

Watermark Classical Academy,

It is a welcomed bit of normalcy to be providing you with the information included in this communication! Please review each section and let us know if you have questions. A few things I would like to highlight:

1. We have made two changes to the academic calendar. The updated version is also available on the website (www.watermarkclassical.com). The changes include no class on Monday, October 12 and Monday, March 29.
2. It is important you complete the following forms:
 - a. [Back to school night sign-up](#)
 - b. [Emergency Information \(Google Form\)](#)

We understand there are additional questions regarding COVID-19. Please know we are sincerely grateful to the parents of this community and their prayers, honesty, and understanding in this time. We will have an update for everyone soon. In the meantime, we want to keep taking steps towards welcoming students, and the information provided here should help us do that.

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,

Anna Conley & Caleb Vits

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2020-2021 Academic Calendar (Updated)

Month	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 2020	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Sep 2020	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Oct 2020	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Nov 2020	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Dec 2020	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Jan 2021	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Feb 2021	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mar 2021	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Apr 2021	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
May 2021	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Jun 2021	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Notes

Green: Back to School Night and First & Last Day of Classes

Blue: Class Day

Yellow: Home Education Day

Red: No class

Purple: Parent/Teacher Conferences (There WILL be class on these days, conferences will be held Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings)

Orange: Special Events

- Nov. 24 – Show of Thanksgiving at 10AM
- Feb. 2 – Curriculum Fair at 6PM
- May 27 – End of Year Show at 6PM

*We will provide a calendar each month with additional details and reminders of classroom and school-wide events.

*Monthly tuition payments are due on the 15th.

*The schedule for home education days is not mandatory, but recommended. The calendar has 144 days of class, leaving families responsible for 36 additional days.

*The calendar can also be accessed online and added to your Google calendar by click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/WCA20-21>

Supply Lists

Kindergarten: Mrs. Sadd

Please label everything with your child's name!

- 12 pencils
- Pack of erasers
- Pencil box/ holder
- 1 watercolor paint set with 8 colors
- 1 red folder
- 1 yellow folder
- Pack of index cards
- 1 Melissa and Doug writing / picture tablet
- Scissors
- 1 box of 24-48 crayons
- 1 pack washable markers
- 1 two inch binder for portfolio
- Pack of glue sticks
- Kleenex
- Paper Towel
- Personal hand sanitizer

First Grade: Ms. Boehmig (Ms. B!)

Please label everything with your child's name!

- 1 regular-sized hard pencil case
- 10 sharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 3 highlighters
- 1 eraser
- 1 box of 24 or 48 crayons (no larger)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 pack of washable standard color markers
- 3 glue sticks
- Watercolor paint set with 8 colors
- One spiral watercolor sketchbook (5x7 or 8x12)
 - (preferably no tear-out pages)
- 1 clipboard
- 1 box of pop-up facial tissues
- One 2-or-3inch/3-ring binder for your child's portfolio
- 2 bottles of desk-size hand sanitizer

Second Grade: Mrs. Conley

Please label everything with your child's name!

- 24 pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of glue
- 24 coloring utensils (crayons or colored pencils)
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 Folders (School Folder, Take Home/ Return to School Folder)
- 3 Spiral Notebooks (prefer 1 subject)
- 1 two-inch Binder (for end of year Portfolio) – **only students new to WCA need to provide this**
- 12 inch Ruler
- Toolbox/Pencil bag
- 2 highlighters (different colors)
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

Third Grade: Miss Knox

Please label everything with your child's name!

- 24 pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 red pens
- 1 bottle of glue
- 3 x 5 index cards (pack of 100)
- 24 coloring utensils (crayons or colored pencils)
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 Folders (School Folder, Take Home/ Return to School Folder)
- 2 Spiral Notebooks (one subject)
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 1 two-inch Binder (for end of year Portfolio) – **only students new to WCA need to provide this**
- 12 inch Ruler
- Toolbox/Pencil bag
- 3 highlighters (different colors)
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

Fourth and Fifth Grade: Mr. Vits

Please label everything with your child's name!

- 24 pencils
- 12 black/blue ink pens
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of glue
- 3 x 5 notecards (pack of 100)
- 24 coloring utensils (markers or colored pencils)
- 1 pair of scissors
- 3 Folders (2 School Folders, Take Home/ Return to School Folder)
- 1 3-subject spiral notebook
- 1 Composition Notebook (Science)
- 1 two-inch Binder (for end of year Portfolio) – only students new to WCA need to provide this
- 12 inch Ruler
- Toolbox/Pencil bag
- 2 highlighters (different colors)
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

Home Education Days

We recommend using this chart to document home education days. Simply mark each square with the date each time you complete a school day with your child. Please note the first box contains 40 days, assuming your child has perfect attendance. The second chart is to keep track of any additional days you need make-up due to illness, absence, or weather cancellations. Teachers will review attendance history with parents throughout the year to ensure our records coincide with parents.

STUDENT NAME: _____ **PARENT SIGNATURE:** _____

MAKE-UP DAYS DUE TO ABSENCE OR CANCELLATION:

TOTAL DAYS COMPLETED AT HOME FOR THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR: _____

Music and Physical Education

Because music and P.E. are not core academic areas, WCA will not be teaching these subjects. **By MAY 3, 2021 please provide your student's teacher with:**

- a. Two documents which indicate your student's participation in music
- b. Two documents which indicate your student's participation in P.E.

Possible examples:

Music:

- A picture of your student attending the symphony or other professional musical performance
- A picture of your student during a weekly piano lesson
- Copies of music your child played on an instrument at the beginning then end of the year to show progress
- A list of music your child has listened to and read about to grow their appreciation of music
- A picture of your student and a musical instrument they created on their own

Physical Education:

- A picture of your child's baseball, soccer, lacrosse, etc. team
- A picture of your child learning to ice skate, ski, shoot a basketball etc.
- A list of books about hygiene or health your child has read with you
- A short description of a visit your child made to a doctor or dentist to learn about health
- Record of your child's participation in anything physically active

We will provide reminders of our need for these documents throughout the year, but thank you in advance for your partnership and involvement in your child's education. These documents will be included in their end of year portfolio.

Snack Guidelines

Because students will not be eating lunch at WCA, we will have a designated snack time. Please pack your child a snack each day and be mindful of a few guidelines:

- 1. WE ARE A NUT FREE FACILITY. Due to severe allergies in several classrooms, please be sure your student does not bring anything containing nuts of any kind.**
2. Snack time will last 10-15 minutes each day, so please pack something your child can enjoy in the allotted time.
3. Your child should bring a water bottle with them every day. This will be used during snack time, and there will be no use of shared water fountains.
4. We are happy to celebrate your child's birthday in class, but cannot celebrate with shared treats at this time. We will be using other creative ways to celebrate such as a special game time, signed card from the class, or maybe getting to sit at the teacher's desk for the day to recognize their special day!

Back to School Night!

We look forward to welcoming you and your students for back to school night. It may look a bit different this year, but it will be great for students to see their teachers and classroom prior to the first day.

Back to school night will be held on August 20 from 5 – 8PM.

Please use the following link to sign up for a time slot. You must sign up to attend!

<https://signup.com/go/vpWENYc>

A few other reminders regarding back to school night:

1. Bring your child's workbooks and school supplies with you. They will get to unpack their supplies and explore the classroom space.
2. Everyone in attendance must be wearing a face covering. Teachers will be in face shields, so it's a great opportunity for your child to give it a try as well.
3. Because we have carefully planned to manage the number of people in the building with our sign-ups, please arrive on time and be mindful of the 20-minute time slot so everyone can have a safe and enjoyable time in the classrooms.

Emergency Contact Information

Please complete the following Google form with your emergency contact and insurance information. For your email, please include all emails that would like to receive regular communication from the school administration and/or classroom teachers.

Because of COVID-19 and to enhance our communication with parents, we are setting up Google Classrooms. There will be a Google Classroom for each class and another Classroom for overall academy information. You will need a [Gmail](#) account to access Google Classrooms. In the following form, make sure to include your Gmail address.

<https://forms.gle/FBhCYMd6wQkasT8T8>

Tuition Payment Information

Your family will receive an email from *admin@watermarkclassical.com* that has a tuition payment schedule that reflects your tuition payments for the 2020-2021 academic year. Let us know if you have questions after receiving the schedule. There are a few other updates about tuition payments:

1. All registration fees were applied towards your August tuition payment. This will make your payment in the month of August different than the other 9 payments.
2. Tuition is due on the 15th of every month, August thru May. Please keep the tuition payment schedule as a reminder of monthly payments.
3. Scholarships are reflected in your payment calculation.
4. Tuition payments must be mailed to:

Watermark Classical Academy

PO Box 397

Sewickley, PA 15143

(*Checks should be made to Watermark Classical Academy with tuition and your child's name on the Memo line.)

5. The option to pay in full or semesters is still available.

Drop-off & Pick-up Procedures

Daily Drop-off

Drop-off will occur from 8:15 – 8:30. This is a new system for WCA, so please work with us as we make adjustments and iron out details over the first few weeks of class.

Due to our new space and COVID procedures, we are going to use the following procedures to safely welcome students each morning:

If you drive:

1. Please pull up to St. Andrews Church on Beaver Street no earlier than 8:15. Students cannot get out of cars until a teacher is present at 8:15. If you are a few minutes early (way to go!) and please take the time to grab a coffee or enjoy a tour around the block, but do not park until 8:15. We are working with the borough and want to minimize the amount of traffic we create during this busy time of morning in Sewickley. **The first car must stop behind the designated bus stop and we ask that the car line forms from this point to Nevin Avenue.** If the line gets longer than Nevin Ave, please circle around the block and come back to a shorter line!
2. A WCA teacher will be there to help students out of the car and a second teacher will be placed along the sidewalk to ensure we have adult supervision the entire walkway.
3. We will provide each family with several copies of a car line identification that should be placed on your dashboard during drop off. This will help local officials and teachers know that cars are in line for WCA drop off.
4. Please do your best to have your child to class on time. Regular tardiness effects your child's day and disrupts the class. At the same time, we understand things happen from time to time and ask that you drive to the **back** of our building and text the following number your child's name and that you are at the **back** door to 412-259-3528. We will be there quickly to welcome your child to class.

If you walk:

1. Please walk your child to the front door and watch them enter the building, but we ask that you stay outside. Part of our COVID procedures limits visitors and adults in the building, so make other arrangements if you need to speak to your child's teacher in the morning.
2. If your child will be walking on their own, please walk with them if they are running late. The building will be locked at 8:35 and we don't want to lock out any children who have walked to class on their own!
3. If you ever arrive after 8:30 as a walker, please text the following number your child's name and that you are at the **front** door to 412-259-3528. We will be there quickly to welcome your child to class.

Daily Pick-Up

Pick-up will occur at 12:45. This is a new system for WCA, so please work with us as we make adjustments and iron out details over the first few weeks of class.

Due to our new space and COVID procedures, we are going to use the following procedures to safely dismiss students:

If you drive:

1. Be sure to have your WCA car line identification on your dashboard and form the same car line as drop-off – from behind the bus stop to Nevin Avenue. If the line goes beyond Nevin, we ask that you take a trip around the block and return to a shorter line.
2. Each grade level will form a line in the front lawn as two teachers call last names as displayed on our WCA car line identification card and will help your child safely into the car.
3. In severe weather, we will have a slower dismissal procedure so students do not have to stand outside in freezing temperatures, but please always send an appropriate coat in rain or cold weather so we don't have chilly or wet students!

If you walk:

1. Every student will be given a laminated "walker card." If you plan to walk to pick-up your child from class, please send the "walker card" with your child in the morning to give to their teacher. A WCA teacher will gather all walkers and dismiss them one by one to a parent on the turf area to the left of our main entrance.
2. If you would like your child to walk home independently, please send an email to Anna and your child's teacher giving permission for us to dismiss your child to walk home without an adult each day.
3. Due to COVID, we are asking for after school play to take place at a different location. We recommend other local parks and very much look forward to a busy front lawn at dismissal once COVID is behind us.