

Το Ελληνικό Απογευματινό Σχολείο της Αγίας Σοφίας

St. Sophia Afternoon Greek School

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Γεια σας και καλοσορίσατε to all new and returning students to the 2009 - 2010 Afternoon Greek School year. I would like to thank all of the parents for their continuous support and the students for their dedication to learning the Greek Language and culture. In the past 11 years it has been a fantastic journey and wonderful professional experience being the Director and Teacher of the St. Sophia Afternoon Greek School. Many students have passed through our classroom and graduated with honors but most importantly they have had the satisfaction of learning their heritage, language, and culture. As I prepare to graduate my youngest child this year from our program, continue my full time teaching job at Niskayuna High School, and take more teaching responsibilities during the evening as adjunct professor of Greek and Spanish at The College of St. Rose, I find that this is the right time for me to embark on new challenges. Our program has prospered with great success and a strong reputation for excellence and will continue to do so. I am most proud of this. It has been with immense thought and deliberation that I have decided to resign my position of Greek School Director and Teacher and pass the reigns to the very capable Kiki Maglaras as Director and Teacher. Eleni Efstathiadis will also be continuing as our other teacher. This fabulous duo has done a superb job in the past few years and I have full confidence in their teaching abilities and their love of the program and its students. I will still be administering the NYS Greek Regents Examination at Niskayuna High School and helping whenever needed. My heart will always be with the Afternoon Greek School Program. Let us all give our full support to our new Director and teaching team of Kiki and Eleni!!!

As we begin another school year, I would like to recognize the achievements of our graduating student from Greek School. This student successfully passed the New York State Regents Examination in Modern Greek on June 23rd. No easy task!! Not only did she pass, but she scored a high grade as well. Wow! Μπράβο σου! I am very sad and proud to see her leave. After so many years together teaching and learning there is a bond that I will always treasure. I will miss you, as I do all our graduates.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATE!!

Elena Menagias

We continue our wonderful Afternoon Greek School Program in the tradition of quality and respect that St. Sophia has always maintained since the founding of our church many decades ago.

On Sunday, November 1st, 2009 we will have our annual presentation of OXI Day after church services. In addition, in March we will have our Greek Independence Day Celebration Dinner, Dance, and Program and participate again with our beautiful float in the Greek Independence Day Parade in New York City. We invite the communities of St. George, St. Basil, and of course St. Sophia to support and celebrate our heritage. More information will follow.

We will also be having our 4th bi-annual Greek School yearbook this year (2008 - 2010) so get your pictures ready if you would like them to be in the yearbook. We will be taking photos of students for the yearbook in October.

Registration this year has been encouraging, however, with the amount of children at St. Sophia we should have not nearly 100 students but 200 students! Hopefully everyone will realize the benefits and importance of learning a foreign language and its culture, especially their heritage language of Greek! It's never too late. Classes will begin the week of September 14th.

As you read this in September, life's hectic routine has already begun, as has our Greek School. Let us all, parents, students and teachers, make this year another successful one of learning the Greek language and culture. Καλή Αντίμωση.

My best regards for a great 2009 - 2010 school year. I sign for the last time as director of this respectable and worthy program.

Kyria Eleni Christou, Director / Teacher (1998 - 2009)

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our 2009 - 2010 Greek School year. I want to inform you of some necessary information for the school year. I will need a registration form for every individual student and tuition for ALL students this year. If you haven't already paid with a completed registration form, please do so. Most classes also require textbooks that are \$22 for the reader and workbook.

Our school calendar is complete. Please save it for reference throughout the school year. Our Greek School programs for the ethnic holidays, as well as, other cultural events are on the calendar.

NOTE: If classes need to be cancelled for any other reason other than inclement weather (which will be on the local television stations scroll), all students will be notified by their teacher or on the website.

2009 - 2010 Class Schedules

Monday (Eleni Efstathiadis): 5:30 – 7:30 pm Advanced / Regents class – Middle School – High School

Monday (Kiki Maglaras): 5:00 – 7:00 pm Intermediate Level 4 – Late Elementary – Middle School

Tuesday (Kiki Maglaras): 4:15 – 5:45 pm Pre-school (ages 3-4)

Tuesday (Kiki Maglaras): 5:45 – 7:45 pm Intermediate Level 5 – Middle School grades (Pre-Regents class)

Wednesday (Kiki Maglaras): 4:00 – 5:30 pm Kindergarten

Wednesday (Kiki Maglaras): 4:30 – 6:00 pm Beginning Level 1

Thursday (Kiki Maglaras): Adult Classes (Beginner 5:30 - 6:30, Intermediate 6:30 - 7:30, and Advanced 7:30 - 8:30)

Friday (Kiki Maglaras): 4:15 – 5:45 pm Beginning Level 2 – Early – Middle Elementary grades

Friday (Kiki Maglaras): 5:45 – 7:45 pm Beginning – Intermediate Level 3 – Middle – Late Elementary

All classes will need to purchase both the textbook and workbook. This year, most classes are not using the complimentary books from the Greek Government. We find the new text book series from "Papaloizos" to be excellent and more practical for our students. However, **all students (except pre-school students) will need a binder, loose leaf paper and two pencils.**

Greek/English dictionaries are available for in class use; however, it is recommended that students have a copy of use at home and outside of class. They can be purchased at the church bookstore on Sundays, online or at a Borders or Barnes & Noble. All art supplies for projects will be provided by the Greek School unless students prefer to create their own projects at home.

As always, on behalf Kyria Eleni and myself, it is our pleasure to be your child's Greek language and culture teachers. We promise a rewarding journey of foreign language learning that will enlighten, excite, and enthuse. If there are any questions regarding your child's experience, please contact me at home: 371-7706 or cell: 429-1474 or e-mail me at: kiki@stsophiagreekschool.org. Parental support at home is crucial in successfully learning a foreign language, as well as open communication between parent, student, and teacher. Please do not hesitate to contact us. Sas eucharistoume!

With best regards,
Mrs. Kiki Maglaras
Κυρία Κική Μαγκλάρα
Director / Teacher