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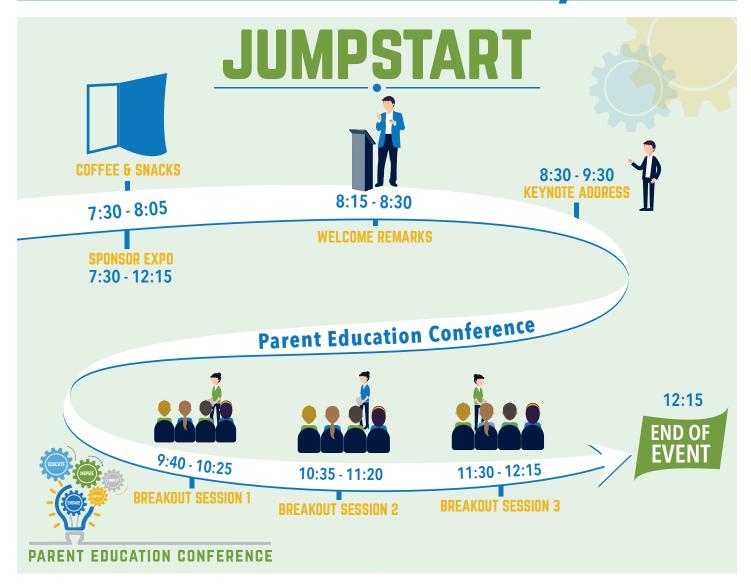
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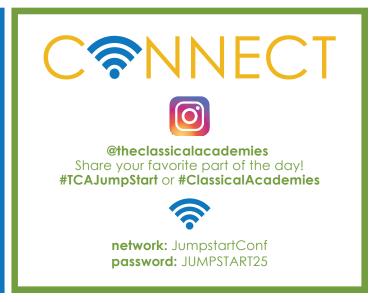
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JUMPSTART WELCOME



Dear Classical Academies Families,

Welcome to the annual JumpStart Parent Education Conference! I am excited you are here with us today, and hope you find valuable training and encouragement as we kick off the academic school year together.

This year's conference features over 50 breakout sessions on various topics that will enhance your child's academic journey. I hope you will also visit our sponsor expo in the main hallway; many

offer raffles, giveaways, and special promotions during the event. I am incredibly grateful for our sponsors' support and partnership in making this conference possible.

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In partnership,

Kurtis Indorf

Chief Executive Officer
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2025-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN

Attend the breakout session "Strategy Overview Ever Ancient, Ever New" where Chief Executive Officer Kurtis Indorf will present an update on the Strategic Plan, outlining key priorities and progress.





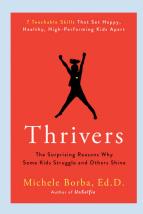
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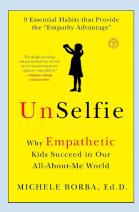
Internationally renowned educational psychologist and best-selling author Dr. Michele Borba will draw on her groundbreaking book Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine. Dr. Borba will share powerful, research-backed insights into the seven essential character strengths that distinguish thriving children, including traits such as empathy, perseverance, and optimism. In a world where digital distractions are at an all-time high, Dr. Borba offers practical, actionable strategies that empower children to develop resilience, confidence, and a sense of purpose.

Dr. Michele Borba is a globally recognized expert in parenting and child development, and has shared her insights in 30 countries across six continents. She has appeared on NBC's TODAY show, Dr. Phil, The View, Dateline, and CNN, as well as been featured in TIME, The New York Times, and U.S. News & World Report. Dr. Borba has authored over 25 books, including Thrivers and UnSelfie.

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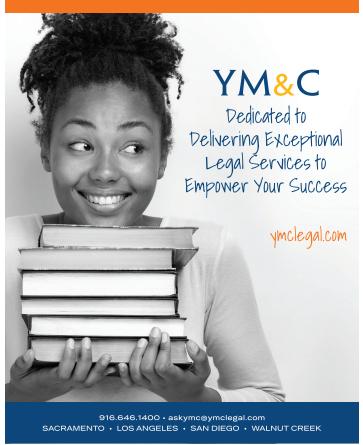
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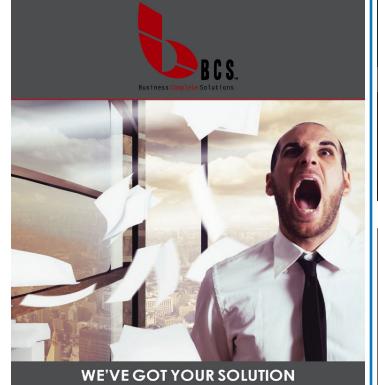




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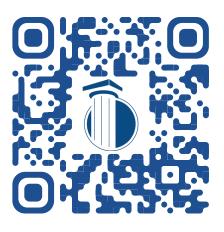


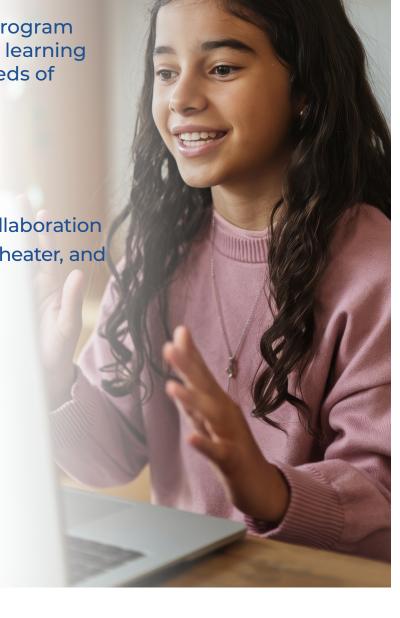


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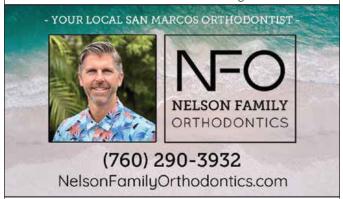
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SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

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102	Degrees Without Debt	The Impact of Social Media on Teen Mental Health and Well-being	College Planning and Admissions
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206	What in the world is Science of Reading?	Building a Strong Foundation: The Importance of Early Literacy for Your Child's Future (TK-1 Grades)	New to Logic of English
207	GCU - Navigating the College Admissions Process	Live Math Helpline for 4th-8th Grades	Live Math Helpline for 4th-8th Grades
209	Multisensory Strategies for Learning to Read	Write On! Strategies for 3rd-5th Grade Success in Writing	Effective Strategies for Teaching Math
210	Coastal Academy C Track Smart Start	Kindergarten Homeschooling	How to Motivate Your Kids Around the Kitchen Table

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9-12	102	Degrees Without Debt Partner with your local community college both during and after high school to receive higher education and technical training at a reduced cost. Presenters: Mary Reihner, Stephanie Fremstad, Nicki Chase
TK-6	103	Movement and Learning Help your student stay focused and engaged with hands-on learning strategies. Set up a purposeful learning space and include physical activities that stimulate the senses and make learning more effective. Presenters: Andi Bautista, Amber Ferrari, Angel Garcia, Sarah Thomas
6-8	104	The Classical Academies Sora Program Introducing our new online middle school program! With project-based learning at its core, students build strong connections, express their creativity, and gain the skills needed for the future. Presenter: Stephanie Brown
9-12	105	Classical Academy High School Athletics Explore the mission of Caiman Athletics and learn how students can join a team, build character, and stay active through sports programs. Presenters: Josiah Cruz, Kelly Marion, Cody Warwick
9	106	Freshman Success - Study Habits Get practical tips and proven study habits for freshman success from experienced ninth-grade teachers at Classical Academy High School. Presenters: Steven Ferreira, Chris Minkoff, Michael Kline, Kelly Van Sickle, Andrea Hoff
9-12	107	What Does My High Schooler Need to Succeed? Help your high school student thrive with the right balance of academic, social, and emotional support. Explore actionable guidance to keep them motivated, focused, and future-ready. Presenters: John Price, Chante Amos, Nathan Van Egmond

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TK-12	103	Executive Functioning Prepare your student for success with essential skills in organization, time management, and goal setting. Learn practical strategies to help your student thrive academically. Presenters: Richel Hortinela-Duden, Chris Bertrand	
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8-12	105	Help! I Have a Teenager! Helicoptor or Lighthouse? Learn how your parenting style during the teenage years can have a lasting impact on your child's growth and development. Presenters: Dana Moen, Wendy Moen	
9-12	106	Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity: A Guide for Parents (high school focus) Learn how students are using AI, what is considered plagiarism, and how teachers and parents can work together to support academic honesty in the age of technology. Presenters: Tyler Lopez, Thomas Lloyd	
9-12	107	Classical Academy High School Math Explore math curriculum and Illustrative Mathematics. Learn how to properly select courses depending and how 7th & 8th grade math impacts high school course planning. Presenters: David Morningstar, Sarah Mills, Nathan Van Egmond	

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TK-8	204	If I Could Turn Back Time A panel of experienced homeschool moms share what they wish they would have done differentlyif they could turn back time. Presenters: Sara deNeve, Sage Jennings, Kara Howard	
6-8	205	Sink or Swim: A Candid Conversation About Middle School Success and the Role of the Parent Educator (6th-8th Grades) Learn the executive functioning skills 6th-8th graders need for success in high school including organization, time management, and task completion. Presenters: Dawn Sullivan, Jannetta Geoghegan	
TK-1	206	Building a Strong Foundation: The Importance of Early Literacy for Your Child's Future (TK-1 Grades) Explore the key components of early literacy (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, and early decoding) and discuss how these foundational skills work together to develop strong, confident readers. Presenters: Jessica Hackenson, Colleen Redmond	
4-8	207	Live Math Helpline for 4th-8th Grades You've got this, and we've got your back! Meet the Math Helpline teacher and learn how 4th-8th grader students receive live math support. Presenter: Stephanie Aguilar	
3-5	209	Write On! Strategies for 3rd-5th Grade Success in Writing Learn about the importance of explicit writing instruction, and take home practical strategies and tools to help your student overcome writing challenges. Presenters: Kaitlyn Weaver, Emily Fox	
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9-12	104	Thriving, Not Just Surviving: The Accommodation Journey High school students with disabilities will share personal experiences with self- advocacy and the use of accommodations. Learn strategies for helping students understand and articulate their needs. Presenters: Melissa Hilbig, Debra Kissner	
9-12	105	Visual and Performing Arts at Classical Academy High School Explore high school course offerings in visual arts, music, theater, and digital media. Presenters: Michael McGaugh, Sam Roberson	
9-12	106	Advanced Placement Classes Discover the differences between college prep and Advanced Placement (AP) classes in English and History. Presenters: Derek Montgomery, Diane Taylor	
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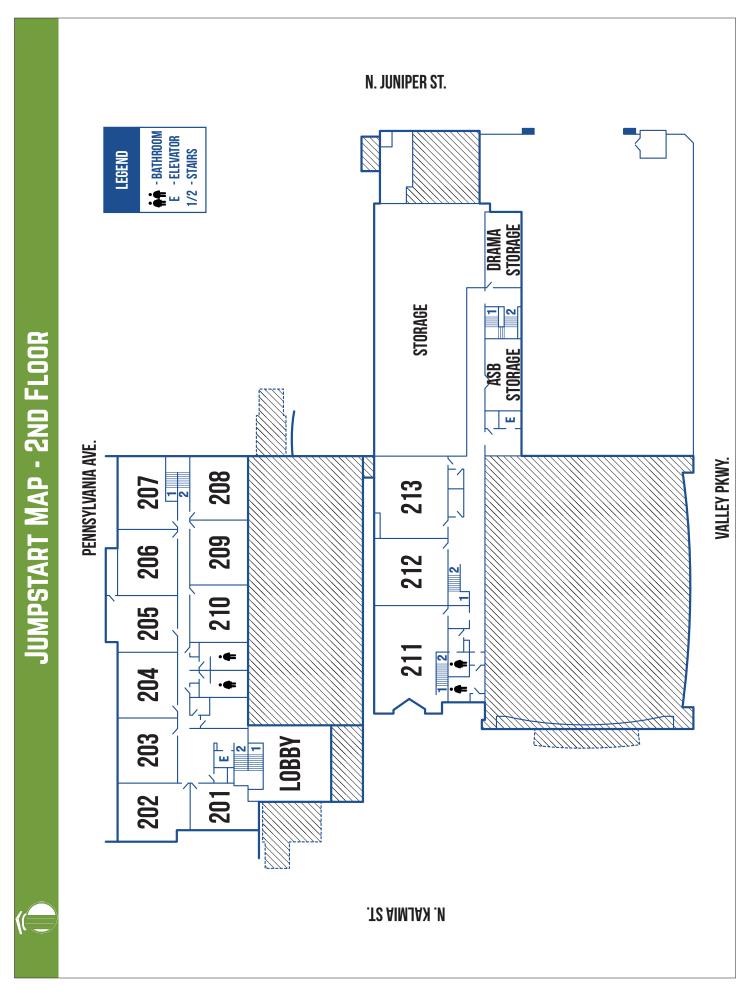
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