

SENTINEL LIFE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of November 6, 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 Petra Complex, Jordan (c. 312 BC–AD 106)

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

- Nov. 6 Band: Woodwind and Percussion 7:05-8:00 AM
- Nov. 6 Piano 3:45 PM
- Nov. 7 Orchestra 7:05-8:00 AM
- Nov. 7 Band: Brass 7:05-8:00 AM
- Nov. 7 Taekwondo 3:30-4:30 PM
- Nov. 7 Sentinel Service Corps 3:45-4:45 PM
- Nov. 7 Violin 3:45 PM
- Nov. 8 Band: Woodwind and Percussion 7:05-8:00 AM
- Nov. 8 Art Guild: Drawing (3-7) 3:45-4:45
- Nov. 8 Gardening Club 3:45-4:45 PM
- Nov. 8 Schola Cantorum 3:45-4:55 PM
- Nov. 8 Piano 3:45 PM
- Nov. 9 Orchestra 7:05-8:00 AM
- Nov. 9 Band: Brass 7:05-8:00 AM
- Nov. 9 Veterans Day Program 1:00-2:00 PM
- Nov. 9 Open House 7:00-9:00 PM
- Nov. 10 Veterans Day. No School.

LUNCH MENU FOR NOVEMBER:

Download from our School Lunch Information page

NEW & NOTABLE

Thank you, Ms. Sofio!

Ms. Sofio, one of our beloved kindergarten instructional aides, will be returning to school at the University of Pennsylvania after our Christmas break. Ms. Sofio has made an indelible impact during her time at CLASSICAL, assisting in our kindergarten classrooms for the past year, and we are certainly sad to see her go. Her dedication, care, and support have been invaluable to our Kindergarten team and students.

Help Wanted – Instructional Aide

Contact: Mr. Rose | LINK

As we bid farewell to Ms. Sofio, we are excited to announce an opportunity to join our school community. We are now actively seeking a dedicated and passionate instructional aide to become an integral part of our Kindergarten team. If you are interested in this position or know someone who may be a perfect fit, please take a moment to review the detailed job description by following the link provided. Your involvement in sharing this opportunity with potential candidates within your network is greatly appreciated. We believe that our school community has a wealth of talent, and we look forward to welcoming a new team member who will help us continue to provide the highest quality education for our students.

Staff Announcement – Welcome, Ms. Chiu!

Ms. Cathy Chiu is joining us as our new full-time music teacher, beginning on November 13. She brings a wealth of musical experience and knowledge to our school. Ms. Chiu earned her Bachelor's and Master of Music degrees at the prestigious Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University in Maryland. After graduating from Peabody Institute, Ms. Chiu contributed her talents to several symphony orchestras, including the Richmond Symphony Orchestra of Indianapolis, the Queen City Opera Orchestra, and the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra. We are thrilled to have her share her love of music with our students. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Ms. Chiu!

Staff Announcement – Welcome, Mrs. Birch!

Mrs. Christie Birch is joining our team on November 27. She will initially be working with our Student Services team and will transition into a new role in the 2024-25 school year. As part of her future role, she will be a part-time music teacher for grades 3 and 4 and also a part-time school nurse, assisting Mrs. Di Nino. Mrs. Birch brings a unique combination of professional nursing expertise and experience as a seasoned music teacher and choir director. We look forward to the valuable contributions she will make to our school community. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Mrs. Birch.

Quarter One Report Cards

Contact: Mrs. Puglielli

All students have been sent home with hardcopies of their first quarter report cards. Congratulations to all our students for their outstanding efforts and perseverance throughout the first quarter. The first quarter is a crucial period in which our students set the tone for the rest of the school year. Their achievements and growth are a testament to their hard work, the support of our dedicated teachers, and your encouragement at home. We encourage you to take some time to review the report cards with your children. These reports provide valuable insights into their progress and areas for potential improvement. It is also an excellent opportunity to have meaningful discussions about their experiences in the classroom.

Winter Uniforms – Sweaters

Contact: Mr. Johnson | LINK

As of November 1, a student of any grade (K-7) may wear either the navy V-neck cardigan sweater with the logo or the navy pullover sweater (long-sleeve or vest) with the logo. There will no longer be the distinction between grades K-4 and 5-7 with respect to winter uniform outerwear. Shaheens can accommodate this beginning this week.

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.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

More info: ONLINE FLYER

The safety of our children here at Cincinnati Classical Academy is very important to us. Please take a moment to review the attached flyer provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. It outlines several important things children should know such as how to dial 911 in an emergency and never accepting a ride from a stranger. Please note that we are required by the Ohio Department of Education to share this information with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Please indicate in which branch of the military you served or are serving. (Please note that, due to a scheduling change, Congressman Wenstrup will not be able to attend. We are looking to secure a new keynote speaker. Stay tuned!)

Veterans Day Logistics

Contact: Mr. Johnson

Since the assembly will end around 2:00, all students will return to their homerooms following the program to complete the remainder of the regular school day. There will be no early dismissal following the assembly. All event attendees who will not be picking up a student at the end of the school day should depart directly following the program's conclusion for ease of exiting the parking lot prior to the beginning of carline. If a veteran in the CLASSICAL community attends the assembly and will be picking up a student at the end of the school day, please enter the normal carline after the program to ensure that the end-of-day school procedures run smoothly.

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.

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.

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>.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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!