



OUR MISSION:

To train the minds and improve the hearts of young people through a rigorous, content-rich classical curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences, one that produces thoughtful leaders and virtuous citizens.

UPCOMING DATES

September 7
No School – Labor Day

September 16-18
Hearing and Vision Testing

September 21-22
Singapore Math Parent Presentations with Nicholis Wagner (BCSI)

October 7
Picture Day

October 14
End of 1st Quarter

October 22-23
Early Release for students
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)

OUR SCHOOL PLEDGE:

*I WILL LEARN
THE TRUE*

*I WILL DO
THE GOOD*

*I WILL LOVE
THE BEAUTIFUL*

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Coffee with our Principal

Join Mr. Schwenk on Zoom on Friday, September 11 from 8:15-9:00am for an informal chat on Zoom. Please email the office (info@nocacademy.org) for the login information.

Virtue of the month

Each month we focus on a virtue and reward students for exemplifying that behavior pattern. This month, we will focus on Moderation. We will discuss practicing patience and self control, thinking before we speak, and keeping our temper under control

Fall Picture Day

We will have individual student and staff pictures taken on Wednesday, October 7. Forms will be sent home with students to be completed and returned by families who want to order photographs. We welcome our remote learning students to participate as well. Please email Mrs. Mowry to be added to the schedule. Gmowry@nocacademy.org

Remote Learning

We have students continuing to learn our classical curriculum at home using Google Classroom. Please let us know if you have any issues.

Summer Professional Development

NOCA teachers and staff participated in professional development offered by the Barney Charter School Initiative in Hillsdale, MI this June.

Our music teacher, Gail Mowry, presented on developing a curriculum map with the BCSI Program guide. Our Dean, Michael Kelleher, led a panel discussion about Ideas for a Healthy Teaching Life.

Our staff and teachers also participated in NOCA-related professional development at the school from August 3 to 14. As part of this time, teachers and staff completed many courses over the summer including Crisis Response and Recovery, First Aid, Youth Suicide: Awareness, Prevention and Postvention, and Bullying: Recognition and Response.

Dr. O'Toole of BCSI to Visit NOCA

Dr. Kathleen O'Toole (Assistant Provost for K-12 Education at Hillsdale College) and members of the Barney Charter School Initiative team will be visiting the NOCA campus on September 23. As a friend and affiliate of the school, the team seeks to encourage and support the learning and work taking place at the school.



Did You Know?

- Last year, our staff had 13 teachers, 2 Instructional Aides, 1 Campus Aide, and 3 Administrative Staff; and this year we have 20 teachers, 6 Instructional Aides, 1 Campus Aide, and 4 Administrative Staff.
- The Barney Charter School Initiative has 24 affiliated schools and NOCA is the only one in Ohio.
- NOCA sent 100% of their students home safely on the first day of school (and each day afterwards).
- Our first Lower School dismissal was 36 minutes long and now it is 18 minutes long.
- Our NOCA staff has a combined total of 338 years and 33 days of teaching!!!



PTO News NocaPTO@yahoo.com

The PTO will hold their first meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 in the field next to the East Parking Lot. Please bring your own chair or blanket.

Items on the agenda:

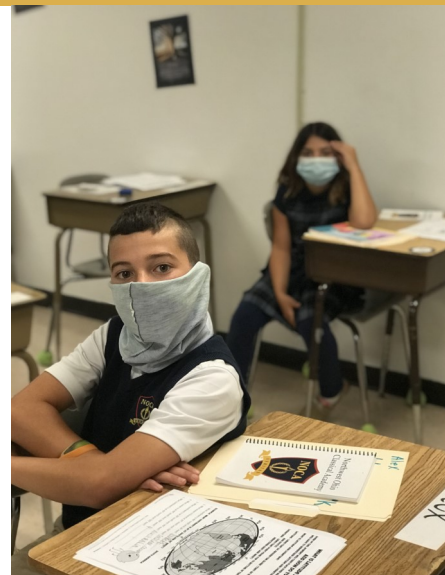
- Kicking off NOCA's fall fundraiser, cookie dough and magazine sales
- Announcing the first dine-out location and date
- Establishing committees
- Election of new officers

Singapore Math with BCSI

For many NOCA families, Singapore Math (taught K through 7) is a new instructional practice and it represents a new type of learning for both students and parents. In order to help inform NOCA families about the principles and practices of Singapore Math, NOCA has invited Nicholis Wagner (Barney Charter School Initiative Academic Team—Math Instruction) to come to the school to spend time with parents describing the program and answering questions that families may have.

In order to keep sessions relatively small and COVID-19 friendly, 4 sessions will be available to attend at the school. We will be able to host 10 families (1-2 adults) in each session. Two sessions will be available each day September 21 and 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend or have any questions, please email your desire to attend and/or your questions to the school at info@nocacademy.org no later than Friday, September 18.



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