

# The WEEKLY

November 6, 2019

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Nov. 7	Cooking Club begins 2:30-3:15
Nov. 8	TACHS Exam – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade is out
Nov. 8	Pizza Lunch with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Nov. 8	FDNY Presentation – 9 am grades Kindergarten through 3
Nov. 11	Veterans' Day – School Closed
Nov. 12	Veterans' Day Presentation 9:45 – 10:30
Nov. 12	Tennis Club 2:30-3:15
Nov. 13	International Day
Nov. 13	Art Club – 2:30-3:15
Nov. 13	Knitting Club 2:30-3:15
Nov. 13	Boys' Basketball Game vs. St. Nick's - Away
Nov. 13	Cheerleading Practice – 2:30-3:30

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

- ◆ Readers' Day – Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ PTO Meeting – Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- ◆ The nurse's phone number 347-810-7810
- ◆ The After School phone number 646-340-9667, e-mail address is [gaiafterschool@gai-edu.org](mailto:gaiafterschool@gai-edu.org)

## **FROM THE PTO**

- ◆ Thank you to all the parents who volunteered at the Halloween Party. Thank you all for your generous donations from pizza to chips and beverages, and candies. It was great to see new faces and old faces which made set up much faster and enjoyable!
- ◆ The HomeGoods Sale is over. Because this is a mandatory fundraiser, if you have not placed your order earlier please submit the \$30 (check or money order) directly to PTO.
- ◆ Non mandatory Cheese Cakes and Pies Fundraiser is on now. If you would like to receive your delicious pies and cakes by Thanksgiving, please place your order no later than November 15. Order form is attached.
- ◆ Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - International Day. All parents are welcome to visit your children's classrooms for a little presentation form 9:30-10:30 am
- ◆ Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Bake Sale
- ◆ Photo re-takes, team pictures, 8<sup>th</sup> and Kindergarten graduations pictures and Faculty pictures will be taken on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Save the date: December 6<sup>th</sup> – Winter Wonderland Party. More info to follow. We are also looking for vendors. Please contact us at [gai.pto1@gmail.com](mailto:gai.pto1@gmail.com)
- ◆ We are now collecting BoxTops. Please drop off in the Conference Room.
- ◆ A big thank you to Foteini Samartzi and her family for generous donation of a new microwave for the cafeteria.

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

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Student's Name

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Parent's signature

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Dear Parents,

Yesterday was Election Day. I voted. As election days go, this one wasn't very important. There was a city wide Public Advocate race, a District Attorney race, a few judicial races, and five ballot questions. No president, no senate, no congress. Nevertheless, I voted. I haven't missed an election in more years than I care to remember. I love to vote.

We are lucky to live in a country that not only holds elections, but holds elections that are run fairly. We could quibble (and often do), but overall American elections are some of the fairest in the world. At GAI we hold elections too. Just a few weeks ago, we elected a student government president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. In three of the four races there were clear winners. One race was so close we had to do a recount. It was very fulfilling to see students speak at our candidate assembly, and very exciting to watch the votes being counted. Congratulations to this year's victors: Sanja Radakovic, Georgiana Karounos, Irene Saroukos, and Christina Katehis.

Our society is very divided, and we often forget that many wonderful things that we possess. I see this in our own small school. There are many arguments, and we often no longer appreciate the many blessings that we have been given. Over the past twenty years American elections have resulted more in controversy than in community. Nevertheless, the fact that we can vote for our representatives and be sure that our votes are recorded is an amazing thing. Please remind your children that in our country our lives are not decided by invisible hands. On Election Day we make our choices. They should know that when they turn eighteen, they will be able to go to the polls and choose their leaders. We are blessed.

John Attanas

## News Flashes

- ❖ Even though the school was closed on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, GAI teachers attended DOE and Archdiocese Professional Development workshop.

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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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
January – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
February – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
March – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
April – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
May – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

You will be informed in advance of the date.

Thank you,

Administration

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Grade:

2nd grade

Date:

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

# Which table would you rather sit at for Thanksgiving?



Of course the one full of food!!

How would you feel if you had to go to bed hungry?

Please donate!!!!

- Canned food
- Non- Perishable food
- Clothing

The student council is organizing a Love Kitchen food drive.  
Please bring as many things as possible to give to ones that don't have anything.

Please bring in any food or clothing ASAP



The Greek American Institute  
Invites You to Come

# Walking in a Winter Wonderland

**Vendors Wanted! All Are Welcome!**  
**December 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm**

'Tis the season once again! As the holidays approach, we want to help make the season a little easier for parents by giving them the opportunity to shop and have some holiday fun with their families. Vendors will be on hand with beautiful items for purchase, while you and yours enjoy pictures with Santa, music, hot cocoa stand, Christmas carols and much more!

Vendors, you will have a starting client base within the GAI Community. All are Welcome! Please share with friends and family. Contact [Gai.Pto1@gmail.com](mailto:Gai.Pto1@gmail.com) with any questions. As always, donations are greatly appreciated!

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**Pictures with Santa, Caroling, Christmas presents, Hot Cocoa Stand, Dinner, Wine, Raffles, and so much more!**

Adults	Children	Children under 4	Vendors	# of guests
\$35.00	\$20	Free	\$100. (includes 1 free admission)	
\$40.00 at door	\$25 at door	Free		

**Volunteer Positions** (The PTO will try to match helpers with their desired roles)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> setup and décor | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa         | <input type="checkbox"/> general room monitors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buffet server   | <input type="checkbox"/> gift wrappers | <input type="checkbox"/> budget helpers        |

Parent/guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name/teacher/grade \_\_\_\_\_

