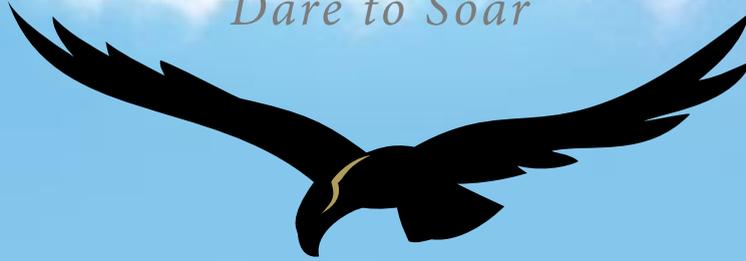


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CLASSICAL ACADEMY



Phase 1, completion 2017



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Pinnacle Classical Academy to Begin Building Program

Pinnacle Classical Academy announced today a new building program, with phase one set to begin this fall.

The new Pinnacle Classical Academy campus will be located on 54 beautiful acres just south of Highway 74 on Joe's Lake Road. Phase one will include a 57,000 square foot, two story classroom building which will include 34 classrooms, three STEM labs, two art rooms, two EC classrooms, a media center, a music room, teachers' work rooms and lounges, and an office suite. Along with the classroom building there will be a separate 5,100 square foot gymnasium. These two buildings will be able serve up to 768 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

The school will boast state of the art technology. The site will include various sports fields and a dedicated outdoor science trail. Future building phases will enable this campus to serve up to 1,300 students.

Architect Mark Patterson, Vice-President of ESD Architecture and Interior Design in Charlotte, stated, "I am proud to have a part in this important endeavor to improve the opportunities for learning for the children of Cleveland County."

Financing for phase one will be provided by the USDA Rural Division. Area Specialist Joshua Carswell said, "Pinnacle Classical Academy is an excellent organization that provides a premiere educational experience for their students and staff. The new school facilities will provide a permanent location for Pinnacle and will allow for continued growth."

Pinnacle Classical Academy, a public school chartered by the State of North Carolina, currently serves 370 students, and is in its second year of operation. Using the classical education model and the Core Knowledge curriculum with an emphasis on STEM, Pinnacle Classical Academy is a college-preparatory school. There is no fee to apply or to attend.

Pinnacle Classical Academy is a tuition-free, independent public school chartered by the State of North Carolina. Pinnacle was founded on the need for a true choice in education and the need for a college-preparatory K-12 school in Cleveland County.

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*Completed campus rendering, view from Joe's Lake Road.
White area shows phases 2 and 3.*



*Completed campus rendering, view from Elementary entrance.
White area shows phases 2 and 3.*

The long term master plan for PCA is to have 1,300 students in kindergarten through 12th grade and parking, ball fields, gymnasiums, auditorium and outdoor areas that are required. This project is the first phase of a well-developed master plan to attain those goals. The first phase will include a classroom building approximately of 57,000 square feet and a gymnasium of approximately 5,100 square feet.

The layout and design of this facility was developed in conjunction with the school board, administration and teachers. Many meetings were held to consider possible options. North Carolina Department of Public Instruction guidelines were also considered at each stage. The final design is the result of much iteration of design and review.

The classroom building will include 34 classrooms, three STEM labs, two Art Rooms, two EC classrooms, a media center, a music room, an IT storage and work room, two teachers' work rooms/lounges; and an office suite. This building will be able serve up to 768 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. When a subsequent building phase is completed for the high school grades this building can serve kindergarten through eighth grade and with more classes in the lower grades. The classroom building will be two story with a sprinkler system. Construction will be steel columns and beams with metal deck and concrete floors; steel stud walls with hi-impact gypsum board; steel trusses with a membrane roof; and brick veneer. The style will be classical to reinforce the teaching philosophy of the school. Ceilings in classrooms will be 10 feet high. Each classroom will have window area equal to approximately 6% of the floor area of the room. Classrooms are shaped to optimize teaching flexibility. Each classroom will have smart boards, enhanced internet and networking. The media center and music room can be divided to allow for more than one class to use them at a time. These areas can also be converted into single classrooms in the future if necessary. Corridors and stairwells will be spacious. Upper grades will have lockers in the corridors. Finishes will be predominately lay-in acoustical tile ceilings and vinyl composition floors.

Students will enter the school by car delivery at two separate locations to reduce congestion. They will enter from the east and west sides and can be divided by age. Younger students will remain on the first floor. Kindergarten and first grade students will be in their own wing to minimize contact with other students. Older students can access the second floor from stairwells accessible from the outside thus avoiding the first floor. There is a playground just outside each end of the building for different age students. At the end of the day students can stage in the gym or music room while waiting to be picked up to leave.

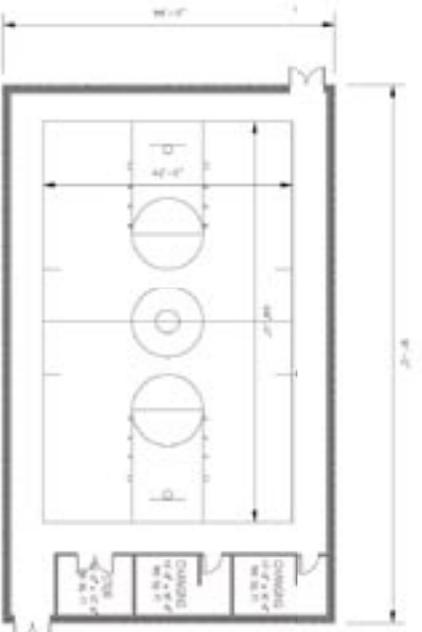
There is a central office area on the first floor which serves as the only entrance for visitors and provides control for security. There are satellite administrative offices on the first and second floors.

The gymnasium building will be a stand-alone steel frame building. It will be located so that in the future it will be incorporated into the gymnasium/auditorium complex and serve the dual roles of auxiliary gym and stage for the auditorium.

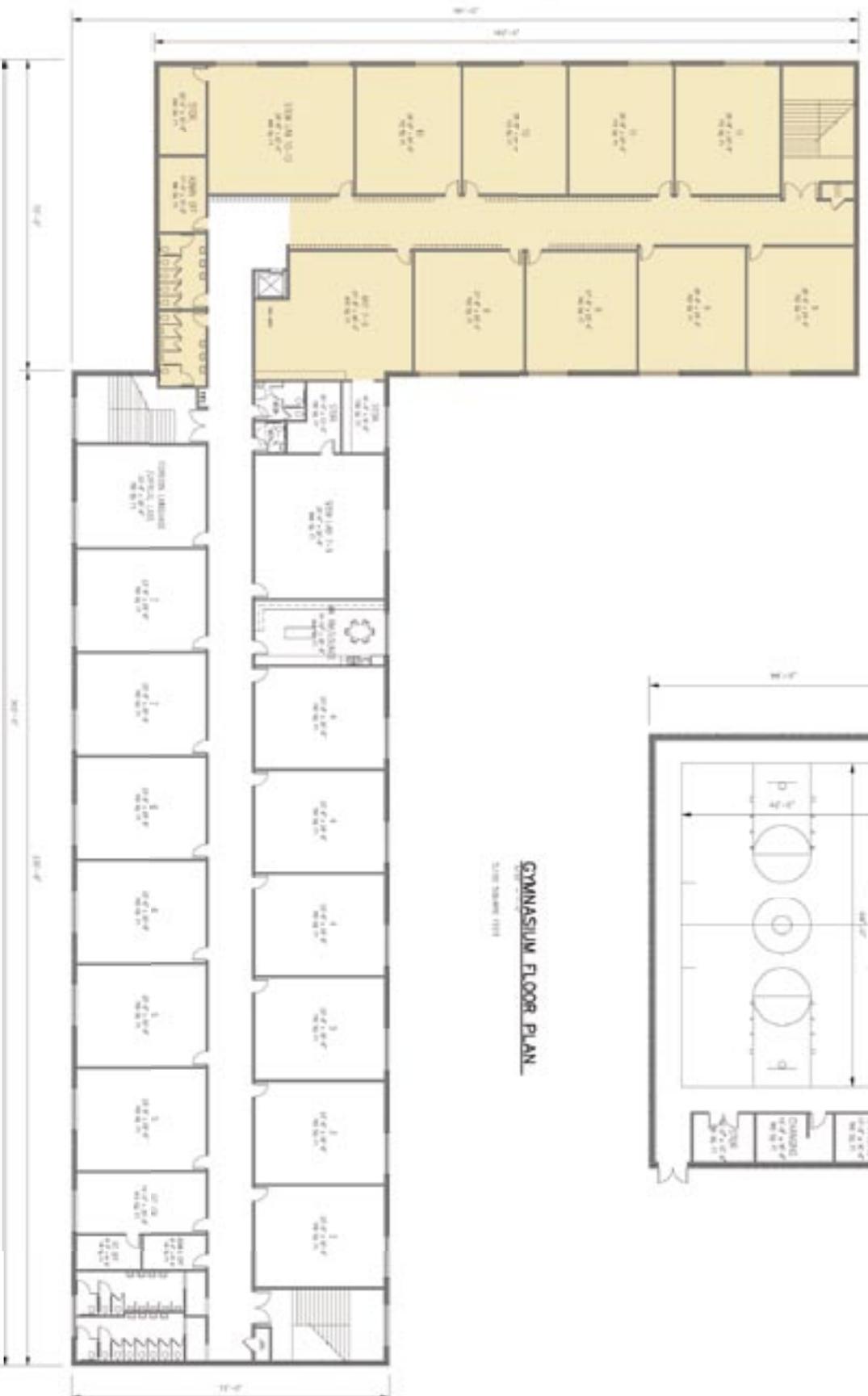
PCA owns approximately 54 acres on Joe's Lake Road. The site has nearly 1,500 feet of road frontage and is moderately sloped. All utilities are available including City of Shelby sewer. The site is centrally located in the county's population center and close to the major traffic artery US By-pass 74. It is in a residential neighborhood and properly zoned for a school. The site is large enough to allow for natural buffers of berms and vegetation on all sides with adjoining property.

This is an excellent site for the school to begin and to grow into a K-12 campus for 1,300 students. There is enough room for soccer, football, track, baseball and softball fields along with the required traffic and parking for the school. There is also room for nature areas and trails.





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What Makes Pinnacle Classical Academy Different

At Pinnacle Classical Academy, our educational philosophy is based on the three R's – Rigor, Relevance and Relationships. Rigorous coursework, relevant learning activities and meaningful relationships with teachers and other staff members are all necessary to ensure that every student is successful and prepared for college. This is a bold proposition, but one that is necessary to meet the educational needs of students in a 21st century society.

Pinnacle Classical Academy focuses on incorporating elements of classical education and research-based best practices in education to aid students in developing critical and logical reasoning skills.

At Pinnacle Classical Academy, it is our goal to develop caring, productive citizens who exemplify ethical values throughout their daily lives. Integrated into all aspects of the academic curriculum will be the accepted patterns for developing lifelong learners and globally competitive students.

Pinnacle Classical Academy is located at 900 South Post Road in Shelby. This will be the school's home during the construction of our permanent campus. The plan for a permanent home is to construct a new K-12 campus on Joe's Lake Road, about one mile from the South Post Road location.

What is a Charter School?

A charter school has freedom from some of the regulations of a traditional public school, in return for a commitment to meet standards of accountability that are higher than those of traditional public schools!

Public tax dollars are the primary funding sources for charter schools. Local, state and federal dollars fund charter schools similar to the way traditional public schools are funded however charter schools do not receive funding for facilities, transportation or lunch.

Benefits of a Charter

- The schools have open enrollment without discrimination
- Increase opportunities for learning and access to quality education for all students
- Create choice for parents and students within the public school system
 - Provide a system of accountability for results in public education
 - Encourage innovative teaching practices
 - Create new professional opportunities for teachers
 - Encourage community and parent involvement in public education

The Mission of Pinnacle Classical Academy is to provide all students with a premier college preparatory education built on the foundation of the Core Knowledge Sequence, emphases of STEM courses and 21st Century Skills, good citizenship and classical education in collaboration with committed parents, inspiring educators and motivated students.