



# EAGLETIMES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## VERSE OF THE MONTH

**“But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” Matthew 6:17-18**



## What's Inside ?

### Building and Grounds Update

Our maker’s space is underway! We have started phase two of the project with the installation of the new flooring, covering and securing old fixtures, and will begin the next phase soon. We are excited to unveil this new space this spring!

### Eagle Athletics Exciting News

Koraes Eagle Athletics soared through winter with the basketball season and have begun preparing for their newest endeavor, track and field. They cannot wait to spring into this new sport!

### Greek Department Happenings

Our Greek Department has been busy this year. This month they celebrated the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters, and have begun preparations for their Greek Independence Day program.

### Lenten Season is Approaching

Monday, March 3rd begins our Lenten journey for this Pascha season. Join us as we commence Great Lent starting with the Great Compline Service followed by our annual Lenten Dinner.

### 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](mailto:schoolboard@koraes.org)

## REMARKS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD COUNTDOWN TO SPRING BREAK

February has flown by, and we have so many exciting things to look forward to. As the trimester closed this month, grades have been finalized, and report cards were sent home. We are so proud of all our students and their hard work this trimester! Parent teacher conferences will begin at the request of your child’s classroom teacher or by the parents. Scheduling will be handled directly with classroom teachers, so please contact them to set up your conference. These conferences will be strictly virtual. Our school office has been very busy scheduling tours for new families eager to embark on their journeys at Koraes. All new family registration opens beginning March 1st, so if you have not already submitted your paperwork for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year, please do so soon before March 1st to avoid registration cost increases! Class sizes are limited, and they will be filled at a first come first serve basis. All families registered by March 1st will be notified of their family’s acceptance by March 21st. Spring Break is less than a month away and we kindly ask that you notify the school office of any pre-planned absences your children may be experiencing during this time. Timely communication is helpful for teachers and their planning. February was a month full of pre-Lenten celebrations like our classroom Valentine’s Day parties, Mrs. Lind’s birthday celebration during hot lunch, our annual Tsiknopempti hot lunch, the church’s Apokries celebration, and much more. As we close out this month and transition into warmer weather, we should begin to prepare ourselves for our journey through Great Lent. We remind everyone to enter this Lenten season with prayerful hearts and minds and lead with forgiveness and repentance. Be mindful in all your words, deeds, and thoughts, for this season is a time of self-reflection. We encourage families to have open conversations of what Great Lent means to them, and help prepare our children for this time.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS

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**FEB 28TH:** LAST DAY FOR CURRENT FAMILY EARLY REGISTRATION  
**MAR 1ST:** NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION OPENS  
**MAR 3RD:** MORNING PRAYER SERVICE/CLEAN MONDAY  
**MAR 3RD:** GREAT COMPLINE SERVICE/LENTEN DINNER (5PM)

**MAR 7TH:** SPIRITWEAR DAY  
**MAR 11TH:** PREK-1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP  
**MAR 18TH:** 8TH GRADE GRADUATION PICTURES  
**MAR 19TH:** PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY (CHURCH UNIFORM)  
**MAR 20TH:** OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (6:30PM)  
**MAR 20TH:** 25TH OF MARCH PROGRAM (2PM-GYMNASIUM)  
**MAR 21ST:** SPIRITWEAR DAY  
**MAR 22-28:** SPRING BREAK



**Featured Photo:**  
Koraes 8th grade basketball team members on graduate's night!

# SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Koraes is proud to spotlight our Kindergarten gem, Mrs. Diane Garratt. Mrs. Garratt is a reading enthusiast who has been sharing that passion with our youngest students for five years now! She has been an educator for over 20 years, and loves watching her students grow and develop a love for learning. Her passion and dedication to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, pours through her daily teachings into her classroom and into our beloved after school Bible Club. Mrs. Garratt is a wife and mother to three young adult children. When she is not brushing up on Scripture, she enjoys spending time with her loved ones and going to concerts. We are beyond blessed to have such a wonderful human being and educator as part of our Koraes family.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Mrs. Diane was married next to a windmill by a beautiful lake in Michigan!



**NAME: MRS. DIANE GARRATT**  
**TITLE: KINDERGARTEN TEACHER**  
**YEARS AT KORAE'S: 5 YEARS**

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE

The old science lab is undergoing a facelift as we continue work on the transformation into the new maker's space. This multifunctional classroom renovation is ready for phase three! Over the President's Day break, new flooring was laid and the securing of the old piping was completed. This space should be fully functional and ready for our students later this spring. Our church received a little spruce up this month as well. A special thank you to the Nick & Maria Visvardis family with Tecorp for the beautiful new paint job in our church, just in time for the Lenten season. In other news, the Parish Council will soon be kicking off another facet of the capital improvement campaign for the building. Parishioners and parents will be provided the opportunity to sponsor a window replacement and dedication plaque to help offset the cost of window replacements throughout the entire building. Look out for more information on how to contribute soon.



## EAGLE ATHLETICS EXCITING NEWS

The Koraes Eagle basketball season has been incredible for both middle school boys and middle school girls. Both teams finished the season with positive records, with tremendous improvement and growth since the beginning of the season, on the court and off! The athletes' hard work and dedication really paid off. Coach K has expressed the great pride he had watching these players develop into strong athletes and humans. Bravo! Look out for more Eagle Athletics news coming soon on our newly added spring program, Track and Field. Under the guidance of our Koraes School Athletic Director, Mrs. Aleka Letsos, this spring time sport will have everyone running to join! Grade levels that are eligible, more details, and information will be announced very soon, so keep an eye out! Go Eagles!



## GREEK DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS

We want to thank our Greek Department for putting on a wonderful presentation of the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters during their program earlier this month. We are so proud of all our students who participated. They are back at work preparing for the upcoming Greek Independence Day program that will take place on March 20th at 2pm. Join us and continue the celebration of Greek Independence Day by representing Koraes Elementary School and march through Greektown in the annual Greek Independence Day Parade on Sunday, April 6th. Information will be sent home soon with meeting time and place. Continuing the education of our Hellenic Heritage, the Greek Department is planning a field trip to Northeastern University to visit their Parthenon Exhibit on March 22nd. This field trip will enrich our students' knowledge of Greek history and culture.



**Lenten Dinner**  
**ΚΑΘΑΡΑ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ**  
MONDAY MARCH 3RD 2025

JOIN US FOR DINNER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GREAT COMPLINE SERVICE 5:00PM

**DOORS TO GYMNASIUM HALL OPEN AFTER SERVICE**

DINNER INCLUDES: PASTA, TALLADE MEZE, SALAD, BUFFET, SMOOTHIES, BEVERAGES, VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND LENTEN COGNAC WATER, SODA, COFFEE

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: INDIVIDUAL - \$10/CHILD (12-15) BOYSCOUTS - \$10/CHILD OFFER SEATING: SCAN QR CODE TO RESERVE

**FOR SALE**  
**BEAUTIFUL LAMBATHES**  
HANDCRAFTED BY THE LOVE OF Georgia Manikas Vouris

SUNDAYS UNTIL EASTER FOLLOWING THE DIVINITY LITURGY. OR VISIT THE CHURCH OFFICE MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-4PM

In gratitude of the proceeds will benefit our beloved Saints School FOR CUSTOM ORDERS, CONTACT GEORGIA@708.224.4400

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**FANARI**  
**REGIONAL LENTEN RETREAT**

Current 5th-12th Graders  
March 22, 2025  
10AM-3PM

Locations:  
SS. Constantine & Helen, Merrillville, IN  
St. Nicholas, St. Louis, MO  
SS. Constantine & Helen, Waukegan, WI  
St. Spyridon, Potosi, Heights, IL  
St. Andrew, Chicago, IL  
St. Haralambos, Niles, IL

fanari.camp/retreat  
\$30/camper

## LENTEN SEASON IS APPROACHING

As we begin the journey into Great Lent, we want to invite everyone to prayerfully join us at the Great Compline service, Monday, March 3rd at 5pm. Following this beautiful service, Koraes will be hosting their annual Lenten Dinner, providing our families and community with a wonderfully prepared Lenten meal and fellowship. All proceeds benefit the Fr. Byron Tuition Assistance Fund. During the Lenten Dinner, don't forget to check out Beautiful Lambathes handcrafted with love by the talented Georgia Manikas Vouris in the lobby and every Sunday until Easter. A portion of her proceeds will benefit Koraes. Following along in the Lenten spirit, Fanari Camp is hosting a regional Lenten Retreat on March 22nd at various locations. Come together with all your summertime friends and partake in this experience that is open for all 5th-12th graders.