



CINCINNATI CLASSICAL ACADEMY

FORMING HABITS OF MIND, HEART, AND SOUL

SENTINEL LIFE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of November 20, 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

Mont St. Michel, France (France (c. 8th–16th century AD))

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

Nov. 20 – Band: Woodwind and Percussion 7:05-8:00 AM

Nov. 20 – Piano 3:45 PM

Nov. 21 – Orchestra 7:05-8:00 AM

Nov. 21 – Band: Brass 7:05-8:00 AM

Nov. 21 – Taekwondo 3:30-4:30 PM

Nov. 21 – Sentinel Service Corps 3:45-4:45 PM

Nov. 21 – Art Guild: Public Art 3:45-4:45 PM

Nov. 21 – Violin 3:45 PM

Nov. 22-24 – No School. Happy Thanksgiving!

LUNCH MENU FOR NOVEMBER:

Download from our [School Lunch Information](#) page

NEW & NOTABLE

BONA VERBA – Facilities Search Update – Nov. 2023

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

As we continue on our "sentinel odyssey" in search of a permanent K-12 facility, I would like to provide you with an update on the recent developments regarding Cincinnati Classical Academy's application for re-zoning in Miami Township. In a special meeting held on November 9, the Miami Township Trustees considered the school's application to re-zone a parcel at 6285-6287 Tri-Ridge Blvd to allow for educational use. Regrettably, the zoning change was denied in a unanimous 3-0 vote by the trustees. The decision followed nine months of extensive preparatory work by our Board of Directors, including the development of a lease-with-purchase-option agreement, site and remodeling plans, technical studies, and means for tax-exempt bond financing.. [Continue Reading...](#)

Substitute Teachers Needed!

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.

PSO Holiday Collection for Faculty & Staff

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

The Parent Service Organization (PSO) is leading a Holiday Collection for staff and faculty of the school. The intention of this collection is to honor the people who teach and support our children. All monetary gifts will be combined and distributed equally to every member of the faculty and staff and/or are applied toward dedicated staff and faculty appreciation initiatives over the course of the school year. Contributions will be collected through Monday, December 11, and distributed to the faculty and staff at the Christmas Teacher Appreciation Lunch. Thank you for your generosity on behalf of our wonderful staff and faculty!

Trivia Night – Call for Donations

Contact: [Mrs. Katie Metz](#)

CLASSICAL's Third Annual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, February 3. The planning committee is asking for donations to be used as prizes for the winning adult table, the winning 6th grade table and game winners. Donations could include restaurant or experience gift cards, sports or concert tickets, sports team merchandise, food, drink or miscellaneous gifts. Thank you for your help in making this another successful school community-building event.

Lost and Found Reminder

Contact: [Mrs. Hauck](#)

Parents, please remind your child(ren) to check the Lost and Found at the school office for any misplaced belongings. All items labeled as "found but unclaimed" after November 21 will be generously donated during the Thanksgiving Day break. We've already accumulated 29 water bottles and 14 coats, and to ensure a swift return, kindly ensure your child(ren) have their names on their belongings. This simple step guarantees that lost items find their way back to the rightful owners in their homeroom. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our Lost and Found organized!

Email Communications in the Life of a Teacher

We would like to bring to your attention the extraordinary demands our middle school teachers are currently facing in terms of their workload, specifically concerning email communications. Each middle school teacher is responsible for approximately 125 students daily, with dedicated duties from 7:45 AM to 3:45 PM, including six hours of direct teaching. In addition to their regular hours, most teachers spend an extra hour or two each afternoon or evening preparing for classes. At CLASSICAL, our teachers prioritize teaching during class time rather than reading emails or surfing the internet. While we value communication with parents and understand the importance of responding

within 48 hours, it is crucial to recognize that our teachers are primarily hired for the duty of teaching. Responding to emails can be time-consuming and, unfortunately, takes away from the planning and teaching hours that directly impact your child's education. We believe in maintaining a culture focused on teaching and students, avoiding unnecessary distractions that may arise from an excessive reliance on push-button technology. We simply ask that you be mindful of their time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Your continued support allows our teachers to dedicate their time and energy to what they do best – educating and nurturing our students.

Re-enrollment for 2024-25

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

The re-enrollment process of your current CLASSICAL student(s) will begin on November 27. That process will consist of logging into your SchoolMint Dashboard, clicking on "ADD A FORM" for each current student, then filling in the re-enrollment information that is listed. If you have other children who are not currently CLASSICAL students but you would like to enroll them for the 2024 school year, that process will begin on December 18. In the meantime, please email Mrs. O'Callaghan, using the link above, of any children and their grade so she can keep track of all sibling groups.

Winter Uniform Clarifications

Contact: [Mr. Johnson](#)

During quarters 2 and 3, boys in grades 5-7 must wear the white oxford with logo (short-sleeve or long-sleeve) with the Hamilton plaid tie.

For girls in grades K-7, leggings or tights may be worn underneath skirts or jumpers but must be ankle-length or footed in a solid color—grey, navy, white, or black. Leggings are not to be worn without other bottoms on top. Please note that pants worn underneath skirts or jumpers are not permissible.

For students in grades K-4 especially, we recommend (but not require) the use of belts with the khaki pants. If a student is struggling to keep the pants around the waist due to the looseness of the material, a belt would provide this additional support to tighten the waist properly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 30 –Why Everyone Should Study Shakespeare

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

We are excited to announce our next speaker in the Veritatis Splendor Speaker Series: Dr. Stephen Smith, Temple Chair of English Literature and Dean of Humanities at Hillsdale College. With expertise in great books and Renaissance literature, Dr. Smith's talk on "Why Everyone Should Read Shakespeare" promises to be enlightening and inspiring. Known for his passion for the works of Thomas More, William Shakespeare, and John Milton, Dr. Smith fosters a deep connection between students and classic literature. His commitment to sharing "a little spark" of genuine enthusiasm aligns with the series' mission to explore profound ideas and timeless wisdom. Join us for an engaging session as Dr. Stephen Smith encourages a lifelong friendship with these literary giants, offering invaluable insights on living well, particularly in challenging times. Registration is free, but we recommend that you register soon, since seating is limited.

March 16, 2024 – Classical Renaissance Gala

Contact: [Ms. Heipel](#)

Save the Date. We are excited to announce that Dr. Larry Arnn, President of Hillsdale College, will be the distinguished keynote speaker at our inaugural Classical Renaissance Gala this coming March 16, 2024! Plan to join us for an enchanting evening filled with a student art show as well as musical performances by our talented students and faculty. This gala is not just a celebration of classical arts but also a wonderful opportunity to show your support for the Academy. Stay tuned for more details, including the reveal of our Gala's location, which will be announced after Thanksgiving. Mark your calendars and be part of this extraordinary event that promises an inspiring blend of classical elegance and academic excellence.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

2022-23 Annual Report – Now Available

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

CLASSICAL's 2022-23 *Annual Report* is now available online. This report offers a comprehensive overview of our school's performance, achievements, and key statistics, providing valuable insights into our inaugural year. In the report, you will find essential information, including enrollment figures, financial data, and state assessment statistics, reflecting our commitment to transparency and accountability. We take pride in sharing this data to demonstrate our dedication to providing the best possible educational experience for our students. Please feel free to forward the report to anyone who may have an interest in our school, whether they be prospective families, community members, or supporters of classical education.

Taekwondo Registration – Winter Session

Contact: [Master Kim](#) | [REGISTER](#)

Ahn Taekwondo Institute offers martial arts programs emphasizing continuous learning. Their after-school program at Cincinnati Classical Academy provides convenience, meeting in the school gymnasium on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 PM. With engaging and ever-evolving classes, students acquire a variety of skills and drills while working towards achieving higher ranks and belts. The winter session runs from November 28, 2023, to February 15, 2024, with a registration deadline on November 22, 2023, at 12:01 am. Please register using the link above.

REMINDERS

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.

Thank you for observing the 20 MPH speed limit on Siebenthaler. Thank you also for remembering that when traffic is backed up onto Siebenthaler, not to block any of the neighbors' driveways or the intersection with Carol or Dorian. We have been receiving very positive feedback about your courtesy. Thank you for modeling virtuous behavior for our school and our neighbors!

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 attendance@cincyclclassical.org 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 jocallaghan@cincyclclassical.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.

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!