



VERSE OF THE MONTH

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17



What's Inside ?

Students Hard at Work this Month

Over 20 students have showcased their passion and enthusiasm for education and Hellenic heritage in multiple arenas.

Amazing Alumni & Students in Action

Our busy students and alumni have been showing off their amazing achievements in academics all around town this month.

Koraes Annual Santa Brunch

Come out and join us on December 8th for our annual Santa Brunch. An afternoon full of fun for the whole family. Get your tickets today!

Double the Brains, Double the Excellence

This dynamic duo of alumni students have been awarded on their scholastic abilities chosen as Illinois State Scholars by the ISAC.

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

REMARKS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD THANKFUL & GRATEFUL

November is National Gratitude Month. As a school family, we would like to take the time to express our utmost gratitude for all our students, staff, and families. We close out this first trimester of the school year with so many things to be thankful for. Our entire school was able to come together for a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast on November 12th. Thank you to all our volunteers and donors (The White Sheep, The Patio, The Pit Rib House, Jedi's, Kefi, Nick's BBQ, the Christofylakis Family, and the Theodorou Family) for helping provide our Koraes family with a wonderful and delicious meal. We look forward to sharing many more moments together as we approach the holiday season.

This issue is highly focused on the many accomplishments of our past and current students. We are so proud of the academic achievements our kids have received and continue to earn throughout the years. What a blessing to be able to celebrate the wide variety of success among our current and past students. It is quite remarkable to be part of the development of our students from small children to young adults. Watching this growth is one of the most invaluable experiences Koraes provides to this community.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS



- NOV 21ST: OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (6:30PM)**
- NOV 22ND: TODDLER GROUP (9AM-10:30AM)**
- NOV 25TH: EARLY RELEASE (12PM)**
- NOV 25-26: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (BY APPOINTMENT)**
- NOV 26-29: NO SCHOOL (THANKSGIVING BREAK)**
- DEC 2ND: NO SCHOOL (TEACHER INSERVICE DAY)**
- DEC 6TH: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTIES (11AM PREK, 2PM)**
- DEC 6TH: TODDLER GROUP (9AM-10:30AM)**
- DEC 8TH: SANTA BRUNCH (11:30AM-2:30PM-GRAVEN HALL)**
- DEC 10-12: SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP (ALL DAY)**



SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

This month's shining star is not only a Koraes staff member, but also a Koraes alumni! Ms. Nicole Panos is this month's spotlight. She has her Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education from Illinois State University, and has been teaching at Koraes for 4 years. Currently she spends the bulk of her day teaching in the PreK 3 classroom while also teaching Greek to the primary grades. One of the main reasons Ms. Panos wanted to teach at Koraes is to provide students with the amazing learning experience similar to the one she had at Koraes. When Ms. Panos is not teaching at Koraes, you can find her teaching in the Sunday School classrooms at our very own parish. Besides being an educator, Ms. Panos loves traveling and spending time with her friends and family.

DID YOU KNOW?

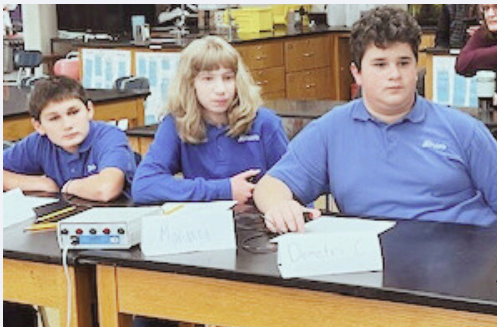
Ms. Panos and her entire family are all Koraes Graduates!



**NAME: MS. NICOLE PANOS
TITLE: PRE-K 3 + GREEK TEACHER
YEARS AT KORAES: 4 YEARS**

STUDENTS HARD AT WORK THIS MONTH

This year, Koraes had 19 students participate in the 3rd Annual Homerathon held by the Dept. of Classics and Mediterranean Studies at UIC at the National Hellenic Museum. Participants read aloud Homer's epic tale of *The Odyssey* in its entirety in various languages: Ancient Greek, Modern Greek, English, and Spanish. What an honor to participate in this tradition, honoring the legacy of Homer and his ancient tale. On Saturday, November 16th, 4 of our Koraes students (Alex, Demetri, Marianna, & Sonia) participated in the Chicago Christian Academic Bowl. This is the 5th year Koraes students competed, showing off their knowledge in science, math, history, religion, Greek mythology, literature and pop culture. Way to Go!



AMAZING ALUMNI & STUDENTS IN ACTION

More students & alumni doing amazing things this month. Koraes had two alumni teams come together and compete in AHEPA History Tournament at Loyola Law School. These 5 participants (class of '23 alum - Andreas P. and Maria S., and class of '24 alum - Nikoletta A., Niko K., and Alexandra M.) showed off their skills and knowledge of 3,500 years of Greek History. The competition was held for 8th grade through 12th grade students. On November 15th, The Hellenic Academy held an award ceremony acknowledging those who completed and passed their Elinomathia exams in A1, A2, and B1. We had multiple students across grades levels & alumni receive their certificates of completion, Congratulations for all your hard work!



KORAES ANNUAL SANTA BRUNCH

'Tis the season to be jolly! Our annual Santa Brunch is around the corner, with limited availability. Held in Graven Hall on December 8th following the Divine Liturgy, a magical brunch and afternoon is prepared for all. Get your tickets soon, before we sell out! The afternoon is filled with a robust brunch buffet, Christmas carolers, pictures with Santa, balloon twister, and more! Each child who attends will also receive a special gift straight from the North Pole. Volunteers (parents and students) who sign up to help will also receive service hours. We hope to share this charming afternoon with all our family and friends. As a reminder, this is a community event, which means all are welcome.



DOUBLE THE BRAINS, DOUBLE THE EXCELLENCE

A huge congratulations is in order for two Koraes alum from our class of 2021. This double duo, Faith and Drew Barnes, have been selected as Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) based on their academic achievements and excellence.

This brilliant set of twins is graduating from Providence High School this year. Drew is fluent in four languages with a global seal in Bi-literacy. He has plans to study international affairs, cyber security, and AI. Faith has seals of Bi-literacy in Greek and Spanish, with plans to pursue studies in the medical field. We are so honored to have such high achieving graduates from Koraes. Congrats you two! We are so excited to see what you both achieve next.