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Dear Koraes Parents,

At Koraes Elementary School, we work together: our priests, our administrators, our staff, parents and parish community to develop young people who are grounded in their Orthodox faith, academically prepared, and life-long learners. We are thankful for the participation of all of our school families in supporting our efforts.

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins on February 1, 2024 for returning families. We are beyond thrilled to have over 130 current families and enrollment nearing 200 students. At our most recent School Board meeting, during our study of current finances and financial forecasts, tuition rates for the new year were finalized. As we set tuition for the upcoming year, the School Board continues to focus on three main goals:

- ensure we have the resources necessary to continue to deliver an outstanding educational model that includes Greek language instruction and is grounded in Orthodox Christian values
- keep the education we provide affordable for our families relative to similarly situated private educational institutions in the area; and
- strive for a school that is financially independent.

As we look to the next academic year, may we be mindful that maintaining our beloved Orthodox Christian school bears significant responsibility on our parents. This means we must be faithful in supporting our school through prayer and giving. God has given us qualified teachers who give their time and talents to the Lord to benefit our children. The opportunities we are able to provide is determined by the support given by our Koraes families and through our fundraising efforts. In addition to staff support, there is also the huge need to pay operating and overhead expenses; our costs are independent from our parish, we are responsible for our share. As part of the parish and school capital improvement campaign we are committed to replacing the school roof and HVAC system during summer break. In being good stewards of our financial resources, we believe the tuition rates for the new school year coupled with increasing enrollment and dedicated fundraising will achieve the goals set forth above.

Even with rising inflation, the tuition scale for 2024-2025 places Koraes Elementary School in a competitive range with other local, private school options. School fundraising also plays an important role in offsetting tuition increases. Support of our fundraising efforts through your attendance, participation and volunteering is very important. It is our prayer that you will continue to support these efforts.

Registration for our returning families begins on Thursday, February 1. All paperwork may be found on our website. Current families who complete the registration process by February 29th will save money on the registration fee. Current families who register after February 29th will see an increase in the registration fee. We expect waitlists in grades PreK 3 thru 4th Grade. New Family Registration begins March 1st. Current families must register by February 29th to not be placed on the waiting list (if necessary). We strongly encourage our current families to complete the process as soon as possible.

We are proud of our accomplishments thus far this school year and could not have succeeded without the partnership with you, our families. We look forward to a new year ahead where we continue to grow as a community and experience the fullness of life which makes Koraes such an inspiring place for our youth, and home for our families and staff.

Very Truly Yours,

Elizabeth Christofylakis
School Board Chair