

August 12, 2022

Dear Koraes Families,

***“Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,***

***God is always faithful, God does not change.”***

These words help us to recall the unconditional love our God has for each of us! Gifted by God’s grace, the one thing we know for certain, our amazing God does not change! Our God is always with us, a constant companion who surrounds each of us in an unconditional loving embrace! He loves us the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. We, in turn, can reflect that same love to one another! With these words of hope, together, as One School, One Heart: Faith, Knowledge and Friendship we will have a year blessed with all good things!

To begin with, I wish to extend a special word of welcome to those families who have just joined our Koraes community. We are delighted that you have chosen an Orthodox education for your children and even more pleased that you have decided to partner with Koraes Elementary in this endeavor.

It’s countdown time! We are less than two weeks away from our first day of school. On August 25th we will be welcoming back our students for the first full day of school. Meet the teacher will be held on August 24th from 1-3PM and the mandatory middle school meeting will be held immediately following from 3:15 - 4:30. Middle school students and a parent are required to attend. Our preschool parents will be meeting with the preschool team for orientation on August 23 from 6-7PM.

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

Official school hours are 8:30 - 3:15. Parents will be assigned a drop off and pick up location that will be sent out next Friday via email. If adjustments need to be made, please contact Mrs. Lind as soon as you become aware of needed changes. Students will report to homerooms upon arrival. Before and after care information will be sent out next Friday as well. Mrs. Despina (administrative assistant) sent an email today about before and after school care. If your child(ren) will be enrolled please complete the form. This supervision begins at 7:30 for the morning and ends at 4:30 in the afternoon.

### **Calling in an Absence**

Parents are required to either email the homeroom teacher and Mrs. Despina and state the reason for the absence or call the office and state the reason. The school has a 24 hour voicemail where parents can leave a message regarding an absence.

### **Cleaning**

- Our custodian will be sanitizing bathroom and high-touch surfaces including doorknobs and handles, handrails, classroom desks and chairs, sinks, countertops, light switches, etc.
- Disinfectant will be provided to all staff so that cleaning and sanitizing can occur in classrooms as needed.

### Meet the Teacher

Wednesday, August 24 from 1PM- 3PM Meet the Teacher. Students and families will bring school supplies and meet their teacher(s).

### First Day of School

Students will wear church uniforms. Parents are invited to gather on the patio for breakfast to kickoff the new year. Please park at the south end of the parking lot. All are welcome to this KPTA sponsored event.

### Summer Reading, Summer Math, Summer Greek

Please have your child(ren) bring in their summer work by Friday, August 26 to receive credit for the efforts over the summer.

### Classroom Assignments

**C is center classroom, E is the east side, W is the west side**

Preschool 3's - 100 E	Third Grade - 102 E
Preschool 4's 100 C	Fourth Grade - 103 E
Kindergarten - 101 E	Fifth Grade - 104 E
First Grade - 103 C	Sixth Grade - 101 C (homeroom)
Second Grade - 102 C	Seventh Grade - 102 W (homeroom)
Art - 104 W      Greek 103 W	Eighth Grade - 101 W (homeroom)

### 2022-2023 Koraes Faculty and Staff

Preschool 3's	Mrs. Shannon Noyes / Ms. Kelly Winston
Preschool Teacher	Mrs. Sonia Nikolopoulos / Mrs. Linda Winston
Kindergarten	Mrs. Diane Garratt
First Grade	Mrs. Nikoletta Stavrou
First Grade/Second Grade	Mrs. Kristen Stolorz
Second Grade	Ms. Jeavonna Munoz
Third Grade	Ms. Jhade Avila
Fourth Grade	Ms. Maria Michalarias
Fifth Grade	Mrs. Kat Simmerly
Sixth Grade (ELA)	Mr. Chris Barrer (8th gr homeroom)
Seventh Grade (SS)	Mr. Mark DelReal (6th gr (homeroom)
Eighth Grade (Math)	Ms. Vivian Niestrom (7th gr homeroom)
MS Science	Ms. Maria Pittos

Greek/Art/Religion	Presv. Georgia Alikakos
Greek	Mrs. Roula Boubourekas
Greek	Mr. Stavros Kariofilis
Greek	Mrs. Zoe Koultourides, Director of Programs
Greek	Ms. Nicole Panos
Greek/Instructional Coach/	Ms. Maria Pittos
Physical Education	Mrs. Aleka Letsos
Interventionist	Mrs. Shannon Noyes
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Despina Lianos
Assistant Principal	Mrs. Laura Grachan
Principal	Mrs. Beth Lind

We are excited about welcoming our new staff, Ms. Maria Pittos and Mrs. Kristen Stolorz. Our curriculum night will be held on August 31 at 6PM. Look for more information coming.

### **Exciting News for Middle School**

Mrs. Letsos has been working with local private schools to begin an interscholastic basketball program for boys and girls. This is in the development phase. More information to come at the mandatory middle school meeting on Wednesday, August 24.

### **Uniforms**

If you have ordered uniforms and the item(s) is on backorder, please have your child wear a solid color top or bottom that aligns with the school colors (gray, navy, white, royal blue). Shorts may NOT be worn on church days.

Boys K - 8 daily uniform: Short or long sleeve blue Koraes polo style shirt, navy pants or shorts, solid colored dress shoes (brown, black, navy), belt. May wear SOLID colored black, brown, navy gym shoes. Church uniform: dress shoes & navy pants (no shorts), white button down shirt, tie (optional), vest. Middle School boys may wear a navy blazer with a tie. **No shorts or gym shorts on church days.** Shorts are knee length navy purchased from School Belles. **Shorts may not be worn in winter months.**

Girls: K-2 jumper with white round collared blouse, solid color socks (navy, white, black, gray), solid color shoes - Mary Jane style or solid colored gym shoes. All hair accessories must be Koraes colored.

Girls: grades 3-5 may wear a Koraes patterned skort or the traditional jumper. Girls wearing the skort will wear the short or long sleeve Koraes polo style shirt. On church days girls will wear the white round collared shirt with vest or cardigan if wearing skort. If wearing jumper it's the

same uniform for church days. Solid colored shoes and socks, leggings. No patterned leg wear.

Middle School Girls 6-8: Koraes skirt, short or long sleeve Koraes polo style shirt. **Solid colored shoes and socks, leggings.** Church uniform: same shoes, white round collared blouse and vest or Koraes cardigan. Girls may wear a navy blazer on church days instead of the Koraes sweater/vest/cardigan.

Students in grades 3 - 8 will change for PE. ALL students are to leave gym shoes for PE in school. Non-marking soles are required for the gym.

Your prayers will be greatly appreciated as we work together to be the best we can be for our most important gift, your children! Enjoy the last week of summer vacation.

Most sincerely,  
Beth Lind