



VERSE OF THE MONTH

**“But those who wait on the Lord
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint” -Isaiah 40:31**



REMARKS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year Koraes family and staff! We closed out 2024 with a beautiful Christmas Pageant put on by our entire school. It was a wonderful production headed by our Greek Department with the assistance of all the staff. We hope everyone enjoyed some well deserved time off to spend the holidays with family and friends. The 2025 half of the school year started back up in full-gear with winter MAP testing in grades K-8th. We are eager to see how much our students have grown since the initial benchmark testing in the fall. Upon completion and data review, the School Board & Administration will publicize our remarkable school-wide achievements for our families to enjoy! With the new year return to school, there are many exciting happenings to be thankful for. Our new, five day a week Hot Lunch program is in full swing thanks to our partnership with Country House Restaurant, where students and staff are able to enjoy fresh, home-made food served daily. Remember to pre-order your meals in advance to avoid the late order upcharge. This is a fantastic partnership, and we are looking forward to the continued success of the program. We are so fortunate at the turn of this new year, having the wonderful opportunity to welcome two new staff members and certified teachers to our team: Dr. Roberta Zasadzinski, Middle School Math, and Mr. Anthony Rossi, Physical Education. We are excited for their arrivals! Although the school year is only half-way through, registration will be opening for all current families come February 1st. Look out for an email regarding all registration information in the days to come. Current families have all of February to secure their spots for the 2025-2026 school year before registration is open to the public. And always, for more information and exciting news, we welcome families to join us at our monthly open school board meetings in person or via zoom.

What's Inside ?

Visitors Near and Far

With much enthusiasm and excitement, Koraes welcomed esteemed dignitaries from Greece. Later this month, middle school will be welcoming some new and old faces following Liturgy to discuss the transition to high school.

Eagle Athletics

The Koraes Eagle Basketball teams for both middle school boys and girls have taken our gym by storm. Both teams are having an amazing season so far. Come out and support!

Koraes Open House

We encourage our current families to spread the word! Koraes is hosting an open house Feb 4th-6th by appointment only. We welcome families of all grade levels to come tour Koraes.

Godparent & Godchild Sunday

Sunday, February 2nd is our annual Godparent & Godchild Sunday Brunch. Liturgy will include ceremony of rededication for all in attendance. Purchase tickets for brunch before it sells out.

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS

01	JAN	2025
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02	FEB	2025
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- JAN 27TH: CO-ED BASKETBALL HOME GAME (4PM)**
- JAN 29TH: BOOK FAIR**
- JAN 30TH: THREE HIERARCHS MIDDLE SCHOOL MIXER**
- JAN 31ST: MORNING BOOK FAIR MAKEUP DAY**
- JAN 31ST: EARLY RELEASE (1PM)**
- FEB 1ST: CURRENT FAMILY REGISTRATION OPENS**
- FEB 2ND: GODPARENT/GODCHILD SUNDAY (SEE FLYER)**
- FEB 4-6TH: NEW FAMILY OPEN HOUSE (BY APPOINTMENT)**
- FEB 14TH: VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES/1PM DISMISSAL**
- FEB 17TH: NO SCHOOL (PRESIDENT'S DAY) (ALL DAY)**
- FEB 18TH: NO SCHOOL (INSTITUTE DAY) (ALL DAY)**
- FEB 20TH: TSIKNOEMPTI HOT LUNCH PREORDER BY 2/17**



Featured Photo:
Koraes Middle School
helping prepare
meals for the needy

SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Sonia is the pride and joy of the Koraes Preschool/Pre-kindergarten program at Koraes. From the curation and development of the curriculum from scratch, Mrs. Sonia has been able to catapult our program to great heights. Year after year Mrs. Sonia's pre-K students meet and exceed the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards, and are able to go on to kindergarten prepared with a strong foundation set up for success. Watching these little ones grow over the years, is something Mrs. Sonia truly cherishes. Her devotion and dedication to our program is visible with each and every Pre-K graduate. When Mrs. Sonia is not tending to our youngest scholars, she enjoys spending her free time with her family and granddaughter Magdalini. We truly treasure Mrs. Sonia and everything she has contributed to our program and school.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mrs. Sonia is the proud yiayia to her 6 month old granddaughter!



NAME: MRS. SONIA NIKOLOPOULOS
TITLE: HEAD OF PRESCHOOL AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
YEARS AT KORAE: 11 YEARS

VISITORS FROM NEAR AND FAR

Koraes opened our doors on Thursday, January 23rd to some very esteemed guests, Mr. Nikos Dendias, the Minister of Defense of Greece, and his colleague, Mr. Emmanuel Koubarakis, Consul General. This was truly an exciting visit for them and our school. We are so proud of our students for welcoming these dignitaries with such grace. Koraes is looking forward to fostering this new friendship, anticipating more visits in the near future. On Thursday, January 29th, we will be welcoming guests from much closer distances. The middle school students from the Hellenic American Academy and Guardian Angels School will all gather at Koraes for a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and an opportunity for connection and collaboration. Following Liturgy, our special guest speaker Mr. Christopher Chiakulas, along with His Eminence Metropolitan Nathaniel, and Archdeacon Vasilius will engage the middle school students in conversations and discussions about the transition to high school.



EAGLE ATHLETICS MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS

The Koraes Eagles are soaring this basketball season. Our middle school basketball teams have been bringing the heat this winter to the court. Both teams have had a great season so far with the help from our Athletic Director, Mrs. Letsos, and expert coaching by Mr. Kolovos. The Eagles hosted and visited a variety of schools from all over the area this season. There are still a handful of games left for the season. Come out to pack the gym and cheer them on, this Monday, January 27th for a co-ed home game after school at 4pm. Concessions will be available to enjoy and are graciously sponsored by generous parents of our athletes. Proceeds collected at concessions directly benefit the Eagle Athletics. We would love to see everyone come and support our amazing athletes! Go Eagles!



GODPARENT & GODCHILD SUNDAY

Saints Constantine and Helen is hosting their annual Godparent and Godchild breakfast on Sunday, February 2nd. The morning begins at Sunday's Divine Liturgy, with a godparent and godchild rededication ceremony for all to participate in, followed by a robust brunch buffet held in Graven Hall. The event will be complete with a face painter, professional photographer, balloon twister, and Easter lambethes for sale. We hope everyone can make it out to share in this beautiful tradition. Tickets are available, and reservations are required in advance, so reserve your seats before it sells out! All seating is reserved and assigned. See the flyer or church website for more details.

Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church

Godparent & Godchild

SUNDAY

February 2, 2025

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED IN ADVANCE

\$20 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 2 AND UNDER, FREE

KORAE'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Open House 2025-2026

FOR NEW FAMILIES
FEBRUARY 4TH-6TH
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
SCHEDULE A TOUR
TODAY (708) 974-3402

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KORAE'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Koraes Elementary School is hosting an open house, February 4th, 5th, and 6th. This will be scheduled by appointment only. Interested families are welcomed at their scheduled time to meet with administration, staff, and tour our school. This opportunity is available for inquiring families through all grade levels. Please spread the word to anyone you may know that is interested in our school. The anecdotes and personal experiences you share serve as the best advertisement for our school. Don't forget about the referral discount you receive for every family you refer that becomes apart of the Koraes community. New family registration opens March 1st.