



GULF COAST

** Classical Academy **

Mission

At Gulf Coast Classical Academy (GCCA), we support Christian families in educating their children to the highest standards. Our desire is to raise up 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

2023-2024 School Hours

Early Drop-off: 7:30am (for a small fee)

Regular Drop-off: 8:00-8:15am

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

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

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

Students remaining after 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 set at \$1000. 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>

Contact Us

For academic and enrollment questions, contact Dr. Jennifer Johnson at jjohnson@gcclassical.org

For all financial inquiries, contact our Administrator, Mr. Michael Mack at 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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