

Ευτυχισμένο  
Χαρούμενο και  
Δημιουργικό το 2018!

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## CALENDAR

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>  
School resumes

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL, Martin  
Luther King Jr Day  
Teachers In service  
Day

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>  
PTO Board  
General Meeting

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>  
HECC celebration  
for Three Hierarchs  
(St. Catherine's Greek  
Orthodox Church, in  
Redondo Beach)

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Vasilopita cutting &  
Greek Letters Day

Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Three Hierarchs Day  
(School in Session)

# January 2018 Newsletter

## Holy Cross Greek School

### *A word from the Director...*

*Katerina Papachristou-Chiotis*

Καλωσορίζοντας το 2018 θέλω να ευχηθώ σ όλες τις οικογένειες χρόνια πολλά και καλή χρονιά γεμάτη υγεία, ευτυχία, οικογενειακή και κοινωνική ευημερία.

Μαζί με τις ευχές εκφράζω και τα θερμά μου συγχαρητήρια στα παιδιά και τις δασκάλες για τις πολύ όμορφες παρουσιάσεις τους στα χριστουγεννιάτικα προγράμματα που έγιναν λίγο πριν τις διακοπές των Χριστουγέννων! Και του Χρόνου να 'μαστε καλά...

The end of the year marks the gathering of all families coming together to celebrate our holiday programs. Students filled our hearts with joy as they sang Christmas carols.

I personally congratulate all students and their teachers for the hard work and effort, but also would like to extend my thanks to all families who joined all our celebrations. We are very proud of our students.

The PTO Board General Meeting is right around the corner! The General PTO Board Meeting occurs each January and is open to all members of the Holy Cross Greek School Program. Please attend this important meeting to receive updates on the Greek School Program and to offer your valuable input.

### *A very warm welcome...*

to our new PTO Board members : *Ilias Iliopoulos, Leonidas Maheras and Michael Gordon.*

### *Greek Letters Day Celebration of the Three Hierarchs*

Our Holy Cross Greek School celebrates the Three Hierarchs every year. Greek School is sponsoring the Coffee Hour honoring the Greek Letters Day.

Please come and join us on  
**Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
immediately after the Liturgy in  
OAKS!

Ελάτε όλοι να γιορτάσουμε τη γιορτή των **Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων** και να κόψουμε τη βασιλόπιτα την **Κυριακή στις 28 Ιανουαρίου** αμέσως μετά τη **Θεία Λειτουργία** στην αίθουσα **OAKS!!**

*Wishing All  
a Happy and Prosperous  
New Year!*



*"New Year Resolutions and Renewed Commitment"*

*by Rika Tsitsinia*

*School Administrator and Director of Development*



*Dear students and parents,*

*My warmest wishes for a healthy, happy, and productive new year. I hope you feel renewed and that you enjoyed this special time of the year with those you love.*

*A new year is a new beginning and new beginnings are always full of hope and full of dreams. The New Year invites us all to dream, set goals and plan. We are ready to spring forward with energy, work towards our goals and reach higher.*

*You have been putting a lot of hard work to learn our beautiful Greek language, picking knowledge about our history and culture along the way. January is a good time to consider your work and - with the feedback teachers provided in the parent-teacher conferences - make a plan and commit to reaching your goals and go higher.*

*Here are the small things which when done over long period of time will help you reach your goals:*

- 1. Come to school on time*
- 2. Do your homework*
- 3. Read aloud at least 3 times a week for 10 mins some Greek text (from your text book or another book)*
- 4. Commit to using your Greek e.g. talk with family members while having a hot tea or chocolate for 10 mins in the evening or/and while driving back and forth to school. This is your "Greek only" time.*

*We are here to help and support you - our wonderful students! - in your renewed efforts, so please do reach out to us for anything we can do.*

*With my heartfelt wishes for*

*a rewarding and productive year!*

*Good luck to our students...*

- This year the **FDF celebration** takes place in San Francisco after many years, and we we wish all students from our community a fun time and good luck!*
- The **Three Hierachs HECC celebration** this month will take place on January 21st, 2018 at St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church, in Redondo Beach. Good luck to our students participating in the contest.*



**Εξετάσεις  
Ελληνομάθειας**

*Το τμήμα προετοιμασίας  
για το Β1 Επίπεδο  
ξεκινάει την  
Παρασκευή 12 Ιαν. 2018*