

SENTINEL LIFE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of October 12, 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



ARCHITECTURE OF THE WEEK Machu Picchu, Peru (mid-15th century)

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

- Oct. 16 No school. Fall Break
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- Oct. 18 Band: Woodwind and Percussion 7:05-8:00 AM
- Oct. 18 Gardening Club 3:45-4:45 PM
- Oct. 18 Piano 3:45 PM
- Oct. 19 Orchestra 7:05-8:00 AM
- Oct. 19 Band: Brass 7:05-8:00 AM
- Oct. 19 Taekwondo 3:30-4:30 PM
- Oct. 20 Chess Club 3:45-4:45 PM

LUNCH MENU FOR OCTOBER:

Download from our School Lunch Information page

BONA VERBA – The Significance of History Dress-Up Day

Read Mr. Rose's full article: LINK

Last year, Cincinnati Classical Academy established a unique tradition known as History Dress-Up Day, which will now be celebrated on campus each October 31. Unlike the typical festivities of the day featuring monsters, superheroes, or pop culture icons, this event invites CLASSICAL students to step into the shoes of their favorite historical figures. <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. 26 – Veritatis Splendor: Andrew Zwernemann

Contact: Ms. Heipel | REGISTER

We are delighted to announce our next speaker in the Veritatis Splendor series. Mr. Andrew J. Zwerneman will be addressing the theme "The Confidence of Culture: Seeing What the West Frees us to See" on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Sojourner Truth Auditorium. Mr. Zwerneman, with over three decades of experience in the classical education movement, will explore the profound questions surrounding culture, memory, love, knowledge, and right judgment. As the co-founder and president of Cana Academy, he brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to this enlightening discussion. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with a distinguished speaker who holds degrees in history, politics, and theology. Register now for an evening of intellectual enrichment.

Oct. 31 – History Dress-Up Day

Contact: Mr. Johnson

On Tuesday, October 31, we are inviting all students to come dressed as one of their favorite historical characters. Students may come dressed as a particular person (e.g., Socrates, Albert Einstein, George Washington, Harriet Tubman, Queen Elizabeth II, etc.) or a character representing a particular time period (e.g., a Roman centurion, a civil war soldier, a WWII Red Cross nurse, etc.). Some teachers may have suggestions for their students, based on what their grade level is studying in history this year. Please look out for mention of this in the weekly newsletter from your child's homeroom teacher. Students may not wear masks on their faces, and they may not carry weapons of any kind.

Nov. 9 – Veterans Day Assembly

Contact: Mrs. Hauck

CLASSICAL students, faculty, and staff invite all military veterans in the CLASSICAL community (including grandparents) to join us for our Veterans Day Assembly and Ceremony, honoring those who have served or currently serve in the U.S. armed forces. The assembly will take place on Thursday, November 9, at 1 PM in the Activity Center. Our ceremony will be filled with an Honor Guard and Pipes, recognition of the branches of service, and patriotic songs presented by our students. Since space is limited, we ask you to kindly RSVP to Mrs. Hauck if you plan to attend. Rep. Brad Wenstrup will be our keynote speaker. Congressman Wenstrup will discuss the topic of civic duty, drawing on his experience as a doctor, Army Reserve officer, and Iraq War veteran.

Nov. 9 – CLASSICAL Open House 7:00 PM

Contact: Mrs. O'Callaghan | LINK

Cincinnati Classical Academy will hold an Open House for prospective parents on the evening of Thursday, November 9 from 7-9 PM. Next year we will be admitting students in grades K-8. The Open House evening will provide an overview of Cincinnati Classical Academy's academic philosophy, academic plan, school life, sports, extracurriculars, and a detailed explanation of the lottery process of enrollment. Teachers and sixth and seventh grade ambassadors will be on hand to answer questions and provide tours throughout the evening. If you know any families who might be interested, please let them know that Open House <u>registration</u> is now open.

NEW & NOTABLE

PSO Volunteer Opportunity: Volleyball Tournament

Contact: Mrs. Ann Schmidt | LINK

CLASSICAL will be hosting 16 games for the upcoming volleyball tournament on October 20-22. The PSO would like to ask for help filling multiples shifts at the concession stand, ticket table, and scoreboard. If you have been looking for ways to get involved, give back, meet others and have fun, now is your chance! All volunteers will enjoy free admission to that day's volleyball games. Hosting tournaments is a great way to raise funds for the school and make others from around the city aware of our wonderful school. It would not be possible without the help of many. Sign up <u>here</u>.

Winter Soccer Signups

Contact: Coach Stoddard

We are excited to offer a winter soccer program aimed at fostering teamwork, skill development, and preparation for our future high school soccer teams. Led by experienced coaches Gary Stoddard and Elmer Bullock, the program will feature separate boys' and girls' teams that will participate in an eight-week indoor 5v5 soccer league at Fulcrum Fives in Blue Ash. The commitment is minimal, with just one 50-minute game per week. Boys' games are scheduled for Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, while girls' game times will vary on Saturdays. The age groups eligible for this program are those students born in 2011, 2010, and 2009, primarily involving 5th, 6th, and 7th-grade students. The cost to participate is \$125, and registration is available via Final Forms. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your child's soccer skills and contribute to their future High School soccer ambitions. For more details, contact <u>Gary Stoddard</u>.

A Request from Sentinel Service Corps

Contact: Mrs. Stevenson

The Sentinel Service Corps is seeking small donations to contribute to "Blessing Bags" intended for distribution to veterans and elderly community members residing in a local nursing home. We kindly ask for your support by providing unused items from the following list, which can be dropped off at the front office with a designated box labeled "Service Corps." Please ensure that all donations reach us by Tuesday, November 6, and include items like chapstick or lip balm, hand sanitizer, pens, markers, notebooks, crossword, word search, or Sudoku books, mints, gum, candy, playing cards, small board games or puzzles, books, instant coffee or tea bags, lotion, tissues, nail polish, nail files, and decorative knick-knacks. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated!

Photographers Wanted!

Contact: Mrs. Di Nino

The Yearbook Committee is looking for assistance from our school families in capturing moments at events like sports games, assemblies, and other school-sponsored activities. If you have photography skills and are interested in volunteering, please contact <u>Mrs. Di Nino</u>. If you've already taken photos that you believe would be a valuable contribution to our yearbook, please send them to <u>Mrs. Di Nino</u>.

Dress for Recess

Contact: Mr. Johnson

As the weather cools down, it's essential to emphasize the significance of outdoor recess for our students. Providing fresh air, physical activity, and a respite from the classroom's structure, it remains a valuable part of their day. As we progress through the school year, we kindly request that you ensure your child is adequately attired to enjoy outdoor play. In the upcoming chillier months, we advise every child to have, at a minimum, a winter jacket, gloves or mittens, and a hat, each labeled with their name.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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 will be unenrolled from the activity.

Driving Along Siebenthaler Ave.

Please meticulously observe the 20 MPH speed limit on Siebenthaler. Speed limits in school zones are set to 20 MPH with the safety of children in mind. Further, 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 these issue.

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.

Upcoming Weather & Uniforms

Contact: Mr. Johnson | LINK

Please note that students may wear the winter uniform any time of the school year, including this month as we see dropping temperatures. Until Nov. 1, wearing the summer uniform is still an option. However, on November 1 (the first day of the second quarter), the winter uniform will be mandatory until the first day of the fourth quarter.

April 8 – No School. Total Solar Eclipse

On Monday, April 8, 2024, people within a 124-mile-wide band in the state of Ohio will experience a total solar eclipse. That means that during the middle of the day, the sun will be totally eclipsed and the sky will go dark. The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. And the next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2099, when most of our students will be in their eighties. Because this is such a rare event, we have decided to that we will have a day off of school on April 8 so that students and families can travel to a place nearby where you can experience the total eclipse. If you live in West Chester or Liberty Township you won't have to go anywhere, because you'll be directly in the band of total darkness. Of course you'll hear plenty more about this in the coming months.

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!