

# The Parnassus Columns

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## A Message from Ms. Ford, Head of School

Dear Parnassus Families,

With just two weeks left of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for helping us make this a successful school year for our students. The year has been filled with good instruction, meaningful discussions, hard work, many activities, and much joy. We are completing our thirteenth year, which means that embedded in our graduating class are 16 scholars who have studied at Parnassus since our inaugural year when they were in Prima. I remember our first day of school back in August of 2011 very well. I wish you all could have seen how Parnassus started compared to where we are today. Through it all, one thing has remained unchanged: our mission is to deliver a rich, classical education to all of our students that challenges them academically and in their character development. We have fine-tuned some of our program details throughout the years but have remained steadfast and committed to our classical model.

When we opened in 2011, we had just over 350 students in Prima through Second Level Logic (2L) in a small portion of this building. We had a goal to expand through Fourth Level Logic, to have a larger space, and to be one of the top schools in the state and country. Thirteen years later, we have added a thousand students to our initial 350 enrollment, built a 150,000 square foot facility, and are ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the 4th best “high school” in Minnesota and in the top 1% in the country – all while holding true to our classical education model! I cannot wait to see what we all accomplish together in the next 13 years.

Before we head into the summer, I have a few items to update you on and to highlight as we prepare for next school year. First, we will be restructuring our leadership team, resulting in Principal Omberg moving to the School of Logic next year and Principal Boegel to the School of Grammar where she will work with Principal Steeber who will take the head principal role for that level. I would also like to call your attention to our revised 2024-2025 academic calendar which was recently mailed to all families and you may also find it on our website. We added two additional staff planning days in the School of Grammar for our literacy training which means that students in the School of Grammar



(only) will not have school on November 1 or December 20.

On June 7, we will graduate our seventh class. We would like to thank the Class of 2024 and their families for their generous class gift to Parnassus. The next time you are in the *Gymnasium* for an event, please look for the beautiful banners they gifted to the school which highlight our achievements from U.S. News & World Report, along with a beautiful banner (shown below) that showcases our character pillars and academics together. One of the things I often like to say to our students when we start each school year is that as Parnassians, we have invited them to climb the metaphorical Mount Parnassus towards wisdom and virtue as we send them on a quest for Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. They will continue to climb this mountain with the new knowledge they will gain, inquisitive minds, and perseverance as they keep their eyes on the summit. With that concept in mind, the banner donated by the Class of 2024 does a beautiful job of showcasing this journey and embodies our school’s mission.



In the pages that follow, we have included some updates since our last newsletter, along with some reflections from the school year and information for the upcoming year. Thank you again for your steady support and for all of the many ways you helped make this a successful school year. My heart is filled with joy from the memories of this year and the preceding years and with hope and excitement for those to come. Best wishes for a lovely summer.

With warmest regards,

-Ms. Ford, Executive Director



## Monday, May 27 – NO SCHOOL

Please remember that we do not have school on Monday, May 27.

## Location Change – Board and Staff Reception for the Class of 2024

Please note that the location has changed for the May 28 Board and Staff reception for the Class of 2024. The event will be held at 5:00pm in the Agora. Please enter through the main entrance.

## Last Day for Animus & Accendo *After*-School Program is Wednesday, June 5

While the before-school Animus & Accendo program will run through the last day of school, the last day for the after-school Animus & Accendo program will be Wednesday, June 5. There is no after-school Animus & Accendo on the last day of school. If you have not done so already, make sure that you have a plan for your child's end-of-day transportation on June 6 and let your child's teacher and the Animus program coordinators know how your child will be getting home.

## Last Day for Animus & Accendo *Before*-School Program is Thursday, June 6

The Animus & Accendo before-school program will run through the last day of school: Thursday, June 6. As a reminder, students must pre-register for the morning program and drop-ins are not accepted without prior approval.

## Last Day of School

School ends at 3:30pm on Thursday, June 6.

## Health Update from Ms. Hahn, School Nurse, RN PHN

I want to remind our parents and guardians of a few important tasks that need to be taken care of before the end of the school year, along with some steps on ways to prepare for the new 2024-2025 school year.



### End of 2023-2024 School Year: On-site Student Medications

- All medications need to be picked up by parents/guardians by Friday, June 14.
- Medications cannot be sent home with your child.
- Medications not picked up will be discarded after the designated pick-up date.
- All health care provider directives/ER care plans and ER medication will expire and cannot be accepted for the 2024-2025 school year.



## Returning Core Knowledge

### What Your \_\_\_ Grader Needs to Know Books

We hope you have enjoyed using the *What Your \_ Grader Needs to Know* books at home with your children. We are asking families to return their copies of the Core Knowledge books to school before the end of the year. Once copies are returned to inventory, we will work on making books available to check out during the summer, so that you can get ahead with what your child will be learning next year. We will be sending out an email to families once the books are ready later in June.



## Summer Music Lessons

This summer Dr. Dean will be offering private lessons at Parnassus for scholars who play or would like to start playing violin, viola, cello, or bass. Lessons start the week of June 10 and continue through July 3. For details on cost, scheduling, and to register for summer music lessons, please complete the lesson registration form at <https://parnassusorchestra.wufoo.com/forms/mvicqi71omighr/>.

## IMPORTANT: Calendar Revision for 2024-2025 School Year

Beginning next school year, there are new legislative requirements for teachers at the School of Grammar level to participate in literacy training. To give teachers time to complete this training, the Board has approved the addition of two more staff development days for School of Grammar staff on November 1 and December 20, 2024. There will be no classes for School of Grammar students on these days. Please note that only School of Grammar students will be off on those two days; the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric will run classes as usual. The revised calendar has been posted on our website at: <https://parnassusprep.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-2025-Academic-Calendar-REVISED-BOARD-APPROVED-05-14-24.pdf>

## 2024-2025 Transportation & Student Record Information

In July, families will receive a packet of forms requesting updates to all student records, including a bus verification form. This sheet is where you will verify the current bus stop for your children. If there has been a change to your children's home address, this is also where you need to update that information so we can ensure accurate information is given to our transportation provider as they plan bus routes for the next school year. These forms are due to Parnassus no later than Tuesday, August 1.



## School of Rhetoric Metro Transit Offer

Metro Transit just announced a special offer for students in the School of Rhetoric. For just \$30, students can get a special Summer Student Pass that gives them unlimited rides on buses and light rail **all summer long!** It's perfect for summer jobs, sports leagues, and all the other fun that summer brings. The Summer Student Pass is valid from June 1 through Sept. 3. Students can use it on any bus or train in the metro with a fare up to \$3.25 (for fares higher than that amount, like NorthStar commuter rail trips, students will need to add value to their passes.) School of Rhetoric students can go to [metrotransit.org/summer-student-pass](https://metrotransit.org/summer-student-pass) to get more details about the pass and order one online with a credit card or purchase a pass with cash or a credit card at [Metro Transit Service Centers](#).

## School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger for the 2024-2025 School Year

Global School Wear is offering a 10% discount on all orders placed between July 1 through July 7, 2024. The promotion code for this offer is: VWK35CGJNQ. More information is on the promotional flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Ordering Instructions: Go to [www.globalschoolwear.com](http://www.globalschoolwear.com) and in the FIND YOUR SCHOOL section, enter our Partner School Code - PARNO1 or search by school name. Please also select your child's grade, gender, and uniform type (daily uniform or physical education uniform). The website will automatically apply our school logo to any uniform item for which it is required, including shirts, sweaters, and blazers.

If you have any questions, please call the toll-free customer service number at 1-877-825-2860, and their customer service team will be happy to assist you.

## School Supply Kits for 2024-2025

Families may purchase a school supply kit for their children for the next school year for any level of Prima through Fourth Level Rhetoric (4R). These kits are organized by school level in the School of Grammar and as a single box for the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric. We are happy we can continue to make the start of the school year easier for families if they choose this option. Not only do the school supply kits offer cost savings to families but they also eliminate the need to search for items at different stores. Your child's kit will include everything they need, except a combination lock for students in the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric, which must be purchased separately.

The online ordering portal is open. Kits must be ordered online through our vendor; no orders will be taken at the school. To order, visit [www.schooltoolbox.com](http://www.schooltoolbox.com) and search for *Parnassus*. If you wish to purchase a kit as a donation for a student in need, you can enter "Donation" in the name field at checkout. This year, we will only be offering the ship-to-home option. This will allow you to customize your options and for us to offer a longer ordering window. While the kits offer a convenient and cost-effective option for families, you may of course still choose to purchase your school supplies on your own.



You can find the 2024-2025 School Supply List at the bottom of the "current families" page of the Parnassus website, or at the following URL: <https://parnassusprep.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/All-School-Supply-List-2024-2025.pdf>. Supply lists will also be available in local stores in August.



## Fourth Level Grammar Student, Devanshi Mugunthan, Maple Grove Fire Dept. Poster Contest

Back in October, our Fourth Level Grammar students had the opportunity to design a fire prevention poster. In December, we found out that Devanshi Megunthan from Ms. Lundberg's class won first place at the Parnassus level competition and placed first place in the entire Maple Grove elementary school competition!

Parnassus received the Maple Grove Fire Department Poster Content school-level trophy! The traveling trophy has been awarded to many schools in the area since 1976; however, this marks the first time Parnassus has received it.

For her win, Devanshi had the opportunity to meet the mayor of Maple Grove and city councilmembers. Her poster went on to the state level, where she placed second. *The Minnesota Fire Chief* magazine published a picture of her poster. And in even more exciting news, Devanshi and her brother will ride to school on a fire truck tomorrow! The Fourth Level Grammar students will be lined up on the Quad to cheer them on as they arrive in style!



## Sportsmanship and Why It's Important

~ Ms. Herbst, Prima Teacher

As a parent, raising children is one of the most challenging, but also one of the most rewarding experiences. Watching your children do what they love and thrive in school, sports, music, or any other area is extremely exciting and fun to witness. However, the flipside of the thrill of success is knowing how to handle defeat and losses. Children are like little sponges, soaking up everything that they see and hear. Therefore, what we do as parents really sets the stage for our youngster's outlook on how to handle their emotions when dealing with winning and losing. Do we as parents see losing as an opportunity for growth, or do we make excuses for losses and blame others for our mistakes? Do we get angry when things don't go our way, or do we choose to handle our emotions with grace and humility and keep working and trying as best we can until we eventually experience success?

How can parents help their children navigate emotions when it comes to winning and losing gracefully? Tell your children that it is ok to lose, and it is a part of life- sometimes we win and sometimes we lose, but we must admit defeat. Parents can then take this opportunity to help their children acknowledge and focus on their improvement and what they did well. Parents can also convey to their children that there is no shame in losing as long as they try their hardest. Conversely, be sure to communicate to your children that being humble and gracious after a success speaks volumes about one's character and means much more than the win itself. After a win or a success, children should be sure to congratulate their opponents on a game well played and how much they enjoyed playing or competing. If a child is having a difficult time staying positive after a defeat or a loss, affirm their feelings of disappointment but then provide them with perspective and let them know that they may have lost today, but they can improve and win in the future. Also, be sure to remind them that having fun makes participating worthwhile. So, when teaching your children how to be a good sport, remember it is not always about the end result- the win or the loss- but how the game was played that truly makes a difference in living a life based on truth, goodness, and beauty.

## School Essay Contest Winners

We recently held our school essay contest and are excited to announce this year's winners. The 2024 theme was *The Stories That Shape Us*, and asked scholars to discuss the importance of reading and a book from the Parnassus curriculum that has had an impact on them. We would like to extend once again our thanks to our judges, peer writing tutors from a small liberal arts college in Indiana, for their time and hard work in evaluating our entries. The winners from each of our levels are listed below. Thank you to all the scholars who took the time to craft their submissions and participate in this year's contest!

### Second through Third Level Grammar:

Gold: Eleisha Neckles (2G)  
Silver: Ian Darkey (2G)  
Bronze: Rohan Seya (3G)

### Fourth Level Grammar through First Level Logic:

Gold: Oshmi Banerjee (1L)  
Silver: Devanshi Mugunthan (4G)  
Bronze: Caralyn Winifred (1L)

### Second through Third Level Logic:

Gold: Leah Taylor (3L)  
Silver: Arina Ignatyeva (3L)  
Bronze: Ryan Jayaseelan (2L)

### Fourth Level Logic through First Level Rhetoric:

Gold: Amberlee Williams (4L)  
Silver: Winifred Omberg (1R)  
Bronze: Gloria Bocharnikov (4L)

### Ars scribendi Awards (Second through Fourth Level Rhetoric):

Gold: Daniel Gluharev (3R)  
Silver: Sara Meshesha (3R)  
Bronze: Catherine Winifred (2R)





# Curriculum & Assessment



***Ms. Good, Director of Academic Affairs & Assessment***

## ***Summer Learning Packets and Summer Reading***

As a reminder, *Summer Learning Packets* will be sent home with students next Friday, May 31. All scholars have assigned summer reading to complete, and scholars in Prima through Fourth Level Logic, as well as School of Rhetoric students taking mathematics courses, have assigned math practice as well.

Copies of summer reading books will be available to check out during the last week of school. Families may also choose to purchase a copy of the required book for their child's personal library or check out a copy from their local library. Copies that are checked out from Parnassus should be returned within three weeks to give other families a chance to check them out over the summer.

## **Summer Learning Ideas**

~By Ms. Stafford

- **Check Out Your Local Library** - In Minnesota, nearly every public library offers a summer learning program for children. While it varies from library to library, most summer programs consist of two components: a fun way to track self-guided reading—sometimes even earning incentives—and tons of free and fun educational activities. Check with your local library to learn more about what they have to offer. Visit the Hennepin County Public Library Summer learning page [here](#). The library is also a great resource for finding copies of our required summer reading books.
- **Summer Arts Experiences** - The Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) [smARTpass](#) program is a great way to keep children learning this summer. This project offers area library users free or discounted admission to a range of Twin Cities museums and performances. Library cardholders of all ages can experience the best of the Twin Cities arts and cultural scene, including the Minnesota Children's Museum, the Hennepin History Museum, Park Square Theatre, The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and more.
- **Parks and Recreation** – Minnesota neighborhoods abound with parks and trails to explore. Each city offers an abundance of information about local parks, events, programs, and activities. Find your community webpage [Brooklyn Center](#), [Brooklyn Park](#), [Champlin](#), [Maple Grove](#), [New Hope](#), [Plymouth](#).
- **Parnassus Jollification Page** – At Parnassus, we have assembled a list of online resources. [Jollification](#) is designed to provide your child with enriching and educational activities they can read, watch, listen to, or interact with during the summer.



# School of Grammar News

## A Message from Principal Omberg & Principal Steeber



Dear School of Grammar Families,

As we wrap up yet another wonderful year in the School of Grammar, we want to thank you for your continued support in furthering your children's education. We know that choosing a school is not always easy and parents/guardians do not take the task lightly, understanding the profound impact their choices can have on their children's future. Each Parnassus family has chosen our classical school intentionally and we want to thank you for that! Throughout the school year, we have witnessed many amazing things happening in our classrooms and have enjoyed seeing our classical program in action on a daily basis. Please take some time to reflect on the school year with

your children and ask them what they have enjoyed the most this past year.

This summer, we hope you will be able to enjoy time together as a family. Please remember to continue reading throughout the summer to your children and to remind them to read voraciously on their own as well! Over the summer, we will miss all the smiles the children share each day; however, we cannot wait to hear about all the things they did over the summer when they return in August. While they are away, we will be fastidiously preparing for the upcoming school year.

Have an adventurous summer, and to our students, let your imagination and books take you to many places!

~Principal Omberg & Principal Steeber

**Virtual Coffee with the Principal:** All School of Grammar families are invited to attend our last virtual Coffee with the Principals for this school year. We will discuss School of Grammar updates and answer any questions during this time. Our last Coffee of the school year will be on Wednesday, May 29, at 1:00pm. To join us on Zoom, use the link: [parnassus.info/SOG Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2182733002](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2182733002) / Meeting ID: 218 273 3002 / Passcode: SOG. We hope to see you all there and look forward to connecting with everyone! If you have any School of Grammar questions or needs, please do not hesitate to contact Principal Omberg at [omberg@parnassusprep.com](mailto:omberg@parnassusprep.com) or Principal Steeber at [steeber@parnassusprep.com](mailto:steeber@parnassusprep.com).

### Cascarones (Confetti-Filled Eggs) Celebration!

We look forward to our traditional cascarones (confetti-filled eggs) celebration in the School of Grammar! This celebration will take place on the last day of school, Thursday, June 6. Each child will receive two cascarones to celebrate. These will be provided by the school, so we will not need donations this year. If families want to celebrate at home, you may purchase cascarones from local or online stores and do a mini celebration with their children on a sunny afternoon. Cascarones are a fun way that we celebrate all that our students have accomplished in the past school year!



### School of Grammar Summer Orientations

Please mark your calendars if you have any new children coming to the School of Grammar next school year. This will be a great opportunity to hear more about what you and your child can expect in the grade level they are enrolling in. We look forward to seeing you over the summer at one of these events. They will be the same presentation, so you only need to attend one.

- Tuesday, July 9 - Prima New Parent/Guardian Orientation 9:00am-11:00am
- Wednesday, July 10 - Prima New Parent/Guardian Orientation 8:00am-10:00am
- Wednesday, July 17 - Prima New Parent/Guardian Orientation 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Thursday, July 18 – 1G-4G New Parent/Guardian Orientation 8:00am-10:00am
- Thursday, July 25 - Prima New Parent/Guardian Orientation 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Tuesday, August 6 – Prima-4G New Parent/Guardian Orientation 9:00am-11:00am

# School of Grammar **STUDENT** Highlights of 2023-2024

## **Prima**

"My favorite part of Prima was how all the teachers and principals were so helpful, and they always dressed in beautiful outfits." - Grace

"I liked the plant mobile because we learned so much and I liked how we all were able to plant something and bring it home." - Benjamin

"My new friends, and the playground." - Julia

"Playing soccer at recess and geography class." - Ayban

"Learning new things in PE and music." - Janelle

"My favorite thing this year was math class because I just liked all of it!" - Jasper

"My favorite thing this year in Prima was doing reading buddies because we got to read with the big kids (4G scholars) and have fun reading." - Nanatti

"I liked the season's celebration." - Eilaeoria

"Playing outside with friends is so fun!" - Makai

"I liked planting radishes." - Graysen

"My favorite part of Prima was the season's celebration." - Addee

## **First Level Grammar**

"I liked seeing Ms. Jerman every day in 1G." - Kolbie

"I liked using my writing journal and drawing in it." - Jerrmia

"I liked running around in PE." - Zeyn

"1G I liked learning the facts of 4's in math." - Menson

## **Second Level Grammar**

"I liked playing games in PE." Devin D.

"I liked art, music and Mr. Kind coming." Arya

"My favorite part of the year was having Mr. Kind come and teach about the Civil War." Gus

"I liked Mr. Kind's presentation when we got to pretend to be in the army." Adyan H.

"I liked geography best." Madeline

"I liked the Arboretum field trip." Lilly

"My favorite thing this year was art." Aydan

"My favorite thing this year was math." Daleyza

"I liked it when Mr. Kind came." Vihaas

"I liked that we learned about the Civil War when Mr. Kind came." Esther

## **Third Level Grammar**

"The best thing about the school year is all the concerts. Another thing is I love the teachers and I get to see them next year." Mariam

"My favorite things this year were art and science." Wiley

"My favorite thing was the Revolution because I love history." Leo

"I like learning how to write cursive and do fun activities. I like the teachers." Nasrin

"I really enjoyed this whole year, but I really enjoyed Ms. Hasner being my teacher and when Mr. Kind came to our school." Sawyer

"My favorite thing about this school year is math. You learn from your mistakes and solve the mistakes. Reading is fun. You read fun things and solve the problems." Abdurahman

"I really liked when we got to see the Revolutionary War. I also liked everything because Ms. Hasner always finds a way to make it fun. I liked our field trip to the Bell Museum." Lillyana

## **Spotlight on Achievement from Mr. Strand, Third Level Grammar Teacher**

This May, our 3G class witnessed a remarkable display of talent and expression. Two shining stars, Ella Baltes and Cody Fischer, collaborated to deliver an outstanding duet recitation. Their performance of Lewis Carroll's classic poem, "Father William," was theatrical brilliance. Their expressive voices filled the room, captivating their audience with every line. The duo's interpretation brought the whimsical words of Carroll to life, showcasing their ability to engage and entertain. The performance left us all in awe and will be remembered for many months. Congratulations to Ella and Cody for their amazing work! Let's continue to encourage our students to explore the arts and express themselves creatively. Great job, Ella and Cody!



## Fourth Level Grammar

“My favorite memory of 4G was during the beginning of the school year. I was hot-headed and stubborn. For the first week, I would mostly get into trouble, but I liked how, in the second week, I was able to control myself and get a higher education. For the rest of the year, I continued to make my mom, my dad, and myself proud! My final goal is to continue making my parents proud and get into a good college.” – Skye

“One of my favorite memories from 4G is when we did history with Mr. Kind. I really enjoyed it when we held the replica muskets. When I started this school year, I knew it was going to be fun! I made many good friends. I also really enjoyed the play from Shakespeare Day!” -Eva

“My favorite memory was when Mr. Kind came to present on the American Revolution. It was very interesting and fun. Even though one of our history units was on the American Revolution, I still learned a lot. He showed us videos, maps, and pictures. In the end, he conducted real drills while students copied him using fake muskets. I had a really fun time!” -Priyana

“My favorite memory from 4G is all of the jokes Mr. Cord made! We also did a staring contest once!” – Sarah

“My favorite memory from 4G is when I was coming into my classroom, and I was sitting next to my friend Katerina. I also love the shows our school put on this year! I loved sitting next to my friends.” – Emily

“My favorite memory in 4G was when it was my first day of school. It was very fun. I loved the school, but I was confused about the math homework and reading homework. It eventually became fun!” - Vishrut

“My favorite thing this year was going to the History Museum and seeing the cool stuff. I liked seeing all the exhibits and learning new stuff. I liked tracing the Charlie Brown characters! I also like the tornado basement that made it seem realistic. Seeing all of the old-fashioned stuff and seeing how it was back in the day was really, really cool.” -Willomina

“My favorite part of 4G is when we play soccer. It’s fun because my friends play it, and I get to talk to them, and I have fun. One thing I also liked during the school year was our field trip. I liked the Civil War part/ It was when you had a card of a person who was important in the Civil War. Some people got to dress up as a Civil War soldier. It was one of my favorite parts!” – Arseniy

“My favorite part of 4G was when we did the radioactive waves experiment. I also want to thank my teachers for all they have done for me. I also liked when Mr. Kind came and presented the American Revolution to 4G. I liked it when I learned about history at the museum.” – Malika

“My favorite experience in 4G is being with my favorite teacher, Ms. Bohlke! I love spending time with her. Ms. Bohlke made me realize how I should study for my spelling tests. The first time I received a perfect score was great!” - Eden

“My favorite part of 4G is the fun time we had in this classroom and how we all worked together. Everything we worked for we accomplished, and we all cooperated to get it done! We shared so much respect for each other! I liked how I developed my knowledge and learned new stuff.” -Ethan



# School of Grammar **STAFF** Highlights of 2023-2024

“We voted in our classroom and thought that the Science Museum and Orchestra Hall were our favorites. Learning about the culture of Mexico and learning multiplication did get quite a few votes as well. – Ms. Shequin

“One of my favorite events this year in Prima included reading buddies where the 4G scholars came down to the Prima classrooms and were paired up with a Prima scholar to do some reading together at the end of the day once a month. I think that this event is so special because not only was it awesome to see my former scholars who I used to teach in Prima again and how they have grown, but it was also fun to see the 4G scholars so easily step into a leadership role when it came to helping the younger children. It was a super experience for the younger children to get to know an older scholar over the course of a few months and make a new friend from another grade level. This event is especially lovely each month because it helps the scholars in both levels build their confidence in their reading abilities in a positive atmosphere and take a new perspective on their own learning while developing the character pillar of responsibility when helping others learn.” – Ms. Herbst

“My favorite memory from this year came from the dedicated learning that happened in the classroom. I always appreciate a calm, quiet environment that can foster learning and great thought! My scholars were excellent in towing the fine line between having a blast while learning and making sure that we are taking our environment seriously. My class did a fantastic job of being a shining pillar of character to reflect all that they have learned in the School of Grammar.” – Mr. VanBlaricom

## **Artsonia**

Please remember Artsonia as you think ahead to Father's Day! Your child's artwork can be printed on a variety of treasured keepsakes. Download the Artsonia app to get started. Please visit [www.artsonia.com/parent](http://www.artsonia.com/parent) for more information. If you have any questions, feel free to send Ms. Rose an email at [rose@parnassusprep.com](mailto:rose@parnassusprep.com). As always, Artsonia donates 20% of your purchase directly to our art program.

## **Music is Amazing!**

~ *Magistra Gottwalt, School of Grammar & School of Rhetoric Music Teacher*

Here we are finishing up another amazing year with your amazing scholars who teach us so much. As I thought about my favorite moments this year in music class, there are so many delightful moments to remember. What brings it all together is the joy and wonder of being a scholar in the School of Grammar. Here are a few highlights:

- The Veterans Day concerts and the Spring Showcase - the joy of hearing children singing is the awe of seeing and hearing instruments in person.
- The calming movement to classical music students do as we start a class. They can move their bodies to wonderful calming music to start the class.
- Seeing scholars who may struggle with other classes come and shine in music is one of the best moments of all. Watching the "aha!" moment and the joy and the delight in music class. We all have so much to give to our own communities. When a scholar discovers their brilliance in a subject, especially music, it warms my heart and reminds me how lucky I am to teach your children every day.



So, please, this summer, sing, dance, draw in chalk and color, play with instruments, and play with pots and pans. Enjoy the beauty all around you and explore and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.



# School of Logic News

## A Message from Principal Hamiel & Principal Boegel



Dear School of Logic Families,

As we close out the school year, we want to express our deep gratitude for everything that all the supporters of Parnassus have done to make this school year a success. We are honored to be part of such a great community and excited to see what the future holds for all our scholars, especially the 2024-2025 incoming class of First Level Logic scholars and those moving on to the School of Rhetoric.

While summer is almost upon us, our planning for the next academic school year is already underway. We encourage our students to take this time to rejuvenate, recharge, and create lasting memories with loved ones. Whether it's exploring new destinations or reading a good book, we hope this summer is filled with joy and relaxation. We eagerly anticipate the return of our scholars in the fall, ready to embark on another academic journey together.

If you have any School of Logic questions or needs, please do not hesitate to contact Principal Hamiel at [hamiel@parnassusprep.com](mailto:hamiel@parnassusprep.com) or Principal Boegel at [boegel@parnassusprep.com](mailto:boegel@parnassusprep.com).

~Principal Hamiel and Principal Boegel

### School of Logic - Last Day to Submit Assignments is Friday, May 31

Friday, May 31, is the last day to submit missing homework and late assignments for Quarter 4. This is a firm deadline that ensures teachers have time to correct and grade all materials in time to assign Quarter 4 grades.

### First and Fourth-Level Logic Uniforms

Welcome 2024-2025 First Level Logic students! Please make sure to check the Parnassus website for the current dress code for the School of Logic. You will see a few differences from your 4G uniform including no plaid, no jumpers, and red fleeces instead of blue.

Fourth Level Logic scholars, please make sure to note that you will no longer have the red fleece option for your level; instead, a sweater option is available, and you are always welcome to wear a blazer. If you have any questions, please refer to the 2024-2025 Uniform Guidelines on our website or reach out to Principal Hamiel or Principal Boegel for further clarification.





# School of Rhetoric News

## A Message from Principal Hamiel & Principal Boegel



Dear School of Rhetoric Families,

It is hard to believe that we have almost completed another successful school year and will soon graduate this year's class of Fourth Level Rhetoric scholars. We cannot wait to see what amazing things our bright and talented graduates accomplish. We are not only proud of the intelligence they now possess, but also of the kind, thoughtful, and respectful people they are. Therefore, graduation is difficult in some ways: we must accept that they are moving on to tackle new challenges ahead of them.

Our School of Rhetoric is an amazing collection of scholars, faculty, staff, and families. These wonderful graduates would not be at this point without all of those pieces working so well together. Thanks to every one of you for all the support and effort you put into making the School of Rhetoric amazing.

We are extremely proud of this year's School of Rhetoric scholars, and we wish everyone a relaxing summer as we prepare for next year. If you have any School of Rhetoric questions or needs, please do not hesitate to contact Principal Hamiel at [hamiel@parnassusprep.com](mailto:hamiel@parnassusprep.com) or Principal Boegel at [boegel@parnassusprep.com](mailto:boegel@parnassusprep.com).

~Principal Hamiel and Principal Boegel

### Spring Final Exam Schedule

Spring Finals	Friday, May 31	Monday, June 3	Tuesday, June 4	Wednesday, June 5
8:00-10:00	2nd Hour (Blue) or Daily	2nd Hour (Red)	1st Hour (Blue)	1st Hour (Red) or Daily
10:15-1:15	8th Hour	4th Hour	3rd Hour	7th Hour
1:30-3:30	6th Hour (Blue or <u>Daily</u> )**	5th Hour	9th Hour (Blue or Daily)	9th Hour (Red)

### School of Rhetoric - Last Day to Submit Assignments is Thursday, May 30

Thursday, May 30, is the last day to submit homework and other assignments for Quarter 4. This is a firm deadline that ensures teachers have time to correct and grade all materials in time to assign Quarter 4 grades. Scholars also need to complete this work to prepare for finals, which start on Friday, May 31. Doing the work after their final exams does not produce the same benefits.

### School of Rhetoric Blazers

Please ensure your child's blazer is kept in top condition as part of our School of Rhetoric formal and dignified uniform. The School of Rhetoric blazer should be worn as a source of pride for our scholars who reach our final level in the Trivium. If holes form in the elbows, they need to be mended before the jacket can be quickly replaced. You may consider adding reinforcement patches *inside* the jacket in the elbow area to prevent wear. Hems, tears, and missing buttons also need to be fixed right away. Now that it is warmer outside, blazers must be cleaned more often to stay fresh and presentable. Students are encouraged not to play outside in their blazers during lunch or before and after school as this shortens the life of the jacket. Please make sure you are cleaning your child's blazer routinely. Summer is a great time to have blazers cleaned and inspected for repairs. We greatly appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Principal Hamiel at [hamiel@parnassusprep.com](mailto:hamiel@parnassusprep.com).

### Parnassus School of Rhetoric Graduation Ceremony - TICKETS REQUIRED

On Friday, June 7, the Parnassus graduation ceremony will be held at 6:00pm in the Gymnasium. Families of Fourth Level Rhetoric scholars have received information detailing the events of the day. Seating is limited, and tickets have been distributed to graduates' families. Tickets are required for the ceremony.



# Class of 2024



**Ilias Abumayaleh**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Iowa State University:  
Major in Industrial  
Engineering"*



**Ava Ahlemeyer**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Montana State  
University: Major in  
Business with a focus in  
Marketing"*



**Isabella Alcott**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Clark University:  
Major in a STEM field"*



**Xander Amirales**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"University of  
Minnesota- Twin  
Cities: Major in  
Finance"*



**Blake Anderson**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"United States Air  
Force Academy: Major  
in Aeronautical  
Engineering"*



**Malik Badmus**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Attending school to  
become a barber"*



**Liahna Bevis**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Carroll University:  
Major in Radiology  
Technology"*



**Leah Bolognino**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"University of  
Minnesota-Twin Cities:  
Major in Sociology"*



**Andrew Bush**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Crown College: Major  
in Video Production"*



**Audrey Curtler**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"University of  
Wisconsin - Eau Claire:  
Major in English"*



**Promise Dahn**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Hamline University:  
Major in Psychology or  
Creative Writing"*



**Emeline Daniels**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"South Dakota State  
University: Major in  
Advertising"*



**Norah DeJournett**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Arizona State  
University: Major in  
Biological Sciences"*



**Kyle Dieterle**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"University of  
Minnesota- Twin  
Cities: Major in  
Mechanical  
Engineering"*



**Joshua Dykhoff**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"North Hennepin  
Community College:  
Major in Theater"*





**Mia Fehrenkamp**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Hawaii Pacific University: Major in Psychology"*



**Aleksander Frickson**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Hennepin Technical College: Major in Audio Visual Engineering"*



**Jimena Garcia Velazquez**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"North Hennepin Community College: Major in American Sign Language and Social Studies"*



**Tor Gustafson**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Anoka Ramsey Community College: Major in Nursing"*



**Derek Harris**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"North Hennepin Community College"*



**Noah Kycek**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"North Hennepin Community College"*



**Ronan Lander**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"South Dakota School of Mines: Major in Mechanical Engineering"*



**Nathan Lee**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"University of Minnesota – Twin Cities: Major in Finance"*



**Jerry Li**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"University of Minnesota- Twin Cities: Major in Economics or Pre-Med Track"*



**Cosette Lohstreter**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"North Dakota State University: Major in Political Science"*



**Ayden Loney**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Hennepin Technical College: Major in Electrical Technology"*



**Eleanor Meyer**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"University of Wyoming: Major in Interior Design"*



**Alexander Morgan**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"University of St. Thomas: Major in Biology"*



**Amoslyn Nyhydro**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"Anoka Ramsey Community College: Major in Nursing"*



**Aiden Olsen-Gray**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*"University of North Dakota: Major in Commercial Aviation"*





**Paulina Otto**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“University of Minnesota – Duluth: Major in Biology”*



**Emmanuel Ottoson**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“North Hennepin Community College: Major in Neurology”*



**Lillian Ross**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“Macalester College: Major Undecided or Environmental Science”*



**Jaidyn Schempp**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“University of Minnesota – Duluth: Major in Computer Science”*



**James Schrode**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“Iowa State University: Major in Architecture”*



**Carter Schulz**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“Minnesota State Community & Technical College – Fergus Falls: Major in Business”*



**Noah Shuman**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“Hennepin Technical College: Major in Mechanical Engineering”*



**Nowah Shylongteh**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“University of Minnesota – Duluth: Major in Public Health, Pre-Med Track”*



**Ethan Smith**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“University of Wisconsin-Madison: Major in Computer Science”*



**Sharron Solorzano**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“Brigham Young University-Idaho: Major in Political Science”*



**Scushe Tuoyon**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“University of Minnesota – Twin Cities: Major in Engineering”*



**AlanTROS Wiseman**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“George Washington University: Major in International Business”*



**Nawfal Yasir**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“University of Minnesota – Twin Cities: Major in Biomedical Engineering”*



**Hudson Young**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“University of Minnesota- Twin Cities: Major in Finance”*



**Ryan Youngdahl**

Plans after Parnassus:  
*“University of Minnesota- Twin Cities: Major in Finance”*

# OLYMPIANS News & Updates



## Schedules for Olympians Events

You may visit <https://www.rschoolminnesota.org/public/genie/1270/school/6/> or <https://parnassusactivities.com/> for the most updated athletic schedules and results for Parnassus sports and activities. Schedules for the Parnassus-Brooklyn Center co-op sports and activities can be found at <https://brooklyncenterhs.rschoollteams.com/>.

## Fall Sports

Fall sports begin practices on Monday, August 12, so all athletic physicals must be updated before then. Girls' Tennis, Boys' & Girls' Soccer, Cross Country, & Football are the MSHSL athletic opportunities in the fall, with Parnassus hosting Cross Country, and the others in cooperation with Brooklyn Center High School. Registration for Cross Country will be open in late June, and all registration links for Brooklyn Center sports will be shared as soon as they are open. The Parnassus registration site may be accessed using this link: <https://parnassus-ar.rschoolltoday.com/>

## Minnesota State High School (MSHSL) Activity Fees

The current cost for Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) activities and athletics at Parnassus is \$250 per activity, and the family max for these fees will be \$1,000 per school year.

Students who qualify for Educational Benefits (Free or Reduced Lunch) will have a \$125 per MSHSL activity fee. To receive this rate, the family must request it when signing up for their activity or sport. Parents/guardians can email Mr. Kasowicz, at [kasowicz@parnassusprep.com](mailto:kasowicz@parnassusprep.com) for all sports, or Ms. Baddin at [baddin@parnassusprep.com](mailto:baddin@parnassusprep.com) for the One Acts or Speech. This request is then confirmed with Educational Benefit records. As a reminder, families can apply for Educational Benefits through the website application, which will be shared once it opens for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications for the 2024-2025 school year cannot be completed until July 1, 2024.

## Thank You!

~Mr. Kasowicz, Athletic Director

The dedication of Parnassus Olympians coaches and student-athletes is nothing short of inspiring. With dogged commitment and boundless passion, they each pour their hearts and souls into their activity, always striving for excellence. Their relentless pursuit of greatness serves as a beacon of determination for all and they embody the true spirit of teamwork, resilience, and perseverance, overcoming challenges and pushing boundaries to reach new heights. Their dedication not only fuels their own aspirations but also ignites a flame of inspiration in the hearts of countless others, reminding us of all of the power of dedication and the limitless potential within each of us. Thank you to the over 250 student-athletes this year, who modeled what it is to be a Parnassus Olympians student-athlete.





# SAVE THE DATE!



Your school's exclusive 10% off  
Back-to-School promotion is scheduled:  
July 1 - 7, 2024

Scan to sign up for  
updates and reminders:





# Looking Ahead...

## May 2024

- 23 Running Club 3:45-5:15pm Room 1502
- 23 Track & field team practice 3:45-5:15pm
- 23 Golf team practice 3:45-5:30pm
- 24 Deadline to submit Quarter 4 Reading Pages
- 24 Track & field team practice 3:45-5:15pm
- 24 Golf team practice 3:45-5:30pm
- 24 4R Lock-In 7:00pm-2:00am Gymnasium
- 27 NO SCHOOL
- 28 Board & Staff reception for Class of 2024 5:00pm Agora (Main entrance)
- 28 Track & field team practice 3:45-5:15pm
- 28 Golf team practice 3:45-5:30pm
- 29 SOG Parent/Guardian Virtual Coffee with the Principals 1:00pm – Zoom [parnassus.info/SOG](http://parnassus.info/SOG)
- 29 Track & field team practice 3:45-5:15pm
- 29 Golf team practice 3:45-5:30pm
- 29 Informational meeting for prospective families at 5:00pm on Zoom <http://parnassus.info/meet>
- 30 Student Senate 3:35-4:05pm Room 1324
- 30 Track & Field Sections TBD Bethel University
- 30 Golf team practice 3:45-5:30pm
- 31 School of Rhetoric Finals (8am: 2<sup>nd</sup> hour blue/daily; 10:15am: 8<sup>th</sup> hour; 1:30pm: 6<sup>th</sup> hour blue/daily)
- 31 Track & field team practice 3:45-5:15pm

## June 2024

- 01 Track & Field Sections TBD Bethel University
- 03 School of Rhetoric Finals (8am: 2<sup>nd</sup> hour red; 10:15am: 4<sup>th</sup> hour; 1:30pm: 5<sup>th</sup> hour)
- 03 Publishing Club 3:45-5:00pm Room 1124
- 03 Track & Field Banquet Elm Creek Park Acorn Shelter 6:30-8:30pm
- 04 School of Rhetoric Finals (8am: 1<sup>st</sup> hour blue; 10:15am: 3<sup>rd</sup> hour; 1:30pm; 9<sup>th</sup> hour blue/daily)
- 05 School of Rhetoric Finals (8am: 1<sup>st</sup> hour red/daily; 10:15am: 7<sup>th</sup> hour; 1:30pm: 9<sup>th</sup> hour)
- 05 Student Council Meeting 9:53am Room 1525
- 06 Last Day of School/End of Quarter 4/Semester 2
  - o No Animus & Accendo after-school program today
  - o Class of 2024 *Scholars Walk through the Trivium*
  - o School of Grammar Cascarones celebration
- 07 Graduation Day/Staff Development
  - o Commencement rehearsal; 9:30am/Gymnasium
  - o Graduates arrive by 4:30pm
  - o Commencement Exercises; 6:00pm/Gymnasium (TICKETS REQUIRED)
- 18 Board meeting, 6:00pm



### Follow Us on Instagram!

Following Parnassus on Instagram is an excellent way for parents, guardians, grandparents, friends of the school, and older students to keep up with activities and events at the school. Search for [@parnassusprep](https://www.instagram.com/parnassusprep) to see photos and videos each week, as well as reminders of upcoming events. #seeyouthere



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