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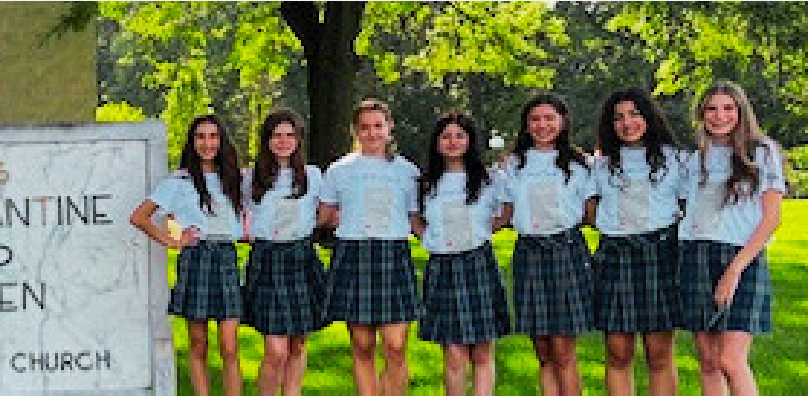
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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



VERSE OF THE MONTH

**“In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you.”
1 Thessalonians 5:18**



What's Inside ?

Enter & Win to See Taylor Swift Live in Concert

An exciting new opportunity to enter for a chance to see Taylor Swift live on Nov. 2nd at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Building and Grounds Updates

Exciting projects underway over the course of the summer. Updates and renovations to the school's building, inside and out.

STEAM Camp Recap

Our second annual STEAM and Sports Camp had a hugely successful turnout this year with over 90 kids each session.

Palos Hills Greek Fest

The Palos Hills Greek Fest is on August 17th & 18th. Volunteers are needed to ensure the success of our parish's largest fundraiser.



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

END OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR RECAP

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 graduates. This class has made a significant impact on our school. The Philoptochos Service Award was given to Alexandra Pytlewski and Thanos Gatses for the incredible amount of service hours they accumulated. Christos Deligiannis was the recipient of the Archdiocesan Greek Award. May God grant these students with stamina, perseverance, wisdom and boldness to live a life of faith as they enter high school.

At the end of the year's Honors Day celebration three students earned a \$2000 scholarship towards their tuition at Koraes for the 2024-25 school year. The Improvement Beyond Peers Award (IBP) is given to one student in 5th, 6th, and 7th grades who has demonstrated the greatest growth in mathematics throughout the school year based on their end of the year MATH MAP score from fall to spring. This year's recipients are Eleni Giouris - 5th grade, Demetri Christopher - 6th grade, and Sonia Bradshaw - 7th grade. The IBP award is given each year at the Honor's Day ceremony by an anonymous alumni.

The Koraes St. Connies Jr. Olympics Scholarship is awarded to two multi-sport competitors who represent both our parish and our school with high levels of sportsmanship. This year's recipients are Alexander Demir and Anastasia Deitelhoff both in third grade.

This year Koraes and an alumni team competed in the AHEPA Midwest Hellenic History Educational Tournament. The alumni team made up of Stephanie Andrews (21), Andreas Petropoul (23) and Maria Scarlatis (23) came in third place and each received a \$500 scholarship towards their college education.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS



- Aug 14: head of school meet & greet 3:30-5pm
- Aug 15: Greek fest volunteer meeting/BBQ
- Aug 17-18: Palos Hills Greek fest
- Aug 20: pre-k orientation
- Aug 21: meet the teachers
- Aug 21: middle school orientation
- Aug 22: first day of school



SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Koraes Elementary School welcomes Dr. James Letsos as the new Head of School! Dr. Letsos comes to us with twenty-eight years of K-12 public school experience. He began his career as an ELA middle school teacher before transitioning to a high school English teaching position. After ten years of classroom experience, and the desire to influence educational opportunities for all children, he made the leap to full-time administration. In his career Dr. Letsos has been a Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, and Principal. We will welcome him at the Meet and Greet on August 14 from 3:30 -5PM.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dr. Letsos is a Koraes Elementary School Alumni, class of 1988.



DR. JAMES LETSOS
HEAD OF SCHOOL
1ST YEAR AT KORAES

ENTER & WIN TO SEE TAYLOR SWIFT LIVE

Koraes is thrilled to announce we will be raffling off 2 tickets to see Taylor Swift live in concert. Entries are \$200 each, with only 1,500 entries available. The lucky winner will receive 2 tickets to see Taylor live at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Saturday, November 2, 2024 (section 109, Row 12, seats 16 & 17), a parking pass, a one night stay at the Marriott Downtown Indianapolis, and \$250 spending cash. Terms and conditions apply, see site for details.



BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

Many exciting new projects are underway this summer. Our school's playground expansion is set to start late this summer, with a projected end date and rededication early this fall. The building's HVAC is currently being replaced, with the roof to begin shortly after. Both will be ready for the beginning of the school year. Lastly, our science lab will be converted into a maker's space for all grades to enjoy with monies raised from this year's Fun Run.



STEAM & SPORTS CAMP RECAP

Our 2nd annual STEAM and Sports Camp was a huge success, to say the least! With over 90 campers each session, our students were able to experience fun crafts, sports, science experiments, and of course Water Wednesdays. A heartfelt thank you to our program director, Aleka Letsos, staff, volunteers, donors, and to everyone who helped make this year even more successful than the last.



Palos Hills Greek Fest is August 17 and 18th VOLUNTEERS NEEDED August 15, 16, 17, 18, 19



Open to adults and high school students (we can sign your forms for hours!) Volunteers needed for a variety of areas including:

- Food Prep (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- Set-Up on Thursday and Friday 8/15 and 8/16
- Cleanup on Monday 8/19
- Grill and Gyros Volunteers
- Bar
- Food Running
- Sweets

AND MORE!!

<https://tinyurl.com/Palos-Greek-Fest-Volunteers>

ALL volunteers will receive a **free-shirt** if they attend Volunteer Meeting. ALL volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend our **Volunteer Meeting on August 15th**. We will provide a **bbq on the patio starting at 6pm, volunteer info session will start at 6:30**. Shirts will be distributed to volunteers, but are not guaranteed if you don't attend Volunteer Meeting. Our "Volunteer Panagiri" will end by 7:15.

We look forward to seeing you!

PALOS HILLS GREEK FEST

Get ready for a fun-filled weekend at the Palos Hills Greek Fest: Saturday, August 17th & Sunday, August 18th. There will be great food, drinks, pastries, rides, games, and live entertainment. Fun for the whole family!

Volunteers are needed August 15th-19th. Parents are encouraged to volunteer at the food line during fest days of Aug 17th & 18th. Those hours will count toward your Koraes family volunteer commitment. Scan the QR code to register, and select your time slot. Please join in support for our parish at the largest fundraiser of the year.