

The WEEKLY

March 24, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 25	Annunciation Greek Independence Day – School Open
March 25	Writing Lab with Ms. Coscia 2:30-3:15
March 26	Dress Down Day - \$1
March 28	Catholic Palm Sunday
March 30	7 th Grade ELA Prep 2:30-3:15
March 31	7 th Grade Math Prep 2:30-3:15

FROM THE OFFICE

- ◆ Friday, April 2 – School Closed
Catholic/Protestant Good Friday
- ◆ Sunday, April 4 – Catholic Easter
- ◆ Monday, April 5 – Thursday, April 8
Terra Nova Exams for grades K – 2;
All exams are to be given in person. An e-mail explaining the process will be sent soon.
- ◆ **GAI Presents - Rise**
Please see the Flyer and the Ticket Request Form attached.
- ◆ Below is a link to a website of an organization that offers scholarships to private schools. It's worth a try.
<https://scholarshipfund.org>
- ◆ 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

- ◆ **To our Catholic families – Happy Palm Sunday!**
- ◆ Chocolate will be distributed on 4/14/21. Remote learners, please arrange for a pick up. Please email us @ GAI.PTO1 if you would like any additional boxes.
- ◆ Please remit PTO dues for the 2020/2021 school year if you have not done so already.
- ◆ Feel free to contact us via email with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

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

Student's Name

Parent's signature



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

March 24, 2021

John Attanas
Principal

Dear Parents,

Cynthia Dafnis
Assistant Principal

March is nearing its close. April is nigh. And so much is left to do.

Yiota Papagrigoriou
Director of Greek Department

Last night we presented a Professional Development session for parents and teachers led by Joe Cantara of Brienza's Academic Advantage. Joe had spoken to our faculty earlier this year, and he was such a strong presenter that we invited him to make a presentation to you – our parents. To those parents who attended – thank you so very much.

Joanne Kyriacou
Dean of Students

Next we have some standardized testing: Terra Nova exams for grades K-2 and NYS exams for grades 3-8. It should be noted, however, that New York State has applied for a waiver from the federal government to cancel the grade 3-8 exams. More to come on that in future days. But please do not panic about standardized tests. GAI is not a “test” school. We give tests, but we do not live and die by tests.

And then there is everything else, such as reading, quizzes, projects, and more. I want to thank our faculty and staff for their amazing work during this strange year. But we are far from done. In fact, one of our biggest projects remains. In May we will be presenting a show entitled *RISE* in our parking lot. It will celebrate our school, how it survived the darkest days of the pandemic, how it opened in September and stayed open for most of the year, and how it will move forward in the autumn to even greater successes. Directed by Ms. Kyriacou, this show will combine dance, music, and poetry. I am helping out a bit, and I must say I am very excited. We want you to be excited too. And we want you to come. More information on our show will follow.

As I write this, it is drizzling out. But I feel very “up.” Thank you, and enjoy the start of spring.

John Attanas

Newsflash by Ms. Dafnis

- Congratulations to alumni, Georgianna Karounos, Foteini Dule, Gjoana Gjoni, and Amanda Pjetrushu for receiving First Honors, and Konstantina Siskos for Commended Achievement at Preston High School.
- Congratulations to alumni Theodore and George Michael Daskalakis for maintaining Principal's Honor Roll at Fordham Preparatory School.
- 3K/PKA application is now open until April 30th. If you or anyone you know is interested in our program, please log into schools.nyc.gov for the application. If you have any questions, call me 718-823-2393 for assistance on the process.
- It is finally Spring!!! Recess has resumed outside.
- The Student Council raised \$401 during the bake sale which will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Great job!

We are in the last trimester. Can you believe it? We thank God as we successfully remained open for in-person learning, for a great part of the school year. Let's continue to have a productive, safe and healthy rest of the school year!



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

John Attanas
Principal

TOPIC: Bicentennial of 1821 Revolution

"To erase a part from the past is like erasing an equal part from the future."

Cynthia Dafnis
Assistant Principal

Georgios Seferis

Yiota Papagrighoriou
Director of Greek Department

Every year on the 25th of March, Greeks celebrate a double holiday: a historical and a religious one. Greeks celebrate the successful War Of Independence against the Ottoman Empire (1821-1829) and the Annunciation by Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would bear the son of God.

Joanne Kyriacou
Dean of Students

March 25, 2021, is a fundamental historic milestone for Greece, as it marks 200 years since the outbreak of the Greek Revolution in 1821, which led to the creation of the modern Greek state in 1832 by the Treaty of Constantinople.

The Greek Revolution was largely inspired by the French and American revolutions, and it was the result of the uprising of people, that had preserved their national consciousness, and religious identity through the centuries, against the Ottomans. The uprising was even more remarkable given the fact that Greeks had lived under the Ottoman rule for nearly 400 years.

Tomorrow, Greeks throughout the world will be commemorating the deeds of their ancestors who gave their lives so that they can live in a free and democratic society.

Tomorrow, today, and every day, we remember all people who remain oppressed and lack the freedom we enjoy.

Χρόνια πολλά, (Hronia polla= "For Many More Years")
Yiota Papagrighoriou

[The video clip for the Bicentennial of 1821 Revolution](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2KUXkA9JFw)

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Enjoy!!



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

John Attanas
Principal

TOPIC: Greek Regents Prep

Dear Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents:

Cynthia Dafnis
Assistant Principal

This year we will once again be offering a Greek Regents after school Prep class. This class will be open to all 7th & 8th graders who intend to take the Greek Regents in the 8th grade.

Yiota Papagrigoriou
Director of Greek Department

The schedule is as follows:

Joanne Kyriacou
Dean of Students

Thursday , April 1 -2:30-3:30
Thursday , April 8 -2:30-3:30
Thursday ,April 15 - 2:30-3:30
Thursday, April 22 -2:30-3:30
Thursday , May 6 -2:30-3:30
Thursday , May 13 -2:30-3:30
Thursday , May 20 - 2:30-3:30
Thursday , May 27 - 2:30-3:30

Kind regards,
Yiota Papagrigoriou

Yes, my child will participate in the Greek Regents after school Prep.

No, my child will not participate in the Greek Regents after school Prep.

Child's Name

Parent's signature

**LIST OF HIGH SCHOOLS & COLLEGES THAT RECOGNIZE
THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION IN MODERN GREEK**

HIGH SCHOOLS		UNIVERSITIES/ COLLEGES	
New York State	Out of State	New York State	Out of State
LONG ISLAND CITY HIGH SCHOOL, L.I.C.	FORT LEE HS, NJ	HUNTER COLLEGE, CUNY	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, NJ
ST. FRANCIS PREP, Queens	SOUTH BRUNSWICK HS, Monmouth Junction, NJ	QUEENS COLLEGE, CUNY	ST. ELIZABETH COLLEGE, Morristown, NJ
FORT HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL, Brooklyn	HILLSBOROUGH HS Hillsborough, NJ	SUNY, Buffalo, NY	SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, Orange, NJ
NEWCOMERS HIGH SCHOOL, L.I.C.	MANVILLE HS Manville, NJ	ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE, Brooklyn, NY	HELLENIC COLLEGE OF HOLY CROSS, Brookline, MA
W.C. BRYANT HIGH SCHOOL, L.I.C.	HUNTERDON CENTRAL REGIONAL HS, Flemington, NJ	BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY, NY	JOHNSON & WALLEES UNIVERSITY, Providence, RI
ACADEMY OF AMERICAN STUDIES, L.I.C.	IMMACULATA HS Somerville, NJ		CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY, Newport News, VA
FRANK SINATRA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, Astoria	POWER SCHOOL, NJ		OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY, Norfolk, VA
HERRICKS HIGH SCHOOL, New Hyde Park	PARKWAY SCHOOLS, Chesterfield, MO		OH STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, OH
THE STEINWAY I.S.141, L.I.C.	NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL, Norwalk, CT		YOUNGSTOWN UNIVERSITY, OH
MANHATTAN ACADEMY FOR ARTS & LANGUAGE, NYC	NATHAN HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL, Norwalk, CT		WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY, Dayton, OH
THE NIGHTINGALE-BAMFORD SCHOOL, Manhattan			
FRANCIS LEWIS H.S., Queens			
COMPREHENSIVE MODEL SCHOOL PROJECT M.S. 327, Bronx			
LOCUST VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, Locust Valley			
OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, Oceanside			
TAPPAN ZEE HIGH SCHOOL, Orangeburg			
MAMARONECK HS, Westchester			
EASTCHESTER HS, Westchester			
BRONXVILLE HS, Westchester			