

Dear parents and students,

Welcome to our Greek School Program! We are delighted to have the opportunity to teach your children the Greek language and culture. Thank you for taking the time to bring them to school each week and encouraging them to embrace their Greek heritage. This program is an important collaboration between teachers, parents and students, and it would not have achieved as much as it has over the years without you.

We have made some minor changes the past few years, in order to help improve the focus, direction, and effectiveness of our school, as well as to help ensure its future success. We will strive to continue to improve as we go along. Together with your valuable input and support, we believe we can make it even better.

As in every school, we have expectations of our students and families:

Timeliness

Students are expected to arrive on time and be picked up on time.

Homework

Students are expected to bring their books and a notebook to class, with their homework completed, as best possible, and be prepared to participate. Teachers will be available for extra help if needed.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend class each week. Parents are requested to contact their child's teacher if they will be absent, before their child's class begins on that Thursday. They should also do so when their child will be tardy or leaving class early. Teacher's contact info will be available.

Students with six or more absences may be required to repeat the grade level and not advance to the next grade. If you know that your child will be out for more than the absence limit (due to sports or other after-school activities), please let Mrs. Alexandra know in the beginning of the school year. Arrangements to make those missed classes up will be discussed. Options and decisions will be made on an individual case basis.

We understand that students are involved in various activities throughout the year and we are prepared to set extra time aside each week to help students who were absent catch up with their class. Please note, however, that those make-up sessions will not replace their regular Thursday classes nor will they last as long as regular classes do. Homework will still be due each week and the students will need to be prepared when they come to the make-up sessions. This is an effort to maximize the students' potential and success rate by preventing them from falling behind. Students who do not attend the make-up sessions may need to repeat the grade level. This will be a consideration if their teacher feels they will struggle to keep up with the rest of the class and would not be beneficial to the student to be moved on.

Conduct

Students are expected to be on good behavior and to show respect to all other students, teachers, and parents. Bullying will not be tolerated in any form. If a bullying incident occurs, all students involved and their parents will be called in for a meeting with their teacher (and Mrs. Alexandra) to discuss the incident and proper actions will be taken.

Events

Teachers are expected to distribute poems and/or songs for the Christmas Celebration, March 25th Celebration, and Graduation Day a few weeks in advance of each event. We will review poems/songs in school, however, students should practice them at home, as well, as it is part of their homework each week. This allows the teachers to continue to focus on teaching and helping students with their lessons those weeks.

We welcome all parent/family member volunteers to help out with events throughout the year. We have three main events annually but there are also a few other various smaller events. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please see your child's teacher if you are willing and able to help. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with Mrs. Alexandra.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

We look forward to a wonderful school year for all!