Dear Greek School Families,

Welcome back! As we kick off a brand-new school year, we're excited to see familiar faces and welcome new ones into our Greek School community. Our goal is to create a safe, joyful, and enriching environment where our students can learn, grow, and connect with their Hellenic heritage. To help everyone get off to a smooth start, we'd like to share some important reminders about our school procedures and schedule.

#### **Program Details**

**Grades 1–6:** Our school week is made up of three learning sessions:

Wednesdays: 5:45-7:30 PM

Saturdays: 9:30-11:00 AM and 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

To ensure students get the most out of their Greek School experience, they are expected to attend at least two out of the three sessions each week. Attendance is taken at the start of each period. If your child is feeling unwell, just let their teacher know—it will count as an excused absence.

### **Pre-Primary and Primary:**

These early years are focused on joyful exposure and learning, so attendance is more flexible and not required for grade progression.

### **Reporting Absences**

If your child will be absent, please send a quick text or email to their teacher before class begins. We appreciate the heads-up!

#### **Arrival & Dismissal**

We kindly ask that families arrive and leave on time to keep everything running smoothly. Doors open 15 minutes before class starts.

## **Drop-off & Pick-up:**

We'll be greeting students and saying goodbye at the main door—thank you for helping us keep the building calm and safe during transitions.

## **Pre-Primary & Primary:**

Saturdays: 1:00-2:30 PM (Drop-off: 12:45-1:00 PM)

#### Grades 1–6:

Wednesdays: 5:45–7:30 PM (Drop-off: 5:30–5:45 PM) & Saturdays: 9:30 AM–12:45 PM (Drop-off:

9:15-9:30 AM)

<u>Greek Dance (Grades 1–6)</u> Greek dance is part of our Wednesday program—and it's always a highlight! Students will be split into two groups:

Grades 1-3 Grades 4-6

Each group will enjoy 30 minutes of traditional Greek dance and 1 hour and 15 minutes of classroom instruction. Please make sure your child wears comfortable sneakers and brings a water bottle.

## Greek School Reminders & Guidelines 🌿

Necess Time: Saturdays only, from 11:00am–11:30am Grades 1–6: Children are welcome to bring a small, healthy snack to enjoy during their break (please remember: no tree nuts or seeds) Please remind your child to wash their hands before eating.

## Minimizing Interruptions

Once classes are underway, our teachers and students are immersed in learning—and we want to keep that focus as smooth and undisturbed as possible. If you arrive late, we kindly ask that you wait until recess (Saturdays 11:00–11:30am) for drop-offs or pick-ups. Please do not knock on windows or doors once lessons have started. If you have a key to the building, we kindly ask that you don't use it to enter the classrooms when the lessons have started. Please wait for recess like everyone else. Thank you for helping us maintain a peaceful learning space!

# Class Cancellations

We'll always do our best to keep you informed in case of a cancellation:

Saturdays: Updates posted on Google Classroom by 8:00am

Wednesdays: Updates posted by 4:00pm. You can also call our school cancellation line: 902-479-0190 — it's updated alongside Google Classroom.

# **Balth & Wellness**

Let's keep our school a healthy place for all: Please keep children home if they are feeling unwell or showing any symptoms. If your child becomes sick during class, we'll call you right away for a prompt, safe pick-up. If your child will miss class due to illness, please reach out to their teacher to let them know. A friendly reminder to not send snacks with the students to school containing nuts or seeds as we have students with allergies. We're so grateful for your continued support, understanding, and partnership. Together, we make this school a warm, joyful, safe and welcoming place for our children to learn and grow.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to connect with your child's teacher—we're always happy to help. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's Greek language and cultural education—we're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Warmly,

The Greek School Teachers