

The WEEKLY

January 8, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 10	Spelling Bee 9 am
Jan. 10	Pizza lunch for grades 3 and 4 with Mr. Attanas and Ms. Dafnis
Jan. 13	PTO Bake Sale
Jan. 14	Greek Archdiocese Spelling Bee
Jan. 14	Afterschool Chorus 2:15-3:15
Jan. 15	Art Club 2:30-3:15, Grades 1, 2, & 3
Jan. 15	Knitting Club 2:30-3:15

FROM THE OFFICE

- ♦ The Three Hierarchs' Celebration is on Sunday, January 26, 2020. **Although you pre-paid for your tickets, you must email the school to make reservations by January 17. Please make sure the email includes a list of all the individual names of those attending and if they are an adult or child.** The email is secretary@gai-edu.org
- ♦ Thursday, January 16 – Art Club for Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 starts
- ♦ Friday, January 17 – PTO Sport's Night
- ♦ Monday, January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School Closed
- ♦ Tuesday, January 21 – 3K and PKA Open House 6:30-7:30 pm

- ♦ The nurse's phone number 347-810-7810
- ♦ The After School e-mail address is gaiafterschool@gai-edu.org

FROM THE PTO

- ♦ Happy New Year to all!
- ♦ Chocolates will be given out this week. Reminder: the first box is pre-paid with your PTO dues. Please make our chocolate sales a success, ask for more!
- ♦ PTO Bake Sale is Monday, January 13th.
- ♦ We are now collecting donations for our Fashion Show Grand Raffle. Please contact the office at 718-823-2393.
- ♦ As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with the Three Hierarchs Luncheon.

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

Student's Name

Parent's signature

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2020!

As the new year begins, we have much to discuss. We are now deep into the second trimester, with many great events upcoming. First, we have Three Hierarchs Day. This event is one of the few in which the entire school takes part. Under the direction of the amazing Ms. Kyriacou, our students celebrate Greek learning with a performance of Greek dances from both the mainland and the islands. I look forward to seeing all parents at the show, and I hope we can talk for a few minutes about our school and our hopes for the future. I expect *all* students to take part in the performance. Three Hierarchs Day is a school day. Attendance is required. In recent years, some students have chosen to not be a part of the performance, and have provided no explanation save for "I don't want to be there." That is no longer acceptable. If a student cannot attend school on Three Hierarchs Day, he/she will be marked absent and will also be given a written assignment on Greek Culture by their teacher.

Next, in February we will have midterms for sixth and seventh grades. Study guides will be handed out after Martin Luther King Day. The order of the midterms is the following: English, Math, Science,

Social Studies, and Greek.

Finally, we will have midwinter break from February 17th – 21st. By that point in the year we will most certainly have had some snow, many frigid days, and dark thoughts worthy of Edvard Munch. But soon enough, the sun will begin to set later, and spring will be just over the horizon. There is always something to look forward to.

John Attanas

Newsflash by Ms. Dafnis

Welcome Back!!!

- I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.
- Congratulations to our Vasilopita winners:
Kindergarten-Emilie Kazarian
1st -Elia Karounos
2nd -Isabella Pantaleo
3rd - Gia Petraglia
4th - Ethan Argyros
5th -Theodora Pavlounis
6th -Lia Salerno
7th -Elvin Chi
8th - Nicholas DeResperis
GAI Staff- Ms. Sofia
- Manolis Perselis hosted a bake sale for his swimming mate battling ovarian cancer and raised \$447. Bravo to him! We wish Isabella Fountain strength and good health.
- We want to thank the Perez/DeOrtentis family for their donation of 2 basketball hoops for the After School Program. Thank you to the Catania family for donating the step stools for the younger grades and a mini vacuum for 6th grade. Thank you to the Pavlounis family for their donation of Greek books to the Greek Lab.
- Attached below are wish lists from homeroom teachers. They would greatly appreciate any donations.

- **Please review the Student Handbook regarding school uniform. Sneakers cannot be worn with full uniform. Leggings cannot be worn on gym days. Tights cannot have any designs. We will soon be sending out pictures of what is expected for proper uniform.**
- **Please review the attached revision to the Student Handbook regarding lateness. Detention will be given to students late more than three times in a marking period. After three detentions will result in suspension. No excuses. This took effect January 1, 2020.**
- **AND NOW FOR A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT.....Mr. Attanas' new play FOREGIVENESS went into rehearsal. It will open in Manhattan on January 24th. For more information go to www.forgivenessplay.com Please note: This is a play only for adults.**

Wish List

Kindergarten/Ms. Johansson:

- 3 iPads
- A set of Lakeshore Classic Birch cubbies for coats and backpacks
- Bean bag chairs
- Seasonal/Holiday books

Fourth Grade/Ms. Plevritis:

- Tall bookcase (preferably 54x36)
- Mini vacuum
- Who Was? Series

Sixth Grade/Ms. Katechis:

- Teacher's desk
- Greek children's books for grades-K, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd

After School/Ms. Katechis:

- Board games- example...Candy Cane, Connect Four, Uno, Jenga
- Manipulatives
- Balls
- Books
- Crayons
- Markers
- Reading books
- Storage box for all materials

Greek Lab/Ms. Yiota:

- **Tall and wide bookcase**
- **Projector**
- **Small air condition**

Recess:

- **2-Connect Four Game (2 feet tall)**
- **Soft footballs**
- **Ring Toss Game**
- **Bean bags**

be available to lend support and encouragement to their child during the homework process. Homework assignments may be found on G.A.I.'s Homework Website, as a courtesy. If the website coordinator is not present, it will not be posted.

Homework in the event of an absence: If a student is absent for more than one day, a parent or guardian should arrange to pick up homework assignments by dismissal **OR** designate a sibling or classmate to deliver the homework assignment to the absent student. Please call the school office in the **morning** so that the school may notify your son's/daughter's teachers and to coordinate pick up of homework assignments. In the event of an extended absence, the parent should communicate with the appropriate teachers to obtain the homework assignments. Regardless of the situation, it is the student's responsibility to make up any missed assignments due to absences.

Missed homework assignments: If a student neglects to do her/his homework, the teacher may (at his/her discretion) deduct credit. Poorly done, missing, or incomplete homework assignments will negatively affect a student's performance at G.A.I. Parents should not complete their children's homework assignments. Homework is posted on the school's website for grades 5-8.

INSURANCE

G.A.I. provides supplementary insurance coverage for all of our students in the event of school-related accidents. Students are covered while attending school and while participating in any school-sponsored activity. Due to insurance restrictions, students, who are not registered, will not be allowed to attend classes.

LATENESS



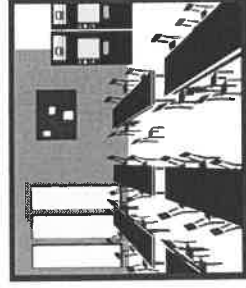
If a student arrives after 8:05 a.m., he/she is considered late. Students, who arrive from 8:05 to 8:15 a.m., will go directly to the office for a late pass. Students may be excused if an emergency has occurred and a note stating that

emergency is sent with the student to the office. Oversleeping, traffic problems, missing the bus, and so on are not considered emergencies. It is the responsibility of the parent, by law, to have his/her child arrive to school on time. Parents will be contacted if a student is tardy more than 3 times in a marking period. If tardiness continues, the student will receive a detention. Also, the school administrators and the Administrative Assistant reserve the right to contact a student's parents/guardians for any and/or all unexcused latenesses. It has been documented that excessive absences impede a student's education. High Schools examine a student's attendance/lateness records.

LOST & FOUND

Students should bring found items to the school office or the Principal immediately. Students may claim lost items in the school office. The school does not assume responsibility for lost items. Unclaimed items are discarded after one week of storage in the lost and found. Since school uniforms look similar, please place your son's/daughter's name somewhere on his/her clothing. Labeling student's clothing is recommended.

LUNCH PROGRAM



School lunch begins on the first day of school. Every family must return the confidential lunch program application prior to the first day of school. Otherwise, lunch will not be served to your son/daughter beginning with the second week of school. If you are applying for free or reduced lunches, please complete the entire form. If not, only fill out sections 1 and 5. If assistance is required, please contact the school's secretary.

The oldest child of a family should return the lunch form to his/her homeroom teacher during the first week of school. Each student has the option of purchasing lunch or bringing his/her own lunch. A meal will be given to any student, who has lost or forgotten his/her lunch. However, payment for this lunch is due the next school day. Because of the restructuring of the lunch program, we are no longer

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Dear Parents:

On Sunday, January 26, 2020, the Parish Council will host its Three Hierarchs' Celebration.

As in the past, each grade under the direction of our dance teacher, Ms. Kyriacou, will perform dances from all areas of Greece. The costumes are spectacular and the children awe-inspiring. This is the culture, the traditions that you wish your children to experience. Please be involved and allow your child to participate. It is amazing to see the kindergarteners and the first graders through the eighth graders move to complicated and intricate steps.

Again, I implore you, let us come together to eat and applaud our children as they show us a portion of the Greek customs, culture and traditions. This is not just for our Greek families.

Please return the consent form immediately.

John Attanas

I, _____, allow my child, _____, in the _____ grade
to participate at the Three Hierarchs Celebration on Sunday, January 26, 2020.

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Dear Parents,

PKA and 3K registration will begin in February. Information will be provided at the Open House on Tuesday, January 21st between 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in the program, please attend. Children born 2016 may be registered for PKA and children born 2017 may be registered for 3K.

We are looking forward to seeing you that night. Pass the word around!

Yours Truly,

Ms. Dafnis

PKA/3K Director

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ATHLETIC TEAM/CLUB CONSENT FORM

Name of Activity: ART CLUB GRADES 1,2,3 *\$60 supplies + fees*
Coach/Moderator: Ms. Jessica
Practice Days: WEDNESDAYS JAN 15 - FEB 26
Practice Time: 2:30 - 3:15
Please return form by: ASAP

Please complete below, detach and submit to teacher. _____

I/we, the parent(s)/guardians(s) of _____ request that the school allows my child to participate in the _____

I/we realize that this request includes her/his accompanying the team, under the supervision of a coach, to practices and competitions within and outside of the immediate New York City area.

I/we hereby release and save harmless the Greek American Institute and any and all of its employees from any and all liability arising to my/our son/daughter as a result of his/her participation as a member of this team/club.

I/we give permission for emergency medical care for my/our daughter/son and agree to accept financial responsibility for such care.

It is also my/our responsibility to arrange for my/our son's/daughter's transportation from school after practice or competition.

Parents Signature Date

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

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Name of Activity: ART GRADES 5-8 \$60 supplies + fees
Coach/Moderator: MS. JESSICA
Practice Days: THURSDAYS JAN 16, 23, 30 / FEB 13, 27 / MAR 5
Practice Time: 2:30-3:15
Please return form by: ASAP

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ATHLETIC TEAM/CLUB CONSENT FORM

Name of Activity: Tennis (K-8th)

Coach/Moderator: Ms. Rose + Mr. Michael

Practice Days: Tuesdays (2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31)

Practice Time: 2:30-3:15

Please return form by: ASAP

Please complete below, detach and submit to teacher. (\$120 for 6 sessions)

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