



## GULF COAST

★ *Classical Academy* ★

### ***Our Mission & Purpose:***

At Gulf Coast Classical Academy (GCCA), our mission is to support Christian families in educating their children to the highest standards. We equip them with wisdom and virtue to recognize the objective truth, goodness, and beauty that exist in the world all around us.

Our purpose is to promote the transmission of Western Civilization through a Latin-centered, classical, Christian core curriculum. GCCA is designed to develop a generation of Christian leaders who will be equipped to serve their families, churches, and communities.

### ***What is classical Christian education?***

We believe classical Christian education provides the best means to fulfill our school's mission. Classical Christian education focuses on the study of the classics, classical languages, and the liberal arts. In other words, the best that has been thought and said, and the intellectual skills that equip a student to think deeply and from a Christian worldview. An education that is classical, in both methods and content, cultivates a love of learning, an appreciation for the best of Western culture, and a mastery of language, math, and essential knowledge. More importantly, classical Christian education focuses on texts that are steeped in wisdom and virtue. By studying such works, students learn to love the right things and to develop a Biblical perspective of life. Classical education focuses on the Great Books, and the greatest of these is the Bible.

### ***Overview***

Gulf Coast Classical Academy is the only full-time, Latin-centered, classical Christian school in Pinellas County. At Gulf Coast Classical Academy, we utilize Memoria Press Classical Core Curriculum in our Grammar School and both Memoria and Veritas Press in our Upper School. We currently offer a full-time program for grades K-8. We welcome families from all Christian backgrounds who accept our statement of faith, the Nicene Creed.

### ***Academics***

We offer a complete classical education program using award-winning classical curriculum, including the classical subjects of Latin, Greek, Logic, Classical Composition, and Classical Literature. Students also study grammar, spelling, history, mathematics, science, Bible, and geography. We also provide enrichment classes such as PE, art, music, and drama. Reading is fundamental in our curriculum; supplemental reading lists are provided for students in all grades.

### ***Extracurricular Activities***

We see the value of offering extracurricular activities in the goal of forming well-rounded students. Extracurricular sports include cross-country, basketball, track & field. Additional sports for the 2023-2024 school year are under discussion and will be announced if available. After-school clubs will also be available based on interest. Some clubs (such as Chess Club with Alton Academy) will require families to pay a one-time or monthly fee to cover expenses.

Our school also offers private lessons in piano, voice, guitar, and a few other select instruments. Please see our Music Teacher, Ms. Jessica Blakley, for enrollment: [jblakley@gcclassical.org](mailto:jblakley@gcclassical.org)

## ***2023-2024 School Hours***

### Drop Off

Drop Off: 7:55-8:15am

Morning Assembly: 8:15-8:20am, Classes start: 8:25am

### Pick Up

Pick-up for grades K-6: 2:45-3:00pm

Pick-up for grades 7-8: 3:00-3:15pm

*Younger students who have siblings in grades 7-8 may be picked up by the later pick up time.*

*All students who are not picked up by 3:15pm will be charged a late pick-up fee.*

## ***Teachers***

Our teachers are knowledgeable in their subject area and passionate about the classical model. Half of our faculty and staff have earned advanced degrees in their subject areas. Our small class sizes allow for teacher-led classes, as well as individual, student-centered attention as appropriate.

## ***Students***

We are currently accepting applications for students in grades K-8 for the 2023-2024 school year. Lockers are available on campus for students' belongings. Our students follow a dress code of polo shirts with school logo and blue or khaki bottoms. Lunch (brought from home) is eaten in our cafeteria or outside at our picnic tables during favorable weather. Recess is provided daily for primary and grammar school grades.

## ***Tuition and Fees***

Tuition for the 2023-2024 academic year is \$8950, plus fees for books and supplies (\$800 grades K-2, \$1000 grades 3-6, \$1200 grades 7-8). Extended care and optional extra-curricular costs will be determined based on interest. There is a non-refundable \$100 application fee which will be applied towards the \$200 registration fee if the student enrolls at GCCA.

## ***Scholarships***

We accept Step Up for Students and Hope scholarships. Parents interested in the income-based Step Up Scholarship program should apply at <https://www.stepupforstudents.org>. These programs are now being expanded with universal school choice in the state of Florida.

## ***Contact Us***

For academic and enrollment questions, contact Dr. Jennifer Johnson at [jjohnson@gcclassical.org](mailto:jjohnson@gcclassical.org)

For all financial inquiries, contact our Administrator, Mr. Michael Mack at [mmack@gcclassical.org](mailto:mmack@gcclassical.org)

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## ***Location***

GCCA is a mission of our host church, Bethel Lutheran. We are thankful and blessed to work with them.

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