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Κυριακή 20 Μαρτίου

Ελάτε να γιορτάσουμε μαζί τη Διπλή Γιορτή!

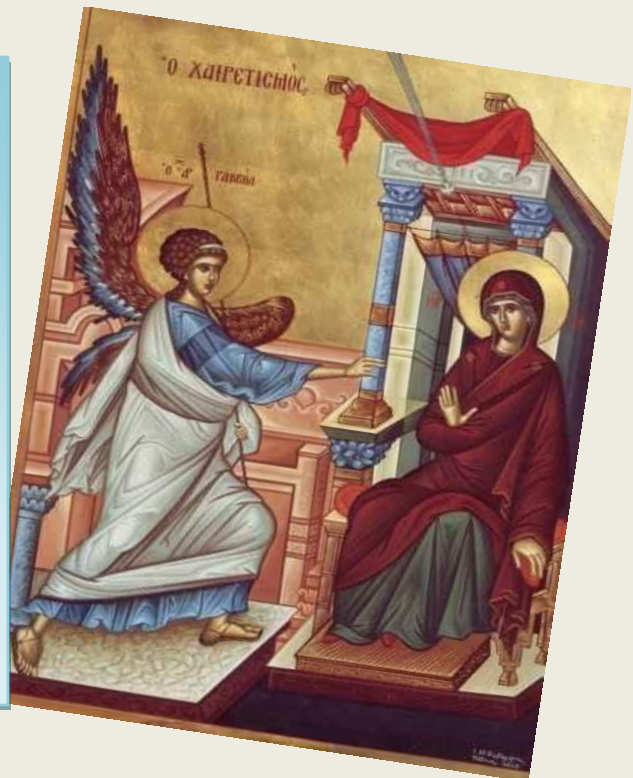
Παρακαλούμε να κάνετε
κρατήσεις το συντομότερο!

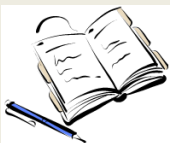


Sunday March 20th

Join us for
the Celebration of
Greek Independence Day &
the Annunciation of Virgin
Mary

Please make your reservations
as soon as possible. Space is
limited!





- 12 Μαρτίου PTO Meeting
- 20 Μαρτίου Πανηγυρικός εορτασμός για την Εθνική Επέτειο αμέσως μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία
- 25 Μαρτίου ΤΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΚΛΕΙΣΤΟ
- 27 Μαρτίου Παρέλαση από τα Ηνωμένα Σωματεία

ΣΗΜΑΝΤΙΚΕΣ ΗΜΕΡΟΜΗΝΙΕΣ

- Ιουνίου 3,7,8 Γιορτές Αποφοίτησης για το Ελληνικό Σχολείο
- 13-17 Ιουνίου Η Κατασκήνωση του Ελληνικού Σχολείου
- 18-25 Ιουνίου Η Κατασκήνωση της Μητρόπολης

- March 12th PTO Meeting
- March 20th Greek School Celebration for Greek Independence Day, Program & Luncheon after the Liturgy
- March 25th NO SCHOOL
- March 27th UHAS Parade in S.F.

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 3rd, 7th, 8th Graduations for the Greek School
- June 13th - 17th Greek School Summer Camp
- June 18th - 25th Metropolis Summer Camp



Πείτε τους Χρόνια Πολλά!!!

9 Μαρτίου γιορτάζει η Βιβιάνα
25 Μαρτίου Εθνεγερσία,
γιορτάζουν ο Ευάγγελος
και η Ευαγγελία



Αποκριές 2011

Η Αποκριά διαρκεί τρεις εβδομάδες, και ξεκινάει 60 μέρες πριν το Πάσχα. Ονομάζεται **Τριώδιο**. Η λέξη προέρχεται από το "τρεις ωδές" που σημαίνει οι τρεις ύμνοι που συνηθίζουμε να λέμε στην εκκλησία. Ξεκινά την πρώτη Κυριακή, που αναφέρεται στο Ευαγγέλιο του "Τελώνη και Φαρισαίου". Την δεύτερη Κυριακή, στο Ευαγγέλιο του "Ασώτου Υιού". Η τρίτη είναι της "Απόκριου" και η τελευταία Κυριακή της αποκριάς,κατα την οποία οι εορτασμοί και οι εκδηλώσεις φτάνουν στο απώγειο τους, είναι η "Τυρινή" (τυροφάγου). Το τέλος της αποκριάς είναι την αυγή της επόμενης μέρας: η πρώτη μέρα της Σαρακοστής, που ονομάζεται Καθάρά Δευτέρα. Κατά την διάρκεια αυτών των ημερών, γιορτές και εκδηλώσεις οργανώνονται παντού και οι άνθρωποι διασκεδάζουν πολύ, και κυρίως τα παιδιά. Οι ενήλικες και τα παιδιά μεταμφιέζονται με αστεία κουστούμια, χορεύουν, τραγουδούν και παρακολουθούν παρελάσεις καρνάβαλων καθώς και άλλες δραστηριότητες, που οργανώνονται από τους δήμους όλων σχεδόν των πόλεων της Ελλάδας

Εξετάσεις για το πιστοποιητικό της Ελληνομάθειας 2011

- Συμπληρώστε τις αιτήσεις
- Καταθέστε τις αιτήσεις και τις πληρωμές σας στη διεύθυνση του σχολείου
- Μεχρι **21 Μαρτίου** η προθεσμία υποβολής
- Εξετάσεις : **10-12 Μαΐου 2011**

(περισσότερες πληροφορίες στις επόμενες σελίδες και στην ιστοσελίδα μας

<http://belmontgreeksschool.com>)



Certificate of Attainment in Greek



CAN you read and understand a notice written in Greek?

Can you fill in an application form?

Do you watch the news on Greek television?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be eligible for a Greek proficiency certificate. Candidates are examined in three different levels and they are tested on reading comprehension, writing, verbal comprehension and speech.

The examinations are open to everyone, including children over the age of eight. Those who make the grade are awarded an official certificate of attainment in Greek, which is issued by the education ministry.

What are the levels?

There are three levels (**A, B and C**). Each is split into two groups - one is for children between the ages of 8 and 12 and the other is for teens and adults.

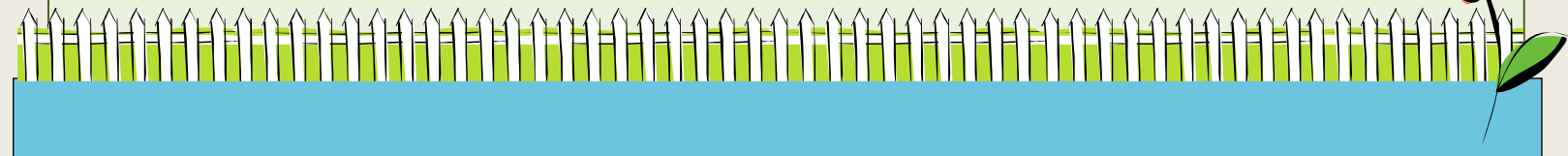
Level A1- Children Ages 8-12

(Starting 2011 Level A1 test can also be given to children ages 8-12. Please note this is a separate application than A1 for "teens and adults")

- Holders of the Level A1 certificate are capable of communicating with friends and peers and can understand simple instructions from parents and teachers
- Holders of the Level B1 certificate can easily communicate in various social settings. They can also read and understand the overall meaning of a text
- Holders of the Level C1 certificate are completely capable of using the language. They can give details and discuss a variety of issues

Level A1 (Teens and adults)

- Holders of a Level A2 certificate are capable of communicating orally in daily situations, can understand basic announcements on the radio and television and have basic reading and writing skills
- Holders of a Level B2 certificate can easily comprehend oral and written instructions and can express their ideas both verbally and on paper
- Holders of Level C2 have enough knowledge of the Greek language to articulately express their ideas and views in a formal and informal setting



Why should someone get it?

These certificates offer learners an expert and objective opinion of the level of their knowledge and comprehension of the Greek language. Until recently, there was no official certification available for immigrants and repatriated Greeks, as well as Greeks abroad and those who spoke the language to some degree. Only those who studied Modern Greek in university possessed the widely recognized certification. This all changed in 1999 when the Centre for Greek Language began to administer these examinations in Europe, and in 2000 in Greece and worldwide. Today, these certificates are a basic professional and academic requirement. For instance, immigrants who have not graduated from a Greek secondary school are required to hold a Level C certificate in order to attend a Greek university and other public institutions of higher learning. The Level D certificate allows non-Greek EU citizens to apply for employment in the Greek public sector. Employers in the private sector also require a level of proficiency in the language, and the certificates serve as official proof of linguistic proficiency.



Level A and B certificates are also recommended as preparation for the tests at higher levels.
Do candidates have to pass all levels?

No. A candidate who is fluent in Greek may take the examination for Level C without holding the junior levels (A and B). They also do not have to prove that they have taken Greek-language lessons.

Locally contact: Theodora Kounalakis at TKounalakis@yahoo.com and (650) 594-9585,
see our website

<http://www.belmontgreeksschool.com/certificate.html>

<http://www.greeklanguage.gr/certification/node/3>

OR

For any additional information contact
the Greek Language Centre in Thessaloniki located at
17 Karamaouna St, Skra Square, tel 2310-459101.
Send an email to antonopoulou@greeklanguage.gr or visit www.greeklanguage.gr



When is registration?

The examinations in Greece and abroad are held in May each year.

This year the exams will be held on **May 10, 11 and 12.**

Registration began in February and will run until March 21st.

For more information contact the Greek Language Centre in Thessaloniki
or Greek embassies abroad.



Παιδιά σας περιμένουμε!!!

Ημερήσια Εκπαιδευτική Κατασκήνωση

"ΤΟ ΑΕΡΟΣΤΑΤΟ ΜΑΣ"

για παιδιά 5-11 χρονών
Ιούνιος 13-17, 2011

ΕΞΕΡΕΥΝΩ ΚΑΙ ΜΑΘΑΙΝΩ!!!

Ελληνικό Σχολείο «Τίμιος Σταυρός»
Μπέλμοντ, Καλιφόρνια

...πετάμε
ψηλά



Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες τηλεφωνήστε (650) 594-9585
www.belmontgreeksschool.com

Greek Language Immersion Camp

"TO AEROSTATO MAS"

for children 5-11 yrs
June 13-17, 2011

DISCOVER AND LEARN!!!

Holy Cross Greek School
Belmont, California

up and
away



For more information call: (650) 594-9585
www.belmontgreeksschool.com

GREEK VILLAGE CAMP

Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center – Dunlap, CA

June 18 – 25, 2011 | Ages 7 – 14



Enjoy a week-long Greek language immersion camp in the beautiful foothills of Sequoia National Park. Led by a team of highly qualified Greek language instructors from throughout the Metropolis, the Greek Village will provide a unique and memorable experience for your children!



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Geography and Greek History
- Greek Cooking and Dancing
- Music and Theatre
- Mythology
- Arts and Crafts
- Campfires
- Daily Worship

For more information and
registration forms, visit:
www.ourgreekvillage.com





CELEBRATING FREEDOM

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

AND THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Sunday, March 20th, 2011

Holy Cross Greek School

Invites you to celebrate this "special" day, immediately following the Divine Liturgy on: **Sunday, March 20 2011**. Come join us as we honor the heroes of Greece who fought for our freedom, with a program by our Greek School Students and Teachers. This is our school's major fundraiser of the year, so we look forward to seeing you all there!

Lenten Luncheon and Program

Adults \$25, Children \$15

Family (Parents with two or more children) \$70.00

Tables of 10 will receive assigned seating. Please make your reservations early.
Reservations are made in order of payment and form received.

Complete this portion and mail with your check (payable to Greek School) to:

Marissa Tsangaropoulos

321 Clifton Ave San Carlos, CA 94070

marissaki@yahoo.com (email is the preferred method of contact)

650-591-5393



NAME : PHONE :

NUMBER OF ADULTS _____ x \$25 =\$ _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____ x \$15 =\$ _____

FAMILY (Parents with 2 or more children) _____ x \$70 =\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

____ Check here if coordinating a table of 10. Please list all 10 names.

