

The WEEKLY

September 30, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 2	Archbishop Elpidophoros visits – Students to wear full uniform
Oct. 6	8 th Grade ELA Prep begins 2:30-3:15
Oct. 7	8 th Grade Math Prep begins 2:30-3:15

FROM THE OFFICE

- ◆ **Remote learners:** please make sure that your children are visible while joining classes via Zoom. Cameras need to be directed at the students with their faces clearly visible.
- ◆ The Supplement to the Student Handbook and Handbook Agreement are due today – September 30th. If you have not signed and handed in your agreement, please do so right away.
- ◆ Columbus Day is Monday, October 12 – School will be closed.
- ◆ Winter Uniform begins on Thursday, October 15th.
- ◆ Trunk-or-Treat – Friday, October 16th.
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Thank you to all of the parents who tuned in for the meet and greet on September 24, 2020.
- ◆ **Save the date** - Trunk or Treat Friday October 16, 2020.
- ◆ Please Email- Gai.pto1@gmail.com to reserve a spot if you would like to decorate your trunk. Space is limited!
- ◆ Flyer and safety Guidelines to follow.
- ◆ As always at the beginning of a new school year, we are looking for Class moms/dads. Please see the form attached.
- ◆ Please look out for our upcoming events, with safety as a priority. Stay tuned!

September 30th, 2020

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

Student's Name

Parent's signature

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JOHN ATTANAS
Principal

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Dear Parents,

Last week we held our first PTO meeting of the year and our annual Meet and Greet. Of course, this year these events were held virtually. Save for a few technical glitches at the opening of the evening (caused by yours truly), both the PTO meeting and the Meet and Greet went well. Special thanks to Kathy Argyros for leading the PTO meeting and to Ms. Yiota for fixing the tech glitches at the start of the evening.

We are living in a brave (and strange) new world. The Meet and Greet is one of my favorite GAI events. Parents fill the gym. Teachers move from room to room (and sometimes floor to floor) to discuss their plans for the school year. It's a crazy and enjoyable evening for nearly everyone. Covid-19 prevented us from getting together. Let us hope that this is the one and only time we will not be able to meet in person to discuss your children's education.

I must admit that I have gotten more solitary as a result of the health crisis. Although I made a point of taking a daily walk during the time when our school building was shut in the spring, and I continued to do this throughout the summer, I do confess that I spent a lot of time in my office at home during those months. I also did not call friends as much as I used to. Thus, I was thrilled to get back to work, to see my colleagues and my students. I am hoping that we will stay open so that these social interactions can continue.

School is first and foremost a place of learning. But it is also a social entity. Interacting with friends and teachers is nearly as important as learning the facts of a particular subject. That's why events like PTO meetings and Meet and Greets are important. That's why I am glad that GAI is open. This is the place where we – students and staff – can feel whole. And for that we are very lucky.

John Attanas

Newsflash by Ms. Dafnis

Welcome Back to All!!!

- We will soon be uploading a slide show with video on our website for you to view what precautionary measures we have implemented, to keep your children and our staff safe.
- Student council representatives have temporarily been elected to prepare for the Archbishop's visit on Friday. Due to COVID, elections did not occur as a school wide event. Rather it was amongst 8th and 7th grade. Christina Katehis is the President and Julianna Rachielle is the Vice President of 8th grade. Pierce Brogan is President and Kostas Papastefanou is Vice President of 7th grade. Formal titles and other representatives will be announced next week.

I continue to wish everyone a productive, safe and health school year!

CLASS PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Welcome to a new school year during these trying times. To comply with our schools COVID guidelines and have a sense of normalcy for our children, we are still in need of class parents. 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. As class parent coordinator, I look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact me at pieragai@aol.com or (646) 361-8289 if you have any questions or concerns. All correspondence for the time being will be electronically/virtually.

Please email this form as soon as possible to me. Upon being notified of being selected as class parent, you will receive a set of guidelines outlining your responsibilities.

Thank you in advance,

Piera Marciano
Class Parent Coordinator

If you would like to be Class Parent, email the following information to me at pieragai@aol.com

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Faculty Meeting	6 ELA Prep	7 Math Prep	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day School Closed	13 ELA Prep	14 Math Prep	15 Winter Uniform Begins	16 Trunk-or-Treat	17
18	19 Faculty Meeting Progress Reports Due	20 ELA Prep	21 Math Prep Deadline to register for SHSAT for 8th Grade	22	23 Dress Down Day Progress Reports Mailed	24
25	26	27 ELA Prep (Last Session)	28 Math Prep (Last Session) Oxi Day	29	30	31 (21 Days)

OCTOBER 2020 LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			<p>1 Chicken fajita on whole wheat pita bread, Rom. lettuce and tomatoes, corn. Mix fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>2 Grilled cheese on whole wheat bread, broccoli and carrots. Mix fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>
<p>5 Breaded roast chicken, green beans and baby carrots. Pear fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>6 Beef burger on a whole wheat bun, w/sliced cheese, vegetarian beans. Apple sauce, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>7 Whole wheat pasta w/sauce, green beans, cheeses, baby carrots. Pear fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>8 Turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread, cheese, Rom. lettuce and tomatoes, corn. Mix fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>9 Scrambled eggs w/oven French fries, ketchup, sliced carrots. Mixed berry fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>
<p>12 SCHOOL CLOSED COLUMBUS DAY</p>	<p>13 Chicken fajita on whole wheat bun, Rom. lettuce and tomatoes. Peach fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>14 Whole wheat spaghetti w/grated cheese, peas and carrots. Mix fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>15 Meatballs w/mashed potatoes, red sauce and corn. Pear fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>16 Pizza bagels, Rom. letters & tomatoes salad. Mix berry fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>
<p>19 Chicken strips w/whole wheat rice, green beans and carrots. Mix fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>20 Ham sandwich on whole wheat bread, Rom. lettuce and tomatoes, corn. Apple sauce, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>21 Grilled cheese on whole wheat bread, oven French fries, broccoli, beets and ketchup. Mix berry fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>22 Pasta w/meat sauce, peas and carrots. Peach fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>23 Scrambled eggs, w/waffles, syrup, sliced carrots. Apple sauce, 1% low fat milk</p>
<p>26 Beef burger on a whole wheat bun, cheese, red beans and corn. Apple sauce, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>27 Roasted chicken w/oven pot tots, ketchup, beets. Mix berry fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>28 Macaroni and cheese, broccoli, carrots. Mix fruit, choc. milk & 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>29 Hot turkey w/mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced carrots. Apple sauce, 1% low fat milk</p>	<p>30 Pizza bagels, Rom. letters & tomato salad. Mix berry fruit, 1% low fat milk</p>

*Local School Wellness Policy is available on our website and more information is available on cdc.gov

*CHEESE SANDWICH IS AVAILABLE AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

*MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF FOOD.



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Saturday, October 17, 2020
10:00 to 11:30 AM

Wednesday, October 28, 2020
5:00 to 6:30 PM

RSVP Required on our website

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