

The WEEKLY

October 2, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Oct. 4 | Montfort Academy visits – 12:00 |
| Oct. 7 | St. Vincent Ferrer HS visits – 9 am |
| Oct. 7 | Autumn Club permission slips go out |
| Oct. 7 | 8 th Grade ELA Prep – 2:30-3:15 |
| Oct. 8 | 8 th Grade Math Prep – 2:30-3:15 |
| Oct. 8 | After School Chorus, Group A (Grades 4, 5, 6) - 2:15-3:15 |
| Oct. 9 | Boys' Basketball Practice 2:30-3:30 |
| Oct. 9 | Cheerleading Practice 2:30-3:30 |
| Oct. 9 | Knitting Club 2:30-3:15 |

FROM THE OFFICE

- ◆ Preston HS and Maria Regina HS visit – Thursday, October 10th
- ◆ Columbus Day – School Closed – Monday, October 14th
- ◆ Winter Uniform Begins – Tuesday, October 15th
- ◆ Student Council Election – Tuesday, October 15th
- ◆ The After School phone # 6463409667, e-mail address is gaiafterschool@gai-edu.org

FROM THE PTO

- ◆ Ladies' Night was a huge success! Thank you for all who came to support it! With our raffle profit we now are able to sponsor a rug for one of our classrooms!
- ◆ Home Goods Sale starts on October 10.
- ◆ 4th Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 18th. As always volunteers are greatly appreciated. Flyer is attached.
- ◆ Last chance to become a Class Parent! We would like to provide our hardworking teachers with at least 2 class parent volunteers. Dads are welcome! The form is attached.
- ◆ We also need parents to volunteer for the kindergarten, first, and second grade lunch periods. All moms and dads are welcome! Please contact Piera Marciano at pieragai@aol.com or (646)361-8289.
- ◆ PTO Halloween Pizza Day is Thursday, October 31st – all donations are appreciated. Class treats are encouraged!

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

Student's Name

Parent's signature

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October 1, 2019

Dear Parents,

It is now October, and school is in full swing. I have been thinking about Beethoven lately. Actually, I think about Beethoven a lot. I first heard his music when I was about eight years old, and I have long considered him the greatest of composers. I bring up Beethoven because he is relevant to the lives of our students and our school. When he was very young he showed a vast musical talent. His father drove him mercilessly, and young Beethoven was highly stressed by his father's demands. When Beethoven was in his twenties, he began to lose his hearing. By his forties he was completely deaf. When his Ninth Symphony was first performed, he could not hear a note of it, nor could he hear the applause coming from the audience. Beethoven struggled throughout his life with the demands of his family, the demands of the musical world, and a serious disability. Yet, he triumphed over them all, and he is still considered one of the true musical greats.

The faculty at GAI wants your children to grow both intellectually and culturally. However, we want your children to learn in a calm, relatively stress-free environment. In our difficult world, this is not an easy task. It would be nice to produce a few new Beethovens, but we do not want to do this by creating overstressed and overwhelmed youngsters. *We do*, however, want to focus on the best our world offers. Our school has a long history of introducing students to the finest in Hellenic culture and world culture. I intend to push this further. We will never settle for the "common" when we can emphasize the "great." This should not be a stressful process. Learning should always be enjoyable for both the child and the teacher. Let us join together in accentuating what is greatest in our world and in enjoying ourselves as we are so doing. And let us remember Beethoven – a genius who struggled on many fronts, but overcame his problems and left us with an amazing body of work.

John Attanas

Faculty and Staff Quiz

1. Which teacher is fluent in English, Hindi, and Bengali?
2. Which teacher lived in 4 states: New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island?
3. Which teacher was offered soccer scholarships to two Division One Colleges?
4. Which teacher was born in Brazil?
5. Which teacher has a brother who works as an agent in Hollywood?

Check next week for answers!

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Mr. Attanas and Ms. Johansson
2. Ms. Jessica
3. Ms. Whitney
4. Ms. Petre
5. Ms. Siino

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September 16, 2019

Dear Parents,

Once a month, Mr. Attanas and Ms. Dafnis will be joining a grade for lunch to chat. Pizza will be provided.

It will be as follows:

September – Kindergarten
October – 1st Grade
November – 2nd Grade
December – 3rd Grade
January – 4th Grade
February – 5th Grade
March – 6th Grade
April – 7th Grade
May – 8th Grade

You will be informed in advance of the date.

Thank you,

Administration

Grade: _____

1st

Date: _____

Friday, October 25th

AFTER SCHOOL CHORUS

Fall 2019

October

Group A: 8, 22
Group B: 15, 29

November

Group A: 12, 26
Group B: 19

December

Group A: 10
Group B: 3, 17

Groups are as follow

Group A: Grades 4, 5, and 6

Group B: Grades 1, 2, and 3

Class Parent Volunteers Needed

We are currently seeking parents to volunteer for the position of class parent. 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. You will work with our class parent coordinator, Mrs. Piera Marciano. She can be reached at pieragai@aol.com or (646) 361-8289 if you have any questions or concerns.

Please return the bottom tear off to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Upon being notified of being selected as class parent, you will receive a set of guild lines outlining your responsibilities.

Thank you in advance,

GAI PTO

If you would like to be Class Parent, please complete and return to your child's homeroom teacher.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Join us
at G.A.I.'s
Annual

Trunk *or* Treat



 Decorated Trunks / Candy

 Crafts, Games & Prizes

 Haunted Vestibule

 Jack-o-Lantern Auction

Friday, October 18

Snack  bar

6:30 p.m.

\$5.00 per person

 Each child will receive a trick or treat bag 

Please volunteer to help make this fundraiser a success!

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GAI Special Events Committee



Dear Class Moms,

Friday, October 18, 2019 is Trunk or Treat at G.A.I. We are asking all class moms to volunteer.

Class Moms volunteering will help to supervise the event, manning stations with our 7 and 8th grade volunteers (more info to follow).

Please contact gaispecialevents@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your help and support.

Special Events Committee



SUBMIT YOUR ORIGINAL ARTWORK,
CREATED ON A 3" x 3" POST-IT,
TO BE DISPLAYED AT GAI.

ANY STUDENT FROM KINDERGARTEN - 8TH
GRADE MAY SUBMIT WORK. (LIMIT 1 ARTWORK
PER PERSON) PUT YOUR NAME ON THE BOTTOM,
RIGHT HAND SIDE.

ALL SUBMISSIONS CAN BE PLACED IN
MS. JESSICA'S MAILBOX. (K-5TH CAN BE HANDED IN TO
YOUR TEACHER)



Hope this letter finds you well!

As mentioned at the first PTO meeting, we are collecting box tops again this year. Box Tops are an easy way for our school to make money. All you have to do is collect the box tops off of items that have them and bring them in to school.

This year, Box Tops has gone digital as well. This means that we can earn even more money in more ways. There are two ways that we, as a school, can earn the money digitally.

Option 1

- Download Box Tops App
- Create an account and designate "Greek American Institute" as the school.
- Start scanning all receipts. Receipts must be scanned within 14 days of purchase.

Option 2

- Bring in receipts. Place in an envelope labeled Box Tops. Please remember that receipts must be scanned within 14 days of purchase.
- We will scan them and shred the receipts. (Feel free to cross out any credit card information before handing in)
- The receipts can be from anywhere that you buy groceries, paper products, and cleaning products (supermarkets, Target, Walmart, Costco, Staples, etc.) **The receipts must be scanned within 14 days of making the purchase.**

Option 3

- Cut Box Tops from any items that offer them.
- Place in an envelope labeled box tops.
- Bring in to school.

As mentioned above, this is an easy way to make money. Please ask your friends and family to save all their receipts and box tops! Let's see if we can make **at least \$1000** for the school! We know we can do this!!!



Back by popular demand...



Please join us for a Gentleman's night:

Hot Food Buffet

Open Bar

Outdoor Cigar Smoking

Great Company

When: October 25, 2019 @7pm - 11pm

Where: ZP Community Center

3573 Bruckner Blvd, Bronx NY 10461

Tickets: \$50pp (B.Y.O.C - Bring your own cigars)

Please RSVP by October 18 to ensure proper headcount

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Donations are welcomed and appreciated!