

The WEEKLY

May 1, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2	English Honors Seminar -- 7 am
May 2	NYS Math Exam
May 2	ZP Vespers, Grades 6-8 to attend
May 3	ZP Day, Noon Dismissal, Bus Services, Afterschool
May 3	Spring Dance 7 – 10 pm, Grades 6-8
May 6	Girls' Basketball Game vs. DGK – Home
May 6	7 th Grade Math Prep – 2:30-3:15
May 7	Girls' Basketball Game vs. DGK - Away
May 7	Science Regents Prep 7 am
May 7	Knitting Club 2:30-3:15
May 8	Mother's Day Book Fair
May 8	After School Chorus, Group B 2:15-3:15

FROM THE OFFICE

- Wednesday, May 15th – Evening of the Arts – 7 pm
- Thursday, May 16 – Friday, May 17 – Overnight Trip to Hershey, PA, Grades 6-8.
- The After School phone number is 646-340-9667
- The Nurse's phone number is 347-810-7810

FROM THE PTO

- Welcome back!
- May 8–9, Book Fair and Spring Sale Boutique. We need volunteers! Please contact us at gai.pto1@gmail.com
- May 15th - Evening of the Arts. Save the date!
- PTO General Assembly is rescheduled for May 20th, 2019
- Our Annual Walkathon is coming up. Walkathon t-shirt ad is \$300. See attached flyer.
- Open House today 6-8 p.m. Please spread the word.
- Last call for T-shirt artwork. Please submit by Friday, May 3.
- Please join us for Team Kat Kids Walk for Kids with Cancer this Saturday, May 4th in Central Park. See attached flyer.
- Save the date for the 3rd Annual Gina Hooks Memorial, honoring Constandina Papastefanou and supporting her with her battle against breast Cancer. Tickets and sponsorship are available via eventbrite, venmo, and check. Checks may be payable to Gina Hooks Memorial. Donations appreciated. Please see attached flyer.

May 1st, 2019

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

Student's Name

Parent's signature

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May 1, 2019

Dear Parents,

Xristos Anesti!

I hope everyone rejoiced in the Anastasi reflected by our Lord's resurrection.

NYS Math Exams are being administered for grades 3-8. Please make sure your children get a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast and have enough pencils.

Our Open House is this evening from 6-8 p.m. Please spread the word.

Deficiencies will be mailed this week. If your child receives one – make an appointment immediately – it indicates your child is in academic jeopardy!

Our Science Exposition for Grades 5-7 is Thursday, May 9th. More Information to follow.

This Friday is our Junior High Spring Dance from 7-10 p.m. A way to celebrate and enjoy.

As always, thank you for your support and cooperation.

Anne Prokop
Principal



G.A.I 2019 SCIENCE FAIR

Thursday May 9th, 2019

5th grade will begin at **10:50 A.M. to 11:50 A.M.**
(Awards at 11:45)

6th grade will begin at **11:50 A.M. to 12:45 P.M.**
(Awards at 12:40)

7th Grade will begin at **12:45 to 1:45** (Awards at 1:50)

Only parents of the students participating are welcome to attend

Please email: lauren.stafford@gai-edu.org with any further questions

*The Greek American Institute will be having
its annual...*

SPRING DANCE

~Friday, May 3rd~

~7 p.m-10 p.m~

~\$10 per person~

~Grades 6-8~

~There will be food and refreshments~



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April 30, 2019

Dear Parents,

This coming Friday, May 3rd from 7-10 pm, is our spring dance for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. The cost is \$10. There will be a DJ, snacks, drinks, and pizza. If you would like your child to attend, please fill out the tear off below, return it with your child, and attach \$10 (cash or check – made out to GAI).

Thank you.

Yours truly,

John Attanas

Yes, I allow my child _____ attend the 2019 Spring Dance on Friday, May 3rd, 7-10 pm.

Parent Signature _____

It's That Time of Year...

G.A.I. 2018-19 Yearbook Order Form



**Featuring 8th Grade and Kindergarten Graduates,
Multiple Class Photo and Question Pages for Each Grade,
Club Photos, Events Pages, Sports, Plays and More!**

GAI Yearbook Order Form ~ DUE May 15th

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

of Yearbooks: _____ **Total Enclosed (\$30 per book):** _____

CASH or CHECK (CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO *GREEK AMERICAN INSTITUTE*)

Adults
\$50

Join us for Our 3rd Annual

Gina Hooks Memorial

Kids
Free!

Sat Jun 29 12:00

Bouncy
Castle



Face
Painting

RAFFLES

Live
Music



Food &
Bar

Proceeds from this year's event will go to Constandina Papastefanou. Let's support her with her battle against breast cancer.

Tickets and Sponsorship are available and donations can be made through [venmo](#) or [Eventbrite](#)



Contact us:

GinaHooksMemorial@gmail.com



The Redwood Club ~ 2680 Schurz Ave, Bx, NY

[REGISTER](#)[DONATE](#)**KIDS WALK**
YOU ARE THE DIFFERENCE

Welcome to Our Kids Walk Team Page

Team: Team Kat

Event Location: Central Park, NYC

Date: May 4, 2019

[DONATE](#)[JOIN OUR TEAM](#)

\$10,000
Fundraising Goal

\$4,830
Fundraising Total



HOPE CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

It was a beautiful summer morning on August 28, 2013, when life - with all its twists, turns, and surprises - would leave its impact on our daughter's life, and ours - forever. Our daughter, Katerina Paris Daskalakis - at the age of 4 - would be faced with the most difficult challenge of her life. While we sat in New York Weill Cornell Hospital waiting for her test results, Katerina was running around - as if nothing was wrong - and as happy as could be. Shortly thereafter, the doctors informed us that she had a tumor on her kidney - and would need immediate surgery to remove the tumor. Wilms' Tumor, a rare cancer affecting only about 500 children in the United States annually - had suddenly become a reality in Katerina's - as well as our life. Surgery was immediately done at New York Weill Cornell Hospital - and in early September we were introduced, to what would become - our family at Memorial Sloan Kettering. The compassion, love, understanding, and genuine care of the Memorial Sloan Kettering staff was apparent from the first moment we were there; all while they reassured us that everything would be ok - and helped us to understand this medical issue, in every way. An example of the care we received was when one of the child life volunteers - Mr. Chris - would sing to Katerina for hours, before she got her chemotherapy treatment. Without Memorial Sloan Kettering, we can't even begin to imagine how we would have survived this entire process.

Katerina's birthday is on May 8th - and as she turns 10 years old - we reflect back on the journey we've been on. We want to pay it forward, so there is always help and support for other children

The Kids Walk for Kids with Cancer is on Saturday May 04, 2019 in Central Park. Join us for this special and amazing walk, so that together we can fight cancer every step of the way - and prove that "**HOPE CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS.**" Help us make a difference!

We're walking with Kids Walk for Kids with Cancer to raise critical funds for pediatric cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK). The money we raise will help find more effective and less toxic treatments for pediatric cancers, giving hope to kids with cancer and their families around the world. 100% of the funds raised through Kids Walk will go directly to pediatric cancer research at MSK.

Why do we walk?

Because approximately 16,000 kids in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer each year and that number is growing. And because, despite this, pediatric cancers are drastically underfunded.

Because many treatments for kids with cancer can be painful and toxic, leaving children with lasting health problems.

Because by raising money and walking, we can show our support for family and friends who have been touched by cancer. Kids Walk is the way that we can make a difference and help kids with cancer.

Plant the Seeds of Your High School Journey and



INTO HIGH SCHOOL!

We welcome all 6th and 7th graders to start their high school search today and join us for a sneak peek of all that MRHS has to offer.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 4:00pm

MARIA REGINA HIGH SCHOOL, 500 W. HARTSDALE AVE., HARTSDALE, NY

VISIT WWW.MARIAREGINA.ORG TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION





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April 12, 2019

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

The GAI PTO invites you to join our Walkathon as an event sponsor. This annual event raises money for enrichment programs and promotes student fitness. GAI's students will collect pledges from friends and family members before walking with their classmates at the Walkathon on May 24, 2019. Our goal this year is to raise \$6,000 through businesses and sponsorships.

The Walkathon provides an opportunity to promote your company and to support the teachers and students of The Greek American Institute. Please consider sponsoring the event at one of these levels.

Silver Level - \$100

- Business name posted on PTO Bulletin Board, and newsletter.

Gold Level - \$300

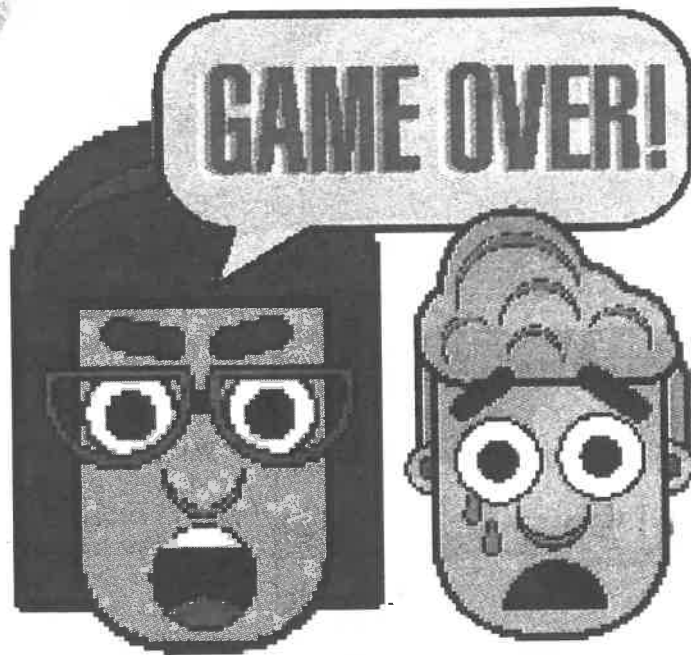
- Business name posted on PTO Bulletin Board, and newsletter
- Logo printed on event t-shirt to be given to participants


If you are able to contribute, please make your check payable to Greek American Institute PTO and write "Walkathon Sponsor" in the memo line. Please include the Company Information/name you would like printed as a sponsor. Checks can be mailed to GAI or hand delivered to the main office. Contributions are tax deductible. A receipt with Tax ID can be provided upon request.

If you would like additional information, please contact us by email at Gai.pto1@gmail.com. The deadline to sponsor this year's event is May 8, 2019. Sponsorship space is limited on T-shirts, and will be determined on a first come first served basis.

Sincerely,

The Greek American Institute PTO



I don't care how much he pleads
— there's no way in  I'm
letting my kid play Fortnite

I am the meanest mom in the world: I won't let my kid play Fortnite Battle Royale.

My objections may be futile — with 200 million registered users, Fortnite is more popular than porn. But we all have our lines in the sand, and this is mine.

Look, I know all the pro-Fortnite arguments: It's social! It's bonding with dad! It's only cartoon violence! Here are seven reasons why it's still off the table for my kid.

The alarming weapons roster:

Even though the violence is bloodless, the weapons are real — and scary. They include shotguns, sub-machine guns, semi-automatic sniper rifles and pistols. We're raising our son to know that guns aren't fun: They kill people and animals. Letting him play a game like this would send one hell of a mixed message.

The do-or-die premise: One hundred wannabe-killers are dropped on an island with the goal of being the last man standing? The jury may be out on how violent entertainment impacts kids, but there's no way identifying with a killing machine can be great for one's development.

The cartoon violence: Frankly, if kids are going to be “picking up” submachine guns, they should know the real results: blood and guts, victims screaming, families sobbing on the news. Think your kid's not ready for that? Then they're not ready for this, either.

It's interfering with school: In 2018, 27 percent of teens surveyed by



**Mary
Huhn**

Common Sense Media reported playing Fortnite in class. Something to brag about on those college applications.

It's costing me money: Remember when kids saved their lawn-cutting money for a new bike? Now they're blowing it on Fortnite extras, including “skins” (costumes) and accessories. That's how Epic Games made more than \$2.4 billion from Fortnite — an otherwise free game — in 2018, according to Nielsen's SuperData. Also, that pocket change comes out of my pocket. No thanks.

It's killing normal play dates: Whatever happened to meeting your friends at the park, or even getting together to play Wii? Hanging out online, as kids do for Fortnite, is sometimes OK, but it's no replacement for face-to-face interaction with your peers.

It's like kid crack: Some research says that video games flood our brains with dopamine — the same happy chemical that rushes in when you win a poker game, shoot heroin or eat chocolate. Fortnite and other video games are inherently designed for this Machiavellian purpose — to deliver small rewards that hit the brain's pleasure center, compelling players to come back for more.

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GAI vs. DGK

GIRLS BASKETBALL HOME GAME

Date of Game: Monday May 6th

Time of Game: 4:00 P.M.

Supervising Teachers: Ms. Sino Ms. Coscia

Grades Attending: 4th - 8th

Please return form by: ASAP

Please complete below, detach and submit to teacher.

I, the parent of _____ in grade _____ request that the school allows my child to participate in the _____ on _____ (date).

I hereby release and save harmless the Greek American Institute and any and all of its employees from any and all liability for any and all harm arising to my child as a result of this game.

I give our consent medical care and accept financial responsibility for such are.

I will pick up my child by 5 p.m. I am aware that my child will be sent to the After School Program and I will be charged the daily rate if not picked up promptly.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Weekly
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The Preston High School Experience
Spring Information Session
Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

This event is intended for 6th and 7th grade girls and their families who are interested in learning more about applying to Catholic High Schools and becoming a Preston High School student.

Topics will include:

- The process of applying for admission
- Scholarship and Financial Aid Opportunities
- Academic program
- Social environment
- Admission requirements
- What makes the Preston experience unique
- How to best prepare for the TACHS exam
- Prestons' Reach for Excellence Program
- Fact vs. Myth: What life is really like in an all-girls Catholic High School

Campus tours upon request

***For more information, or to RSVP,
call our Admissions Office at 718-863-9134, ext. 131***

Weekly 6/7

Preston's Reach for Excellence Program

PROJECT PREPARE/TACHS PREP

REGISTRATION FORM 2019

You are encouraged to register early as our programs fill quickly. Please complete this form and return with your payment. **Make checks payable to Preston High School.** Mail to Preston High School 2780 Schurz Avenue Bronx NY 10465

Name: _____

Grade in September _____ Current Elementary School _____

I would like to register for: **Project Prepare** (7-8th grade girls) []
\$600.00 (includes registration fee)
Please select shirt size (adults) S M L XL

TACHS Prep (8th grade girls and boys) []
\$325.00

1. Street Address: _____

2. City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3. Parent/Guardian: _____

4. Preferred contact #: _____ Business: _____

5. Additional contact #: _____ Parent E-MAIL: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Parents/Guardians: Does your child take any medications? (circle one) **Yes No**

If YES, please explain _____

Does your child have any allergies or special needs that would be important for us to know?
(circle one) **Yes No**

If YES, please explain _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

For Office Use Only: Date:

Payment Method: Check#

MO#

Cash