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# EAGLETIMES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Beloved children, our can't be an abstract theory we only talk about, but a way of life demonstrated through our loving deeds." 1 John 3:18



### What's Inside?

### Welcome new staff and families to our family

Koraes is excited to announce the new additions to our staff and the many new families for the 2024-2025 school year.

#### Meet the Head of School

Our Popsicles on the Patio has been rescheduled for Friday, August 23rd after pick-up at 3:15pm. All are welcome to attend. We hope to see everyone there!

#### **After School Clubs**

Interested in exploring the opportunity to play a musical instrument, become a Lego engineer, paint like Picasso, or discover new talents? See what exciting clubs we have to offer this fall.

### **Volunteers and Signups**

Look out for the many opportunities we will have to come out and volunteer this coming school year.



### **Donation Opportunities**

We are grateful and blessed for our community-wide donors. You are beyond appreciated. If you or anyone you know would like to donate in any capacity, please reach out to schoolboard@koraes.org

# SCHOOL BOARD

# BEST WISHES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome back Koraes Families! It has been a great summer with so many things happening. We've been blessed to have a new roof put on the school and a new HVAC system which has been updated with temperature control functions for each of the classrooms. Our students will no longer be uncomfortable during the dog days of summer, which will be upon us before you know it. To help fund and support this project, we are offering a raffle with a chance to see Taylor Swift live in concert! If you have not already purchased your tickets, please do so in support with a 1 in 1,500 chance to win this amazing opportunity!

We have had the good fortune to welcome five new teachers to Koraes this year: Mr. Alex Magdalinos, Mrs. Anne Tanhueco, Mr. Julius Robles, Mr. Vasilios Lolos, and Mrs. Pam Kostopoulos. Each of them brings their own expertise and good will to our children.

Dr. Letsos has been busy reaching out to families, working with Mrs. Lind on this year's schedule, working with Mrs. Grachan as part of the transition process, classroom reorganization, building cleanup, and staff orientation days. During our two-day Institute Days, we were able to discuss building-wide teacher and student expectations, preparations for curriculum work, as well as planning for the Greek department, headed by Mr. Stavros Kariofilis.

There are exciting things happening here at Koraes and we want all paddles in the water rowing in the same direction! There is nothing we can't achieve if we continue our faith in Christ and work together for common goals. We cannot wait for another successful year!

Spread the joy of your 1st day of school by sending 1st day pictures to schoolboard@koraes.org to be featured on our social media feed.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR **UPCOMING EVENTS**



- AUG 20: PRE-K ORIENTATION (6PM)
- **AUG 21: MEET THE TEACHERS (1PM-3PM)**
- AUG 21: MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION (3:15-4:15PM)
- AUG 22: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (FULL DAY) CHEERS & TEARS COFFEE HOUR (8:45AM-9:45AM)
- AUG 23: MEET THE NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL (3:15-4:15PM)
- SEPT 2: LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- SEPT 5: CURRICULUM NIGHT/OPEN HOUSE (6PM)
- SEPT 6: TODDLER GROUP RESUMES (9AM-10:30AM)
- SEPT 8: BACKPACK BLESSING/SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS



### **SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH**

Koraes is proud to highlight two Koraes alumni from the class of 2021, Jovanna & Melina Maksimovich, seniors at Lemont High School. Our Koraes grads, along with their teammates, put together a 10th anniversary edition of Lemontopoly. Their hometown rendition of the popular board game, Monopoly, led then to win the Junior Achievement Company of the Year Award at an event held by DePaul University. Not only did these creative kids win an award, their board game was sold to over 500 patrons, raising money for two local charities, Lemont's Hope and Friendahip Foundation and the EllieStrong ForeverFoundation. We are so proud of our graduates! Be sure to check out the full featured write up in the Chicago Tribune. (https://www.chicagotribune.com/2024/07/04/a-decade-after-reinventing-monopoly-gamemakers-in-lemont-win-again/)



Lemont High School has won the Company of the Year Award 10 out of 16 times!



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CLASS OF 2021

# WELCOME NEW FAMILIES & STAFF

Koraes warmly welcomes the many new additions to our staff this year. Mr. Julius Robles- MS Math, Mrs. Pam Kostopoulos- 1st Grade, Ms. Anne Tanhueco- MS ELA, and Mr. Vasilios Lolos- Physical Education. We would also like to welcome all the new families who will be joining us this year through all our grade levels: the Filippidis family, the Kattos family, the Urosevic family, the Krongos family, the Manikas family, the Stankovic family, the Zougras family, and the Rollberg family.



# MEET THE NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

Join Koraes families Thursday morning August 22nd, immediately following drop off on the patio until 9:45am for coffee and refreshments. Have some cheers and shed a few tears as we send off our kids for their first day of school. If you can't make that, we invite all families on Friday, August 23rd after pick-up on the patio for Popsicles with Dr. Jim Letsos to welcome and introduce all families to a great start of a new school year.



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All kids in grades 4th-8th have an exciting opportunity ahead. Mr. Tom Foster from Music Arts Band will be back, offering Band to our students. Dr. Letsos has provided detailed information for those interested in learning more in an email. Many other clubs will be for grades Kindergarten-8th come this fall.. Popular favorites such as Lego Club, Art Club, Greek Dance, Bible Club, and many more. Look for information on the different after school clubs that will be offered the first quarter of the year, coming soon!









### PT Board Sign-up Parent Instructions: 1. Visit https://koraes.ptboard.com or scan the QR code:



 Click "Sign Up" link to sign up (for mobile phone, click top right menu, then "Sign Up" link)
After signing in to htpps://koraes.board.com, enter code SXYNT to join

### **VOLUNTEERING AND SIGNUPS**

On behalf of the Parish Council and School Board, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the Koraes parents, students, and staff for their hard work and dedication over the weekend, allowing our parish to host yet another successful Palos Hills Greek Fest. We appreciate you all!

Over the course of this new school year, there will be many more new and exciting ways to continue to volunteer your time and talents. In order to do so, the PT board will be activated again for Koraes parents. PT board is a way to keep parents connected with school happenings, volunteer sign-ups, hot lunches, and more. If you have not yet registered, please visit the link by scanning the QR code to the left and following the steps