



# CINCINNATI CLASSICAL ACADEMY

FORMING HABITS OF MIND, HEART, AND SOUL

## SENTINEL LIFE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of December 4, 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

Radcliff Camera, University of Oxford (1737-1749)  
Oxford, England

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

- Dec. 4 – Band: Woodwind and Percussion 7:05-8:00 AM
- Dec. 4 – Piano 3:45 PM
- Dec. 5 – Orchestra 7:05-8:00 AM
- Dec. 5 – Band: Brass 7:05-8:00 AM
- Dec. 5 – Taekwondo 3:30-4:30 PM
- Dec. 5 – Sentinel Service Corps 3:45-4:45 PM
- Dec. 6 – Band: Woodwind and Percussion 7:05-8:00 AM
- Dec. 6 – Art Guild: Drawing (Grades 3-7) 3:45-4:45 PM
- Dec. 6 – Schola Cantorum 3:45-4:55 PM
- Dec. 6 – Piano 3:45 PM
- Dec. 7 – Orchestra 7:05-8:00 AM
- Dec. 7 – Band: Brass 7:05-8:00 AM
- Dec. 7 – Taekwondo 3:30-4:30 PM
- Dec. 8 – Chess Club (Grades 3-6) 3:45-4:45 PM

### LUNCH MENU FOR DECEMBER:

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

## **Bona Verba – Why Everyone Should Study Shakespeare**

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

On Thursday evening, as part of our ongoing Veritatis Splendor Speaker Series, we had the honor of welcoming Dr. Stephen Smith, a distinguished Professor of Literature from Hillsdale College, to explore the provocative assertion that everyone should study the works of William Shakespeare. In his talk, Dr. Smith referenced the epitaph inscribed upon Shakespeare's Stratford Monument, portraying the Bard of Avon as "In judgment a Nestor, in genius a Socrates, in art a Vergil." These classical comparisons, said Smith, identify Shakespeare primarily as an educator, transcending the boundaries of time to impart valuable lessons on how to live well. [Continue reading...](#)

## **NEW & NOTABLE**

### **December 19 – Early Dismissal at 11:45 AM**

Christmas Break begins after early dismissal at 11:45 AM on Tuesday, December 19. Aftercare will not be provided following early dismissal. There will be no school December 20 through January 2.

### **Re-enrollment for 2024-25**

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

The re-enrollment process of your current CLASSICAL student(s) is now open. 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.

### **Dressing for Winter Recess**

Contact: [Mr. Johnson](#)

We believe outdoor recess is an important and valuable part of our students' day. Fresh air, exercise and time spent outside afford students a break from the structure of the classroom. As we continue the school year, it is imperative your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather and is prepared to play outside. During the fall and winter season, at a minimum, every child should have a jacket, gloves or mittens, and a hat. Please have your child's name in their jacket, gloves or mittens, and hat. There will be times when it is not safe for children to be outdoors, or for outdoor time to be limited. Typically, students will not have outdoor recess when it is raining or when temperatures fall below 25 degrees.

### **A Word from Nurse Di Nino**

Contact: Mrs. Di Nino | [LINK](#)

Cold and flu season is officially upon us here at CLASSICAL. We have seen a drastic uprise in illness over the last two weeks, and we expect this to continue through Christmas break. I'm following community illness levels closely in addition to what's at school. I'd like to share a few things that I believe will be helpful for our families to know. Please click through to read my "[Letter to Families](#)."

### **Student Lunch Payment**

Contact: [Mr. Muse](#)

This is a friendly reminder that Grinders, our school lunch provider, cannot accept cash payments for funding your children's school lunch accounts. To ensure a smooth and efficient process, we kindly request that you use either a check or make online payments for this purpose. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in maintaining an organized and secure payment system.

### **Spring Sports Survey**

Contact: [Mrs. Hauck](#) | [LINK](#)

CLASSICAL is excited to announce spring sports opportunities for students in grades 3-7. Continuing our tradition from last year, rugby and baseball will be offered, and we are exploring the addition of girls softball and boys volleyball. To gauge interest and make informed decisions, we kindly request your participation in [this survey](#).

Please remember that each child can only participate in one spring sport; so, please select the most preferred option for each of your children. Your input is crucial in shaping our sports offerings for the upcoming season.

### **Spring Baseball**

Contact: [Mr. Cory Brown](#)

Spring baseball is just around the corner: Practices are set to commence in early March, leading into a season spanning from late March through June. We will be participating in the Cincinnati Western Baseball Conference. Home games will take place in Reading at either Ss. Peter and Paul or Koenig Fields. We're actively seeking coaches and volunteers to contribute to the success of our teams. The participation fee is \$100, with an additional \$50 for a uniform that players get to keep. We're looking forward to fielding teams from Kindergarten to 5th grade, including 7U Coach Pitch (K and 1st grades), 9U Player Pitch (2 and 3 grades), and 11U Player Pitch (4 and 5 grades).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **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 at Cincinnati Music Hall! 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 CLASSICAL. Mark your calendars and be part of this extraordinary event that promises an inspiring blend of classical elegance and academic excellence. Stay tuned for more details!

## **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

### **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! You can contribute here: [Give now](#).

### **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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!