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Mayor of Providence Declares March 20th ‘Classical Day’

One of the Nation’s Oldest Public High Schools Has a Day Named in its Honor

Governor Gina Raimondo and Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza have officially declared March 20th “Classical Day” to celebrate Classical High School turning 175 years old in 2018. Founded in 1843, Classical High School is one of the oldest public high schools in the United States and one of the six oldest public high schools in New England.

On March 20th 2018, students, alumni, faculty, city and state officials, members of the school board, and members of the community will gather at Classical High School for an assembly from 12 - 2 PM. At that time, a proclamation by Mayor Elorza will be read, followed by the unveiling of a plaque by the Classical High School Alumni Association to commemorate our benefactors through the years. **This portion of the program is by invitation only.** Then, from 3 - 5 PM we will be at the State House for a proclamation by the General Assembly. Refreshments will be served outside the Dome and the State House will be lit purple in honor of the day. **This portion of the program is open to the public.**

Executive Director of the Classical High School Alumni Association, Donna Criscuolo, who spearheaded this celebration, says of Classical Day, “Classical High School is celebrating 175 years of history, legacy, diversity, and family. Classical Day is a wonderful way for the entire city of Providence to commemorate this long standing tradition of academic excellence. It is certainly something to be proud of.”

About Classical High School Alumni Association: The Classical High School Alumni Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization in Providence, RI. Founded in 2002, the Classical High School Alumni Association supports Classical High School by building and maintaining relationships amongst alumni and community members and raising funds for both School and Association activities. In 2017, the Classical High School Alumni Association funded close to \$20,000 in teacher grants to enhance students’ educational experiences and funded the Advanced Placement (AP) Certification for 5 teachers. Classical High School offers 24 AP courses.