



Dear Parents,

It is with great joy we have learned here at the University of South Florida about the creation of Classical Preparatory School. This is a school Pasco County needed.

Sometimes the word "Classical" raises eyebrows: what is the relevance of a civilization that flourished so long ago? What can a classically grounded education offer to our advanced and technology-driven society? In the first place, a classically-based education helps to create socially aware and civically responsible members of the community. We cannot truly understand America as a civic institution if we do not understand the principles on which the Founding Fathers established our nation, principles which were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the classical world (Jefferson's private library, for instance, contained 800 books in classical Greek).

Moreover, the rigor and intellectual discipline that a Classical education requires not only widens the perceptual horizons of students, but also sharpens their intellectual acuity, no matter what their future profession. Pioneers in the digital field, founders of multi-billion dollar companies, important political figures, famous authors, and many others started their amazing careers with a solid grasp of the Classical world. Harvard Magazine says Classics majors perform best in Law School, and the Association of American Medical Colleges reports that Classics majors have a higher success rate getting into Medical School than Biology majors! In the verbal, written and quantitative sections of the GRE, Classics majors score the highest; and Discover Magazine says that Classics majors are among the smartest students! In short, students who receive an education with emphasis on Classics do not inevitably become Latin teachers, as the entire world is open to them.

We the faculty of the Classics Program at the University of South Florida have been following the efforts of Classical Preparatory School and have been impressed with your enthusiasm, energy and vision. We promise that we will support you in whatever way we can. We have already established a close relationship with your school, and we will continue exploring possibilities for further interaction and partnership.

We wish you success in your endeavors.

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