

The WEEKLY

September 16, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 22	8 th Grade ELA Prep begins 2:30-3:15
Sept. 23	8 th Grade Math Prep begins 2:30-3:15
Sept. 24	Meet and Greet (virtual) – 6:45pm
Sept. 25	Dress Down Day - \$1
Sept. 30	Handbook Agreement due

FROM THE OFFICE

- ♦ All student's emails should have been set up by now.
- ♦ All students must also accept all Google Classroom invitations sent to them for any classes not hosted by their homeroom teachers.
 - **Grades K-4:** Gym, Dance, Greek, Religion, Tech (grades 3 & 4), Music
 - **Grades 5-8:** All individual subjects
- ♦ **Yellow School Busses** are expected to start running on Monday, September 21.
- ♦ Supplement to the Student Handbook needs to be signed and returned to school (if it has not been done previously).
- ♦ The After School phone number (646) 340-9667
- ♦ The After School e-mail address gaiafterschool@gai-edu.org
- ♦ The Nurse's phone number is 347-810-7810

FROM THE PTO

- ♦ PTO has started issuing reimbursement checks for last year's events that did not occur. Reimbursements for last year's grades K through 3 have been mailed. We will continue reimbursing next week.
- ♦ We are planning a zoom meeting with GAI parents. Details on the date and time will be announced shortly.
- ♦ As always at the beginning of a new school year, we are looking for Class moms/dads. Please see the form attached.
- ♦ With any questions please contact us at gai.pto1@gmail.com.

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I have read this week's edition of "The WEEKLY"

Student's Name

Parent's signature

GREEK AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK

3573 BRUCKNER BOULEVARD
BRONX, NEW YORK 10461
TEL. (718) 823-2393



CYNTHIA DAFNIS
Assistant Principal

YIOTA PAPAGRIGORIOU
Director of Greek Dept.

JOHN ATTANAS
Principal

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Dear Parents,

I have long been a great consumer of news. I used to read daily newspapers and monthly magazines. I watched multiple new shows and documentaries. Starting this spring, however, I drastically cut down on my news consumption. I simply had to, as the news was so bad. As it got worse over the summer, I cut down even more. I even started watching TV shows I never would have watched in earlier times, just to keep my mood up, or at least to prevent it from crashing. Well, now it is time for some good news: GAI is open, teaching and learning are taking place, and the bumps in the road are, at this point, not too “bumpy.”

The educational process is a complex one for students and teachers. On the one news show I still watch, I recently saw a report about school re-openings around the world. Whether it is in Europe, Asia, Africa, or the Americas, schools are having similar problems and are dealing with them in similar ways. We are lucky that GAI is a small school. Because of our size, our teachers are able to focus on each student and are able to tailor instruction to each student’s needs and learning style. That is not to say that the problems we are facing are small. They are not. But because we are not hobbled by a large bureaucracy, we can create protocols quickly and change them if they need to be changed. Many thanks go to Ms. Dafnis, Ms. Yiota, and Ms. Kyriacou for their hard work in setting up guidelines for the current semester. Yet, this semester (more than any that has come before) is a work-in-progress. We will most certainly need to adapt over the course of the school year. We look for your suggestions. So if you have thoughts, feelings, or suggestions, please send them on. The GAI family is not that large, but it is strong. And that’s something to feel positive about!

John Attanas

CLASS PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Welcome to a new school year during these trying times. To comply with our schools COVID guidelines and have a sense of normalcy for our children, we are still in need of class parents. We need two volunteers for each grade. Being a class parent is a wonderful opportunity to work closely with your child's teacher and the PTO in support of our school. As parents, it is important to be involved in our children's lives; therefore, we are asking parents that have not volunteered in the past, to get involved. Being a class parent is not only rewarding for you, but to your child as well. As class parent coordinator, I look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact me at pieragai@aol.com or (646) 361-8289 if you have any questions or concerns. All correspondence for the time being will be electronically/virtually.

Please email this form as soon as possible to me. Upon being notified of being selected as class parent, you will receive a set of guidelines outlining your responsibilities.

Thank you in advance,

Piera Marciano
Class Parent Coordinator

If you would like to be Class Parent, email the following information to me at pieragai@aol.com

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



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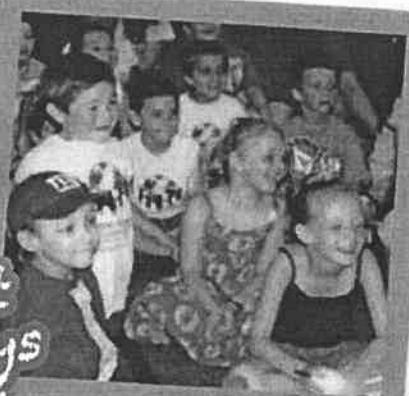
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- ✓ Independent Homework Time
- ✓ And More!

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The After-School Recreational Program offers a safe and fun environment for children who need a place to go after school.

Every day begins with independent homework time and snack, followed by many engaging activities designed to be fun and encourage social interactions.

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To register or learn more information about our program please call.

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*everyday school is in session **Offered when registered for at least 3 days a week

Registration Form

Complete and Return with \$100 Registration Fee plus Tuition

To register for the After-school Recreational Program, please check the sessions you want to enroll your child in:

- Monday
 Tuesday
 Wednesday
 Thursday
 Friday

Tuition for After School Recreational Program is \$240 a month plus a \$100 Registration Fee

Snacks are included in all programs!

Name: _____ School: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Does your child have an IEP? Yes _____ No _____

Parents' Names: _____

Mom's cell: _____ Dad's cell: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mom's Work Phone: _____ Dad's Work Phone: _____

Emergency #: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Please return this registration form with full payment to secure your child's place in the program.

Mail to:

Preston Center of Compassion
2780 Schurz Ave., Bronx, NY 10465
Attention: After School Programs
(Make checks payable to Preston Center of Compassion)

My child has permission to participate in the Afterschool Recreational Program. In case of an emergency, I can be reached at the phone number(s) listed above. I agree to allow Preston Center of Compassion to use any photographic image of my child taken at the PCC tutoring programs. These images may be used in promotions, newspaper articles, brochures, newsletters, or other related materials.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registration Form

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To register for the Tutoring Program, please check the sessions you want to enroll your child in:

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- Friday

Registration: To register and secure a place in the program, a one time non-refundable \$100 fee is due along with tuition at time of registration.

Tuition Fees are paid on a monthly basis:

1 day each week - \$155 per month

2 days each week- \$235 per month

3 days each week- \$310 per month

*4 days each week- \$375 per month **BEST VALUE**

*5 days each week (Fun Fridays)- \$425 per month **BEST VALUE**

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