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# Tallahassee Classical School

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## WHAT'S GOING ON AT TALLAHASSEE CLASSICAL?



Third grade scholars of Tallahassee Classical recently went on a field trip to Mission San Luis.



Tallahassee's first grade students went on a field trip to the Tallahassee Museum.

First graders of Ms. Jonas' class (Jaxzen, Easton, Clara and India) finished their "primary phonics" books and moved on to chapter books.



Students and parents enjoyed an afternoon at TCS's first Wellness Fair put on by the wellness committee. There were multiple booths on health and wellness, including local pediatrics, karate, supplements, bouncy houses for the scholars, an Osborne Book Fair and the Parent Service Organization promoting all of the volunteer opportunities on campus.



## WHAT IS CLASSICAL EDUCATION?

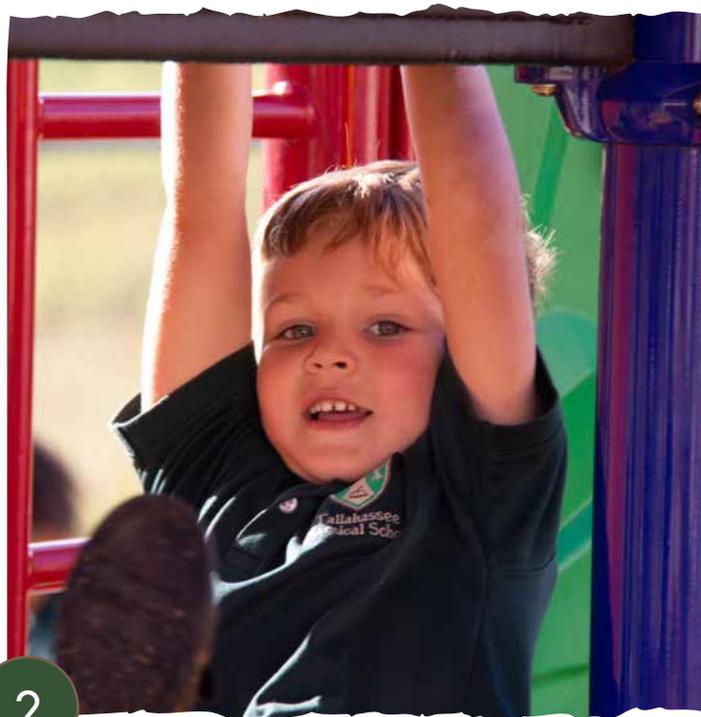
Classical education stems from a tradition of education that emphasizes the seeking of truth and beauty in all things, the fundamental study of liberal arts, Latin and the great books. The liberal arts consist of grammar, logic, rhetoric, arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy. Classical education is effective because it teaches students based on their developmental stage. The classical style of education doesn't just teach students how to learn, it teaches them how to think independently.

## SINGAPORE MATH AND LITERACY CURRICULUM

Tallahassee Classical School uses the Singapore Math curriculum. This program provides students with a strong foundation in basic mathematics, for kindergarten through seventh grade, with the goal of developing algebraic thinking skills. The curriculum presents mathematical skill building and problem solving which encourages students to have a better understanding of not just when to use a particular equation but why. This ability to problem solve is a foundational skill that reaches over into many areas of education.

The literacy program at Tallahassee Classical is Access Literacy which is an adaptation to the Riggs Institutes "The Writing and Spelling Road to Reading and Thinking." It is a multi-sensory, brain-based approach for teaching phonics, reading and language arts. This is similar to Singapore Math, this curriculum focuses on the foundational approach to reading and language arts.

Visit <https://tlhclassical.org/academics/curriculum-maps/> to view each grade level's Curriculum Map. It is a Year at a Glance look into what your student will be learning at Tallahassee Classical School.



### *Dan and Hannah Pitts*

In April of last year, Dan and Hannah Pitts came to a prospective teacher night hosted by Mr. Smith. They had investigated classical schools where they lived in Jacksonville but thought they hadn't found quite the right fit. They were both impressed with Mr. Smith and his knowledge and love of classical education. They saw in Tallahassee Classical an opportunity to be a part of a community from the ground up and they felt led to apply. They moved to Tallahassee from Jacksonville last summer. Dan grew up here and they have always loved the hills and greenways Tallahassee has to offer.



Hannah has taught for 13 years and has experience in all elementary grade levels. She currently teaches (and LOVES) fourth grade. Dan has taught PE for six years. Before coming to TCS he taught Adaptive PE to students with special needs. Dan and Hannah haven't always worked in the same school, but they saw an opportunity to be together as a family and to be invested as a family in the growth of the school. Their 6-year-old, Ellis, will be starting first grade next year. She has loved kindergarten and has become an avid reader since the beginning of the year. Their 4-year-old son, Jude, will attend TCS in the 2023-24 school year.

While this transition and all the changes this year haven't been easy, Dan and Hannah are committed to seeing TCS grow and become successful as a top rated classical school. They are excited about what the future holds and are willing to help in whatever capacity they can.

### *Evelyn and Jon Tilley*

In 2018, Evelyn and Jon Tilley moved back to Tallahassee, Florida. Jon was working on a farm and began looking for a different career in 2020. He got the job at Tallahassee Classical as Director of Facilities before they opened their doors in July 2020.

After Jon started his job at TCS, they moved their two children to the school as well. Evelyn fell in love with the curriculum and environment of the school and wanted to get involved as well. She started working at TCS this school year and is currently an interventionist.



The Tilley's have a child in first grade and one in second. The family is so encouraged with how the school helps children with special needs. They moved from a school with a self-contained special needs classroom to Tallahassee Classical where their children are able to be in the regular classroom. Teachers accommodate their needs and include them in the family just like every other student.

Evelyn and Jon love having their family all in one place and getting to check in on one another throughout the day. They are excited to grow with the school and see TCS become the top-rated school they know it is!

# SUMMER READING LIST

Tallahassee Classical school requires that all incoming scholars read at least two books throughout the summer from their assigned reading lists. Reading lists for each grade level can be found on the Tallahassee Classical website under reading lists.

Studies have shown that summer reading helps students retain reading skills so that they do not lose their foundational skills they need to build upon the next school year. Parents/guardians can help foster their students' reading skills by reading every day. Set a routine of reading after school or before bed so that your child is used to the practice of reading daily. Give your child the opportunity to pick the topic of books they like. If your child is interested in the subject, they are more likely to enjoy reading.

If your child is struggling with reading or is just learning to read, start with the basics. Phonics, which is the study of the sounds words and letters make, is the foundation of learning to read. Help your child build their reading skills by practicing phonograms. Phonograms are the letters or combinations of letters that represent a sound. Work on identifying each letter of the alphabet individually and saying the sound the letter makes. Once your child has mastered that step, then move onto building and taking apart words.

For example, C-A-T, say each letter's sound by itself and see if your child can blend the sounds together to make the word.

For more tips on how to read with your child depending on their age and developmental level, visit our website.



<https://tlhclassical.org/academics/reading-list/>



## PREPARE FOR 2022-23!

We are still taking applications for the 2022-23 school year. Please apply on our website at [tlhclassical.org](https://tlhclassical.org). This goes to "Schoolmint" where prospective parents can set up an account. It takes five minutes to apply in Schoolmint! Then parents will be offered seat or get waitlisted. Once an offer has been made, parents then must complete registration in Schoolmint.

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM WITH LINTON'S

Linton Food Service Management provides breakfast and lunch for students at Tallahassee Classical. The meals provided by Linton have been built specifically to ensure the nourishment of young minds and appeal to children while impacting their learning potential.

Linton provides an app for parents to easily access the menu for nutrition information, photos and allergens. Visit the website: <https://tlhclassical.lintonsnutrition.com/> for more information.

This school year, all scholars at Tallahassee Classical were provided one compliant breakfast and one compliant lunch free of charge under the SSO free government program.

For the upcoming school year 2022-23, all scholars will need to bring their lunch or buy one of Linton's delicious items using "My School Bucks." Parents will need to create an account at [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) and that is where to put money onto the account for their scholars. The account is also a way for parents pay for field trips, lost books and other items.

# YOU'RE INVITED

The Tallahassee Classical School's Governing Board conducts regular meetings generally held on the fourth Monday of the month at 6pm at the school. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed and can be found on our website.

## SCHOOL BOARD

- Barney Bishop.....Chairman
- Parker Campbell.....Member
- Pam Griggs.....Member
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| 13. Ka'Anna Franklin | 26. Katherin Maldonado   | 39. Jordyn White              |

## NATIONAL LATIN EXAM AWARDS

1. Jack Qualls (Maxima Cum Laude)
2. Cassidee Moore (Maxima Cum Laude)
3. Kaleigh Miles (Maxima Cum Laude)
4. Sarah Methellus (Maxima Cum Laude)
5. Caitilin Bissell (Maxima Cum Laude)
6. Emilie Light (Magna Cum Laude)
7. Dominic McCrea (Magna Cum Laude)
8. Zaria Grady (Cum Laude)
9. Leah Ergenzinger (Cum Laude)
10. Alfred Beemer (Cum Laude)
11. Allyson Bushong (Cum Laude)

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2022-23

- Aug 1 ..... Teachers return
- Aug 10..... First day of school
- Sept 1 ..... Open House K-5
- Sept 8 ..... Open House Grades 6-8
- Sept 19..... Open House Grades 9-10
- Sept 26 ..... Fall Holiday (no school)