

## 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

We are seven weeks away from opening our doors to the great students of Tulsa Classical Academy! We have lots to do, but the building is on schedule and the school is set to open. Now, of all times, requires great Courage!

In this newsletter, you will hear from Dr. Jones, see what our teachers have been up to, and learn about some specific ways you can donate to our school.

We are honored that you have joined us on this great endeavor.

Mr. Poarch Head of School



Washington Crossing the Delaware, Emanuel Leutze (1851)

**COURAGE:** I will be brave and persevere in difficult or unpopular times.

## **Construction Update**

The exterior of our building is almost finished and is already looking beautiful! Inside we have lights, tile, and paint going in. We cannot wait to be in our building!

The traffic light is installed, the drive will be paved soon, and the road widening is almost





## **Registration and Enrollment Update**

Thank you, parents, for completing your student(s) registration! Lookout for emails from noreply@sylogist.com for corrections. There is no action needed if you receive an email saying your student records has been completed. If you have accepted a seat, but have not received an activation email from Sylogist, no worries! Your spot is safe and is in the process of data conversion.

**COMPLETE REGISTRATION** 

## **Family Handbook**



FAMILY HANDBOOK 2023-24 Our Family Handbook has been released! We are excited for you to have a better understand of the vision, mission, and culture at Tulsa Classical Academy.

<u>Please complete the Parent</u>
<u>Acknowledgement page</u> per family at the end of the handbook and bring it to the office or email it to info@tulsaclassical.org.

Students in grades 5-8 are also expected to read the handbook and sign the acknowledgment page. If you have more than one 5-8 grade student, please list all their names and signatures on the same form.

Please read it **here** as soon as possible!

## **School Apparel**



#### **SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOP**

Our School Spirit store is now open.

Go LionHearts!

**SHOP NOW** 



#### **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

**View Uniform Board** 

**ORDER UNIFORMS** 

## Hillsdale College Summer Conference





In June, the staff and faculty attended the K-12 Summer Conference at Hillsdale College in Michigan. It was an excellent opportunity to learn new teaching methods and approaches to classical education and help our students succeed. The training emphasized the importance of a well-rounded education, including the study of history, literature, and the arts. Our teachers are excited to provide the students with a quality education after attending this training. The staff and faculty also had such a nourishing time learning, collaborating, and growing together as a team.

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## **Facebook Updates**

Have you joined our Facebook group yet? We have a parent page called <u>TCA</u>
<u>LionHearts!</u> Though we send out formal information via email and text, this group allows space for LionHearts to build community and ask questions.

JOIN FACEBOOK GROUP

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

We have tons of volunteer of opportunities and would love for you to help out in any way you can! Please view volunteer teams by clicking the button below and reach out to our office if you are interested! <a href="mailto:info@tulsaclassical.org">info@tulsaclassical.org</a>

**VIEW VOLUNTEER TEAMS** 

## Letter from the Assistant Head of School

Dear Parents,

There are a variety of reasons why I am excited about the upcoming school year. Tulsa Classical Academy will provide a great environment in which to learn. The facilities are beautiful. The halls and classrooms will be filled with classical art that portrays virtue and wisdom. Classical books will fill the classrooms and the library. As great as those things are, what I am most excited about is the wonderful teachers that will instruct our students.

I had the privilege of spending time with the TCA teachers at the Hillsdale K-12 Classical Education Summer Conference. Twenty-seven future TCA teachers and staff attended the conference in June. The conference was designed to share ideas for classroom instruction, pair teachers with a network of colleagues, and provide a foundation of what it means to teach classically. The teachers and I spent hours talking about the upcoming school year. The enthusiasm they showed for starting the school year was astounding.

Teaching is cyclical in nature, where each year is much like the previous year. However, the TCA teachers know they are starting something new and exciting. The teachers are a part of the first classical charter school in Oklahoma. Starting a new school is something few teachers get to experience. Their excitement is palpable.

I am also pleased with the variety of experience and background of each teacher. Several of our teachers are relocating to Tulsa to be a part of the school. Two teachers are moving from other states to be a part of Tulsa Classical Academy. We also have two teachers moving from outside of the United States. TCA is drawing people from all over the world.

The best way to teach your children virtue is to put virtuous people in front of them on a daily basis. Our teachers demonstrate the virtues in their actions, lives, and work. They love their subjects and the profession. They will teach students how to ask good questions and inspire them to wonder about the things in life which are true, good, and beautiful. The teachers of TCA truly exemplify virtue, wisdom, and wonder. I am eager for the students to meet the new teachers. May wonderful things happen this year!

Dr. Kevin Jones
Assistant Head of School
Tulsa Classical Academy

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## **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".

ENROLL NOW

## **Summer Events**



PARENT DISCUSSION NIGHT

July 27, 6-7:30pm Peggy Helmerich Library



K-3rd Meet-Up

181 Ranch Saturday, July 22 9am-11pm



4th - 8th Meet-Up

Rhema Rec Center Friday, July 28 6pm-8pm

GET TICKETS

## **Summer Reading**

Due to the difficulty of acquiring some of the prior reading selections, here is an updated list of some great children's classics! These are not required reading, but they are excellent grade-level books to read prior to starting school.

### Kindergarten:

The Velveteen Rabbit

#### 1st Grade:

Winnie the Pooh

#### 2nd Grade:

Pinocchio

#### 3rd Grade:

Charlotte's Web

#### 4th Grade:

The Jungle Book

#### 5th Grade:

Treasure Island King Arthur

#### 6th Grade:

Adventures of Tom Sawyer Secret Garden

#### 7th Grade:

Count of Monte Cristo

#### 8th Grade:

Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

# "Beauty is that which pleases upon being seen." Thomas Aquinas



## Consider Donating Toward Our Classrooms:

- Document Cameras
- More Math Manipulatives
- Classroom Libraries



**Framed Art Donations** 

Consider donating a specific virtueoriented art piece by selecting a painting

- Teacher Wish Lists
- Specialized Furniture
- Classroom Decorations
- Consumable Supplies
- Teacher Appreciation Gifts

DONATE HERE you love. Each painting is framed and will include a plaque that describes the painting and the donor's name. This framed art will hang prominently in the entrance and atrium of the school.

DONATE HERE

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