredible professional musicians who are extremely accomplished performers and teachers, and they are excited to begin working with our students to further their musical education. Please <u>download this PDF</u> for full details on cost, availability, and musician bios.

Reminder – Early Release Procedures

Contact: attendance@cincyclassical.org

We appreciate your cooperation in making early dismissals as smooth as possible. When requesting an early dismissal due to appointments or other reasons, please remember to send your email to our attendance email address. (See above.) We kindly request that you also copy your child(ren)'s teacher on the email. This will ensure that the front office is properly informed and can facilitate the process without interrupting ongoing classes. Your attention to this procedure helps maintain a productive and organized learning environment for all our students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Special Note on Early-Release After 2:30 PM

If your child needs an early release from school *after* 2:30 PM, we kindly request that you plan to arrive on campus for pick-up by 2:30 PM. To facilitate a smooth and safe process, we ask that you park your vehicle beyond the Blue Awning entrance. This will help avoid any complications or traffic congestion during our regular carline dismissal. Ensuring the efficient flow of traffic during dismissal times is crucial for the safety of all students and staff. By parking beyond the Blue Awning entrance for early releases, you'll not only help streamline the process but also contribute to a safer environment for everyone. Arriving by 2:30 PM ensures that you will not get tangled in the carline traffic. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter, as it directly impacts the safety and well-being of our school community.

Notification for Student Absences

Contact: Attendance

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 <u>attendance@cincyclassical.org</u> 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.

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 <u>jocallaghan@cincyclassical.org</u>. Thank you!

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.

Current Families Resources Page | LINK

Did you know that the Cincy Classical website includes a one-stop info page for Current Families? <u>Here</u>, 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 <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>. Be sure to tag us in any posts with your Sentinels!