



TULSA
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

THE LIONHEART

A TCA Lionheart is honorable in conduct, honest in word and deed, courageous in study and service, and respectful of those around them.

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Paideia at Tulsa Classical Academy

This is the first official newsletter for Tulsa Classical Academy, and we are beyond thrilled to be opening our doors this fall. Thank you for all your support and spirit!

At TCA, we focus on virtue, wisdom, and wonder, or in other words – character, literacy, and numeracy. We will have Cardinal virtues, Academic virtues, and Civic virtues. Each month, we will learn much more about each of these virtues. They will drive our heart and culture.

In this newsletter, you will see updates on construction, registration, teacher hiring, and other upcoming events. As we approach the summer we hope to deliver the handbook to parents as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience here! Hopefully our 23-24 academic calendar will be shared next week. Please be on the lookout for that.

We are grateful to be at this point and we look forward to the coming months!

~Mr. Poarch, Head of School



Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States. Oil-on-canvas painting by Howard Chandler Christy.

PRUDENCE: I will choose to think well and act correctly.

Construction Update

A big thanks and shout out to our builders for doing such an amazing job. We are still on track for our August opening date.



Drywall installation has begun, and we could not be more excited!

Make sure to follow us on our socials for weekly updates.



Uniform Try-Ons

Our uniform vendor, Global Schoolwear, will be providing us with a fit kit for one week only! We are wanting to use this opportunity for parents to bring their kids by to see what size and style will work best for this upcoming school year.

To view and purchase uniforms, visit [Global Schoolwear](#) and type in "Tulsa Classical Academy", along with your students info. We encourage parents to join their mailing list, as they send out discount codes often.

To RSVP for a spot during our try-on week, please fill out this form: [LionHearts Try-On](#)

- **Saturday, May 6 (all grades)**
- **Monday, May 8 (K-1)**
- **Tuesday, May 9 (2-3)**
- **Wednesday, May 10 (4-5)**
- **Thursday, May 11 (6-8)**
- **Friday, May 12 (all grades)**



STAFF UPDATES

Tulsa Classical Academy is happy to announce that we have hired a receptionist!
Our warmest welcome to Mrs. Bailey.

We have hired over half of our teachers for the 2023-34 school year!

We still have some K-4 teacher positions open. Please follow the link below to view openings. You can also check out our Teacher Appreciation Lunch Events below.

[VIEW
OPENINGS](#)

ROLLING ENROLLMENT

We are continuing to accept applications through SchoolMint. Movement in the waitlist is a natural part of the process and the waitlist is ordered by date of submission since we are out of "Open Enrollment".

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TCA EVENTS



Parent Info Nights

Upcoming Dates:

- **May 9th** - Bixby Library

[LEARN MORE](#)



Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Upcoming Dates:

- **April 25th** - TCA Office

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Parent Discussion Nights

Upcoming Dates:

- **May 25th** - Helmerich Library

[FOR MORE INFO](#)

REGISTRATION UPDATE

Thank you for completing STEP ONE in SchoolMint, our application portal. We are SO close to sending out user logins for our STEP TWO registration process in WenGAGE. We hope to send these out next week.

If you have accepted a seat and have not yet completed STEP ONE, please follow the link below to complete that step in SchoolMint.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



BOOK DRIVE

Thank you so much to Rob and Rebekah at **Rhea Lana's of Broken Arrow** for donating books to our school!

We are so grateful and appreciate your support and the support of this community. The TCA library is underway and our volunteer team is on a mission to get it filled for our students. If you have any books you'd like to donate, please reach out to: lionhearts.library@gmail.com

"The goal of education is to learn to love that which is worth loving" – Socrates

A Letter from the Board President:

On the early morning of February 1, 2023, I had the pleasure of watching seat offers go out from our enrollment management system to seven-hundred students. It was a milestone that I and the founding board had been working toward since January 2020. Back then, our ambitions were small. We *hoped* that we might successfully launch Oklahoma's first classical charter school, but we were skeptical we could.

Whether we proceeded out of sheer ignorance of naïveté is a worthy debate, but over the next several years we simply put one foot in front of the other. It was frequently exhausting, often emotionally draining, and occasionally discouraging, but we met with just enough success to keep ourselves going.

One of the major factors that helped us maintain motivation was the families we were meeting. These families were incredibly wonderful and their enthusiasm for the school powered us onward. Over time we realized that we were not building a school, we were building a community of families who were building a school. We may be the founders, but without families, we would have founded nothing.

After sending out all the offers on that cold February morning, I had the privilege of reading the celebratory Facebook updates and comments with great joy. Before that day, I had actually wondered what it might feel like. I expected I might feel proud for all that we had accomplished, but it turns out that was not the emotion that filled my heart that day. Instead, I was simply filled with gratitude—gratitude for all the wonderful families who were trusting us with their children, gratitude for board members who stuck with it, gratitude for donors who trusted us with their money despite our lack of track record, gratitude for the Poarch family who took a chance on us and *moved* to Oklahoma, gratitude for the recently hired employees who joined a tiny little start-up in a cramped and hot office, gratitude for every parent who hosted a parent coffee, gratitude for every volunteer who generously donated their time, and gratitude for the

community of families who built Tulsa Classical Academy.

Indeed, together we *have* built something special and it is the honor of a lifetime to have played a role. On behalf of the founding board of Tulsa Classical Academy, let me extend our sincere gratitude to you for helping us make this school a reality.

With the utmost gratitude,

Nathan Phelps
Founding Board President
Tulsa Classical Academy

WAYS TO GIVE

Classically Formed Foundation is dedicated to opening BCSI-affiliated classical charter schools in Oklahoma. Tulsa Classical Academy will be the first, but we anticipate opening a similar school in Oklahoma City. Classically Formed Foundation, Inc. is an Oklahoma non-profit. Donations are tax deductible.

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