

November 2017- Newsletter

Holy Cross Greek School

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## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR...

**Katerina Papachristou-Chiotis**

Στις 29 Οκτωβρίου και σε συνδυασμό με την επέτειο της 28<sup>ης</sup> Οκτωβρίου απονεμήθηκαν τα Πιστοποιητικά της Ελληνομάθειας στους μαθητές του Ελληνικού Σχολείου: **Φίλιππο Ηλιόπουλο (A1), Μάλκομ Αλεξάντερ (A1), Μαγδαληνή Τζίφα (A1), Θάλεια Σταυροπούλου (A1), Χρήστο Δασκαρόλη (A1), Αριάνα Τριάντ (A1), Νεφέλη Τσαγκαροπούλου (A2), Πένυ Κωστάρας (A2) και Φωτεινή Αργύρη (B1)**, που επιτυχώς πέρασαν στις εξετάσεις. Έκφραζουμε τα θερμά μας συγχαρητήρια και ευχόμαστε πάντα επιτυχίες σε όλους τους μαθητές.

Ο Νοέμβριος είναι ο μήνας με την όμορφη γιορτή των «Ευχαριστιών». Όλοι μας, μικροί, μεγάλοι, ας είμαστε ευχαριστημένοι και ευγνώμονες για ΟΛΑ αυτά που μας προσφέρονται.

Οι μαθητές του Προγρ. ΑΘΗΝΑ με πολύ χαρά συμμετείχαν στο **“Trunk or Treat”** festivity που για 1<sup>η</sup> χρονιά έγινε στην εκκλησία μας. Κοστούμια και στολισμένα αυτοκίνητα είχαν την τιμητική τους!

Τελειώνοντας με αυτές τις όμορφες σκέψεις, ευχόμαστε να περάσετε όμορφα την Ημέρα των Ευχαριστιών!! «Όταν ήμουν μικρός είχα κρύψει έναν ήλιο, για να έχει ο δρόμος μου φως κι η σιωπή μου έναν φίλο...»



On October 29<sup>th</sup> we had the award ceremony for the students who successfully passed the Greek Language Exams. Congratulations to our students : **Iliopoulos Philippos (A1), Alexander Malcolm (A1), Tzifas Madeline (A1), Stavropoulos Thalia (A1), Daskarolis Christos (A1), Triant Ariana (A1), Tsangaropoulos Nefeli (A2), Penny Kostaras (A2), Argyris Fotini (B1)** for their success on the Greek Certification Exams.

November is the month we celebrate a special Holiday, “Thanksgiving Day”. We truly have a lot to be grateful and thankful for. Let us ALL count our blessings!!

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## Calendar

### November 10

NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day Teachers in Service

### November 11

**P.T.O.** Board Meeting & Board Elections

### November 12

Souvlaki Fundraising

### November 22- 24

NO SCHOOL- Happy Thanksgiving

## Reminders

- *We would like to kindly remind you that the registration period is over. If you have not registered yet please do that as soon as possible.*
- **Save the Date: Sunday, Dec.10th Community Christmas Program.**

Our students from ATHENA Program joined the “**Trunk or Treat**” extravaganza, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual festivity the Church of the Holy Cross was organized. Beautiful costumes and creative decorated trunks were presented and a contest took place! Such a great time for all, young and adults!

Closing with these beautiful thoughts, we wish all of you to have a wonderful “Thanksgiving”! «When I was young, I had a hidden sun to enlighten my path and to accompany my solitude...»

**Wishing all families a very happy Thanksgiving!  
We are grateful for all our students,  
parents and wonderful community!**



## **Goals, Achievements and Discipline**

*by Rika Tsitsinia*

**School Administrator and Director of Development**



On Sunday October 29th we gathered at Holy Cross to proudly recognize those students who took and passed the Greek Language Certification Awards. It was a time of celebration! A time to recognize all children and adults for their efforts and their achievements. Congratulations και σε ανώτερα!

It is now an opportunity for us all to take a little time to reflect on their success and realize what helped them reach their goals. Success starts with setting goals, but requires commitment, hard work and above all perhaps discipline.

Discipline is the ability to make one self- do what needs to get done, to do what is needed and not what is easy. Successful people exert discipline and self-control on a daily basis. It is indeed a training of mind and character.

Let's look to sports. Athletes are stronger and better when they go to practices and work hard every time. It requires that they show up to those trainings whether it is an early morning swimming meet, or an afternoon practice after a full day at school. It is the discipline to show up and do what it takes even when they do not feel like it. It is this same discipline that helps our Greek students reach their goal to learn Greek. The rewards are not immediate but they will be theirs to reap at the end of this road.

**“Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.”**  
as Jim Rohn has said.

Parents get together at “**Kafeneio**” every Friday afternoon, during Greek School hrs. at **OAKS ROOM 4:30 – 6:30**

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## **Greek School PTO Board Elections Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

We are in need of Greek School parents who would like to show their support to the school by becoming PTO board members.

The PTO board members are actively involved in:

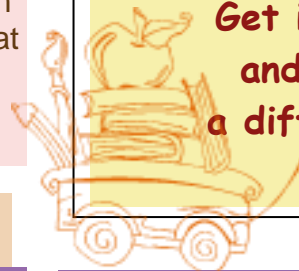
- Maintaining communication between PTO board, parents and teachers
- School event planning
- Promoting awareness about the school
- Assisting in locating teaching staff
- Fund raising for supplemental educational materials
- Awarding scholarships
- Recording school events

**PTO board members** meet once every two months, on a Saturday morning (ONLY... meetings per year).

**Join the PTO board and  
be a part  
in our school success!**

If you would like to join the PTO board please contact **Lydia Kapoor**

**Get involved  
and make  
a difference!**



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