



CINCINNATI
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

State of the School

Report 2025-26

2022

Founded

933

Enrollment

K-9 (→ K-12 by 2029)

Grades

Scientia est libertas



School Profile: Who We Are

OUR 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.

Forming Habits of Mind, Heart, and Soul



Hillsdale College K–12 Member School

TYPE

Tuition-free
public charter school

LOCATION

Cincinnati, Ohio
(SW Ohio)

REACH

72 zip codes
6 counties

FIRST CLASS

Class of 2029

PARTNER

Hillsdale College K–12

MASCOT

Sentinels

BY THE NUMBERS



Enrollment & Reach

933

students

72 zip codes · 41 school districts

95.2%

retention rate
next year

Families drive from:

AS FAR EAST

Hillsboro

70 min. each way

AS FAR SOUTHEAST

New Richmond

45 min.

AS FAR WEST

Oxford

52 min.



Teachers & Staff 2025–26

Category	Count
K–9 General Education Teachers	39
Art Teachers	4
Music Teachers	4
PE Teachers	4
Special Education Faculty	5
TOTAL TEACHERS	56

Category	Count
Grades K–2 Instructional Aides	11
Student Services Aides	6
Math Specialists	2
School Leadership	9
Staff	19
TOTAL FACULTY & STAFF	102

102 Total Faculty & Staff · 56 Classroom Teachers



The Fieldhouse Addition





Lower School Review & Projection





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SUMMIT PARK CAMPUS



Middle School Review

Mr. Matt McGrory, Dean of the Middle School





Middle School: The Year Ahead

Mr. Matt McGrory, Dean of the Middle School

1 The place of Latin

2 Science Fair

3 Excelsior Society

4 Consistency





Upper School Review

Mr. Isaac Johnson, Dean of the Upper School

1 Daily & Semester Schedule

2 Ninth Grade Curriculum

3 High School Electives

4 Office of College & Career Readiness





National Latin Exam Results

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Summa Cum Laude
(Gold Medal) — Highest Honor

20

Silver Medal
Recipients

49

Additional Honors
Grades 6–9

Perfect Score — Second Consecutive Year

9th grader Kingston Loehrer earned a perfect score on the National Latin Exam for the second year in a row, earning the Gold Medal (Summa Cum Laude) — the highest honor in the program.



Upper School: The Year Ahead

Mr. Isaac Johnson, Dean of the Upper School

1 Tenth Grade Curriculum

2 Ancient Languages

3 New (and Advanced) High School Electives

4 College & Career Readiness: Next Steps





School Profile & Classic Learning Test

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School Profile Released

Released our official School Profile this spring — the primary document colleges use to understand who we are when our students apply. Available on the table outside and on our website.

2

Classic Learning Test (CLT)

Inaugurated CLT administration with current ninth graders. CLT is an alternative to the SAT/ACT geared toward a content-rich classical curriculum.

3

Classical Baccalaureate

CLT launched the Classical Baccalaureate this year — a classical alternative to the IB program and AP classes. We intend to pursue pilot-school status in 2026–27 to validate our curriculum to college admissions offices.



Fall Sports by the Numbers

Category		Count
Boys Soccer (K–5)		45
Girls Soccer (K–3)		19
Girls Volleyball (Gr. 3–8)		95
Co-Ed Cross Country		43
Boys Golf (Gr. 3–8)		20
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS		222



Winter Sports by the Numbers

Category	Count
Boys Basketball (Gr. 3–8)	77
Girls Basketball (Gr. 3–8)	47
Boys Winter Soccer (Gr. 6–8)	7
Girls Winter Soccer (Gr. 6–8)	11
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	142





Spring Sports by the Numbers

Category		Count
Boys Baseball (K–6)		67
Girls Softball (K–8)		35
Co-Ed Rugby (Gr. 3–8)		12
Co-Ed Track & Field (Gr. 3–8)		89
Boys Volleyball (Gr. 3–8)		28
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS		231



Athletic Achievements 25-26

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Girls Volleyball — Three Champions

2

Boys Basketball — One Champion

3

New School Record: Girls XC: Sarah Kappan

Sara Kappan finished second in the HS Girls XC Open, setting a new school record at 21:38.



Extracurriculars by the Numbers

Schola Cantorum	52
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Orchestra	38
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Band	12
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Theatre	61
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CLASSICAL Dance	51
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Fra Angelico Art Guild	94
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Chess Club	74
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Drama Club	70
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Gardening Club	25
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Golf Club	20
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Fall Play

Arabian Nights





The Miraculous Journey of
Edward Tulane





Christmas Concert & Art Show

Mr. William Meriwether, Director of Fine Arts



Fezziwig's Ball





Spring Swing





Student Achievements

Audrey Dillhoff and Anna Schmitt (Grade 8) advanced past several hundred contestants in the first round of the National Civics Bee competition.

Fourth grade chess team took third place at the Queen City Classic.

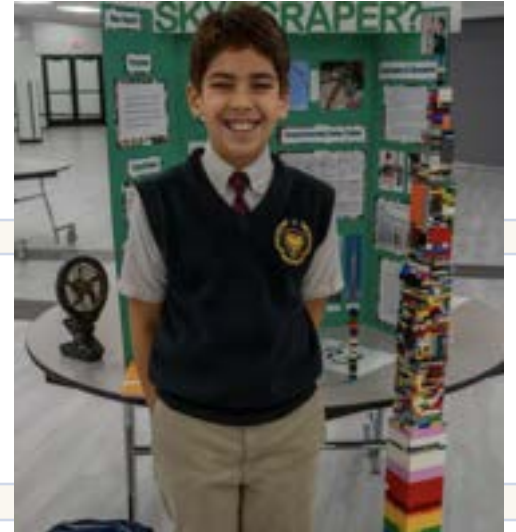




Student Achievements

9 students qualified to advance to the Ohio State Science Fair competition.

4 students won monetary awards.



Olivia Moy and Amy Shu earned perfect scores and have been nominated for the 2026 Thermo-Fisher Scientific Innovators Challenge — a national competition.



Robotics State Champions

Ohio VEX IQ State Championship — Excellence Award

Fifth grader Dhanvika Boopathy led her robotics team to the highest honor.

Ohio VEX IQ State Championship — Innovate Award

Fourth grader Eisa Karimkhan helped his team qualify for the world stage.





2025–26 Yearbook Cover Winner

Nearly 50 submissions to the yearbook cover contest this year.

Mr. Rose had the honor of choosing a winner from the top five.

This year's winner is eighth grader **Audrey Dillhoff**.





Citadel Life Update

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By the Numbers 2026-27

1,068

Students Registered

At full capacity

427

Students on Wait Lists

Across all grade levels



By the Numbers 2026–27

Lower School

Siebenthaler Campus

Grades K–4

496 students

20 homerooms

Middle & Upper School

Summit Park Campus

Grades 5–10

572 students

26 homerooms



Key Staffing Changes 2026–27

Sophie Rybka → Bethany Zappas

Executive Assistant retiring for maternity leave (baby #2 in October). Bethany Zappas moves to Summit Park to take over.

Janet O'Callaghan → Haley Metzger

Janet O'Callaghan transitioning out after 4 years. Haley Metzger joins as Enrollment Manager (Aug. 1), formerly of Xavier University Admissions.

Ann Schmidt → College & Career Readiness

Ann Schmidt moves upstairs to open the new Office of College & Career Readiness.

Director of Athletics: Search Underway

Josh Wellen departing. Hiring in progress for new Director plus part-time assistant.

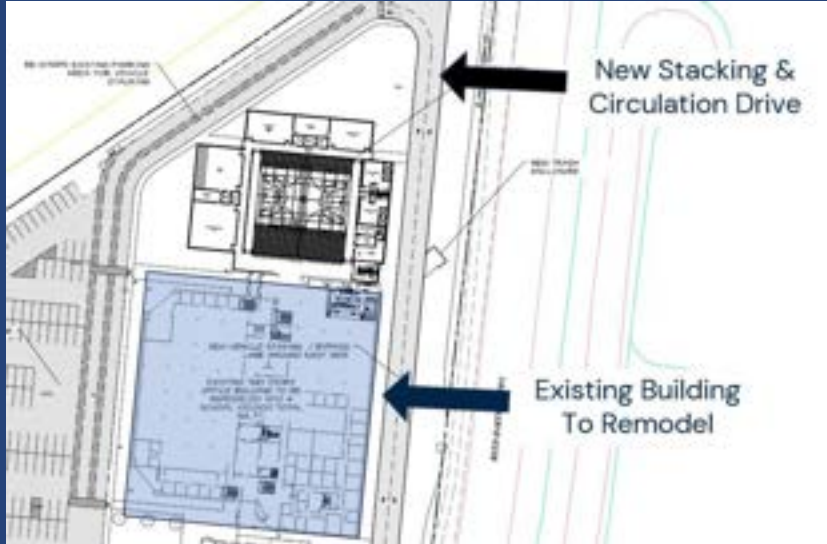


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Summit Park Campus



April 2025: Renovation in Progress





April 2026: The Fieldhouse Addition





April 2026: All School Facilities in Use





Campus & Facilities Costs

39 acres on 2 campuses

200,000 s.f. of instructional space with 60 classrooms (153 s.f./student at 1300 capacity)

2 gymnasiums, 1 baseball field, wrestling room, weight room, and music pavilion

Bonds Revenue	29,320,000
Change Orders and Addition Completion	5,464,000
Total Cost	34,784,000
Annual Long-Term Debt Service	1,902,000 (20→10% of annual budget)
Paid Out-of-Pocket	3,290,000
Short-Term Debt	2,174,000



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Financial Review



End of Year* Cash Balance

Year	Cash Balance - School	Cash Balance – School + Friends	Days COH^ – School + Friends
2022	263,018		--
2023	194,898		73
2024	1,359,073		75
2025	2,599,346	3,048,953	68
2026 (Projected)	2,066,824	2,512,842	76
2027 (Projected)	2,362,726	3,439,472	95
2028 (Projected)	2,829,820	4,240,481	109

^ More than 30 days cash-on-hand is preferred by authorizer/sponsor



Additional Revenues (2022-2026)

Ohio Charter School Program Start-Up (FY22)	100,000
Federal Charter School Program Developer Grant (FY24-27)	2,000,000
Ohio Community School of Quality (FY24)	1,421,664
Ohio Community School of Quality (FY25)	1,774,811
Ohio Community School of Quality (FY26)	1,835,975
Friends of Cincinnati Classical Academy (FY25)	912,189
Friends of Cincinnati Classical Academy (FY26)	1,123,221
TOTAL	9,167,860



2025-2026 Budget Comparison*

Revenue

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
State Funds	7,190,080	7,024,524	(165,556)
Federal Funds	425,000	680,302	255,302
Quality School Funds	2,262,000	1,823,898	(438,102)
Restricted Grants	100,000	--	(100,000)
Miscellaneous	621,120	2,847,965	2,226,845
TOTAL	10,598,200	12,376,689	1,778,489



2025-2026 Budget Comparison*

Expenses	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
Salaries & Benefits	5,499,068	5,358,316	140,752
Rent	1,459,044	1,407,380	51,664
Utilities & Facilities	549,450	623,764	(74,314)
Supplies	419,067	356,224	62,843
Other	1,153,171	990,556	162,615
TOTAL	9,079,800	8,736,240	343,560
NET FLOW	Revenue - Expense	1,518,400	3,640,449
			2,122,049



Congratulations!



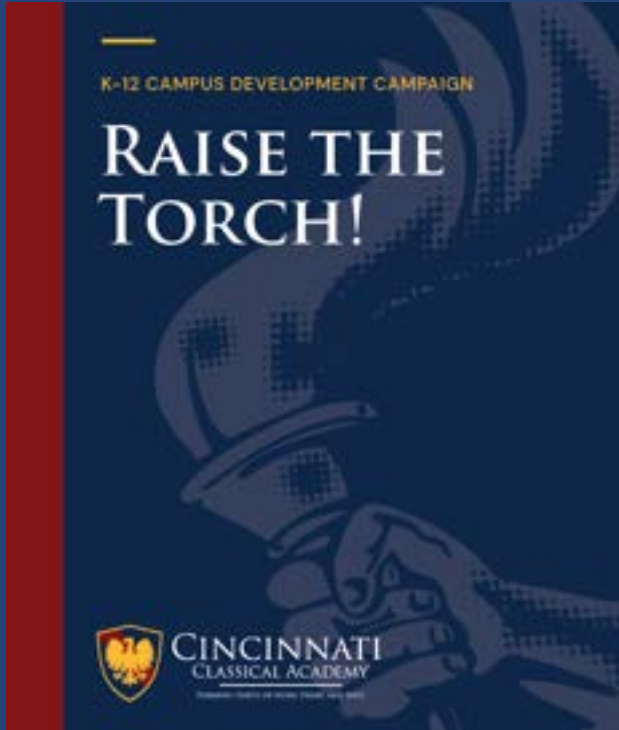
Kelly Jones
Treasurer
Cincinnati Classical Academy



RAISE THE TORCH!



Building toward the Future



Major Financial Needs

- Raise teacher salaries
- Facilities reserve fund
- Athletics fields
- Furnish library, other spaces
- Improvements at Siebenthaler
- Irrigation / grounds
- Beautification