

# The Chronicle

NORTHWEST CLASSICAL ACADEMY



## FIRST QUARTER ISSUE | 2022

### WHAT IS THE CHRONICLE?

This is Northwest Classical's first edition of *The Chronicle*, and we look forward to it becoming a much anticipated and widely shared source of "good news" that is full of examples of how we are working together to create virtuous and knowledgeable students. The Chronicle is intended to be a semi-regular publication providing an up close look at what has been going on in our school and the greater community. The Legenda will continue to serve as a publication with weekly information and timely updates, while The Chronicle will typically be more in depth and include articles, good news stories, interviews, and photo essays.

### HUMILITY

Did you know that Northwest Classical Academy's board recently approved the addition of our 7th virtue?

Humility is a virtue that we find to be at the heart of what is true, good, and beautiful of humanity. It is the correct understanding of one's importance. You are neither more nor less important than your neighbor. It is the ability to place that which is right above one's feelings and pride. Humility allows us to grow in courage and take responsibility for our actions; whether that means a humble apology is offered for a fault committed, or contrarily, it means we graciously accept praise for a job well done. It is in humility that we ask questions to know things we have not yet learned, and equally in humility that we share our knowledge with others. It is the virtue needed to keep our natural tendencies toward selfish-pride and self-deprecation in check. Humility is the proper understanding of ourselves, our humanity, and other humans.

We have only just begun the process to roll out this virtue to the students. New signs are being hung around the school and classroom teachers across all subject matter have been asked to find ways to weave this virtue into their classroom conversations. Check out this short video where we interviewed some of our students and NCA staff to see what they already knew about humility.



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"Humility is to make a right estimate of one's self." ~ Charles Spurgeon

**"Humility is attentive patience." ~ Simone Weil**

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." ~ C. S. Lewis

**"Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance." ~ Saint Augustine**



## RIBBON CUTTING

Mayor Easterling, our local first responders, and King of Pops joined the Northwest Classical Academy community in holding a ribbon cutting ceremony to launch our Upper School program and celebrate the start of our second year together.



# NCA ATHLETICS

**Fall Sports are wrapping up and we had a fantastic season for all!**

**Volleyball wrapped up its season with a BLUE vs. GOLD Game**

**MVP Award-** Hannah Katherine Driggers

**Coach's Award** - Abigail Terry

**Heart and Hustle Award** - Arden Grace Webb

**Mountain Biking** - Shamus Yandle and Miles Kight are going strong in their Mountain Biking Season and will continue to represent NCA on the Allatoona Creek Team!

**Cross Country Finished its season with a fun run and awards!**

**MVP Award-** Daniel Williams

**Coach's Award** - Isaac Edwards

**Heart and Hustle Award** - Ren Williams and Eliad Stout



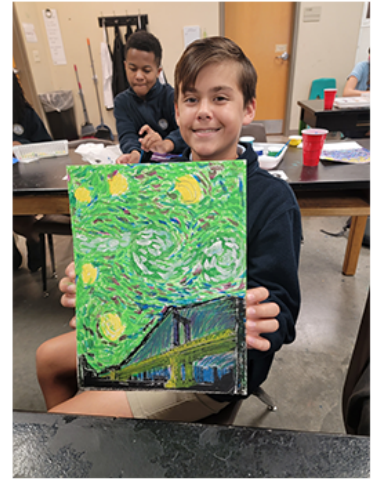


## NCA VISUAL ARTS

**6th Graders** have gone Greek! Check out their Greek Order Clay Columns!

**7th Graders** are wrapping up Post-Impressionist Pointillism and Van Gogh Sky projects!

**8th grade** will take on Visual Arts in their second semester.



**Third Graders** created their own name symmetry monsters, and radical symmetry mandalas and are in the middle of their first project about value, the lightness and darkness of a color.

**Fourth Grade** students have made their own Chinese landscape drawings inspired by silk scroll paintings, and the famous blue and white vases with cherry blossoms. They just completed watercolor Koi fish paintings

**Fifth Grade** studied several masterpieces of the Renaissance, and completed their self portraits, and they turned out wonderful! They also learned about Michelangelo, and his contributions to this art movement. They focused on his use of positive and negative space in the Creation of Adam on the Sistine chapel ceiling.

**Seventh grade** 20th Century Art elective: This group is making their way through the 20th century at a rapid pace. They learned about movements such as Post Impressionism, De Stijl, Art Nouveau, Dadaism, and the Bauhaus School. They just completed their first printmaking project inspired by Paul Klee.



**In Kindergarten**, students have been discussing color, focusing on the color wheel, and learning to mix their own secondary colors. This caterpillar demonstrates knowledge of how to mix secondary colors, as well as a practice in tracing, cutting circles, and creating a space with a horizon line.

**First Graders** have also been discussing color. The owl is an example of secondary color mixing with paint. Also, they are currently working on paintings inspired by Claude Monet, where they were asked to be "Impressionistic" with their paint application, using warm and cool colors.

**Second Graders** have been working with lines. In their last project, they created patterns with lines, while creating an *implied* monogram.



## CLUBS



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# FIRST SPIRIT NIGHT OF THE YEAR

NCA hosted its first Spirit Night of the 2022-2023 school year in partnership with Chick-fil-A in Acworth. It was a packed house and the CFA manager said she hasn't seen a crowd our size in a very long time. They were pleased to have us! The school raised just under \$600 simply by showing up and having dinner together! Thanks to all!



## BUILDING THE NCA COMMUNITY

Building community both inside and outside the school building has been a big focus in our second year. Everything from gathering the kids around a curriculum based science experiments to going to see the opera from a composer they studied have been great ways to build friendships in our pursuit of raising knowledgeable and virtuous citizens! Many of our grade level room parents have been working to plan social gatherings at local parks. Some grade levels are still planning so be sure to pay attention in ParentSquare.



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Students of the Quarter

**Top Left: Miyabi Joyner - 7th Grade**

**Top Right: Sam Hayes - 8th grade**

**Middle Left: Maribelle Ford - 6th Grade**

**Middle Right: Julie Salo - 5th Grade**

**Bottom Left: Jackson Stewart - 4th Grade**

**Bottom Right: Moses Ford - 3rd Grade**



## STAFF/FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

**Ms. Abbie Shipp | ASP Director and Teaching Assistant**

Ms. Shipp just received her Masters in Executive Leadership in Counseling from Liberty University. We are thrilled to honor, support, and cheer on our team as they grow in their personal and professional lives. Congrats Ms. Shipp!



## FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

**The Fenton Family**

Laura Fenton is one of our most enthusiastic PVA volunteers and has served as both a room parent and room parent coordinator. She will gladly take on any task presented and is passionate about having her family be a part of NCA.



**Q: Laura, What inspired you to choose NCA for your family?**

*A: Mr. Kirby's quote, "Our promise is to surround your children with kind-hearted adults who will teach and model virtuous living and the pursuit of intellectual and personal achievement". Our children were in a traditional public school where there was no sense of community and the school's approach was one size fits all. We only knew a little bit about classical education when we started this journey, but once we dove into the classical model, we knew this was what we were missing and here we are.*

**Q: What has been the biggest win for your family?**

*A: Our oldest daughter had a hard but amazing 6th grade year at NCA. It was like a light came on for her and she learned the value of working hard. She holds herself accountable when she gets behind and puts schoolwork first.*

**Q: Tell us about a memorable experience at NCA.**

*A: Last year, the girl's basketball team was going up against teams that were older, bigger and had been playing together for years. For our first home game, the ASP students made banners and were our cheerleaders. Families from all over the school came to watch. The girls were losing but the energy in the room didn't let up. It was getting close to the end of the game, the Spartans hadn't yet scored, when my daughter made a free throw and the crowd went wild. You would have thought we won the championship! The whole gym screamed, jumped and shouted. It was an incredible moment.*

**Q: Why is it important to you to be involved at NCA community? In what ways have you enjoyed volunteering?**

*A: I get excited to work alongside families at NCA because I know they have similar priorities as our family. Last year I was paired with an incredible family for the Heritage Festival who was sponsoring the Zimbabwe booth . By the end of the day, we were good friends and I could tell you all the wonderful things that Zimbabwe has to offer. It meant the world to be able to share their heritage with the rest of the school.*

*I have always loved to volunteer, but at NCA it is even more meaningful because you are building a school community from scratch and working alongside some of the kindest, most giving parents and staff there are. NCA has been the greatest blessing for our family and we are beyond thankful for this incredible community.*

#### **WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE FENTON FAMILY:**

*The Fentons are committed to making sure they do everything they can to support the education of their children. They have embraced Northwest Classical and its staff, and it has been a pleasure to work with them. They never miss a chance to offer recognition for the hard work we do here every day. It helps me to know that I am making a difference.*

**-Mr. Keller, Director of Student Services**

*I love the way the Fenton's have embraced the mission of our school. Mrs. Fenton is super supportive and very involved in the school and more importantly her children's education.*

**-Mrs. Brown, Teacher**

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

10/27- Staff/Faculty vs. Students Basketball game

10/28- Classical Character Day

11/4- Screen on the Green

11/11- Veterans Day Celebration

11/18 - Grandparents Day

**[Click here to view the school calendar.](#)**

**[Click here to view the athletics calendar.](#)**

## **OUR MISSION**

To develop students in mind and character through a classical, content-rich curriculum that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility.

## **OUR VALUES**

The tenets of classical, liberal-arts education

Excellence in teaching and learning

Community and partnership in the common pursuit of the mission

## **OUR VIRTUES**

Courage, Courtesy, Honesty, Humility, Perseverance, Self-government, Service



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