

St. Demetrios Pythagoras School Board News – June 2014

Greetings to all the families of PCA, PGS and PSGS! Welcome to our 2nd newsletter. We hope you find these updates informative and helpful. It's been a very eventful three months since our last communication. See below for more information.

Please know we are here for all the schools in our Pythagoras Family. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or suggestions. Our meetings are open to you and we hope you will join us. [We are always seeking ways to better our schools, and your input and ideas are always welcome.](#)

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PYTHAGORAS SCHOOLS

Dean Stathopoulos Steps Down

Dean Stathopoulos, who served as School Board President for the past four years submitted his resignation in early April. Citing personal reasons, after much soul searching, he decided to end his term early. We thank Dean for his years of dedicated service to our Pythagoras Schools. Dean was a very strong advocate for our schools, and championed many causes during his tenure. We encourage you all to thank Dean for his very hard work. We are all volunteers and serving on the school board, especially as president, requires a tremendous amount of time. We wish him well. Dean remains a staunch advocate of our Pythagoras Schools.

Please Welcome Harry Fournier!

As you might know, Harry was elected earlier this year, to be the School Board President for the 2014-2016 term beginning this July. The Parish Council asked Harry to assume his post immediately following Dean's resignation, so we may keep things moving forward for our schools. If you don't know Harry, also known as Bob, say hello. He is an attorney, and the parent of two PCA students. He is excited for his tenure as president, and has many great ideas moving forward. Contact Harry at HJF.pythagoras@gmail.com.

School Board Elections Coming Soon

The new school board will be elected soon. Our current School Board remains in office through July. Thank you to Chris Kontos, Dan Maimonis, Koula Alevizos Fournier, Owen Field, Mihalios Bourtsos, Angela I. Kapotas, Maria A. Karamitsos, Anthony Xidis and Dean Stathopoulos for their hard work and dedication to our schools. We wish you well!

Take Care of Outstanding Tuition

Please take care of any outstanding tuition balances immediately. If you have a past due balance for the 2013-2014 school year, your child will not be admitted to either PCA, PGS or PSGS for the 2014-2015 until all balances are paid in full. Thanks for your cooperation.

Pythagoras Children's Academy

Meet PCA's First Full-time Director

We are pleased to introduce to you, PCA's first-ever full-time director! Vicky Frigelis, an educator who is more than half way through her master's degree, and is also the parent of two (and soon-to-be-three) students at PCA. Vicky has great ideas, enthusiasm and energy and we are very excited to have her on board. This will help us to continue to expand the school, while reinforcing our core values. Staying true to our mission of providing the highest quality education rooted in Hellenism and Orthodoxy, a director will go a long way in strengthening our program, mentoring and guiding our staff, marketing and promoting the program, while also focusing on recruitment and retention. Welcome Vicky! Say hello and share your ideas. mrsvicky.pca@gmail.com

Our heartfelt thanks to Patty Konstantopoulos and Dina Jason for their tenure in leading our school. Let's build on their fine work. Onward and upward!

Registration Update

As of May 28, registration for PCA for the 2014-2015 school year stands at 101 students! This is our highest pre-registration number ever!! This is a testament to the amazing and valuable program we have at PCA, and it just keeps getting better.

Registration is ongoing through the start of the next school year. Remember, if you refer a new family to PCA, there is a \$200 incentive!

TADS Online Tuition Payment System

"As was the case with the present school year, all tuition accounts will be handled through TADS for the 2014-2015 school year. For this upcoming school year, however, all TADS accounts will be activated prior to Registration Day. In the coming weeks, families will receive an email from TADS, asking them to accept their payment agreements. For Registration Day to go smoothly, it is imperative that all agreements are accepted upon receipt. If families have any questions about their specific agreements, please contact either Mr. Fournier or Mrs. Frigelis.

Registration/Orientation Day – August 18

With the TADS system, there will be no lines for tuition payments, however, on this day, payments must be made for Hot Lunch, Fundraising Fee and Supplies. On this day, families will meet their teachers, visit classrooms and drop off school supplies. Supply lists will be sent during the summer. Registration packets were sent home with students prior to the last day of school. If you did not receive one, please contact mrsvicky.pca@gmail.com. First day of school is August 21 (full day).

PPO

A special thank you to PPO for all the hard work this year. PPO is always on hand to help whenever needed. PPO raises funds to purchase items to enhance the educational experience at PCA. These tireless parents cook and serve lunch, host class parties and fundraisers, and so much more. Thank you to the officers, Co-Presidents Vicki Dray and Aleka Letsos, Treasurer Theo Alexandrakis, Secretary Maria Karamitsos and Hot Lunch Coordinator Jane Vlahos, plus all the parents who volunteered throughout the year. We also welcome the new officers for the 2014-2015 school year: Co-Presidents Toni Milak and Erika Vlahos, Vice President Vicki Dray, Treasurer Theo Alexandrakis, Secretary Maria Karamitsos, and Hot Lunch Committee Helen Vitogiannis (Chair), Roula Papamihail, Norma Gagliano, Chris Kontos and Karen Kavalas. Support PPO! pythagoras.parents.organization@gmail.com

Greek School

No Fundraising Fee for PTO

We mentioned in the last newsletter that School Board had approved a fundraising fee to assist PTO in their efforts. Unfortunately, Parish Council didn't deem it necessary and vetoed it. Therefore, there will be no fundraising fee for the Greek Schools.

Supply Fee Increases

It has been noted that the Supply Fee was not nearly enough to cover supplies needed for the year, so Supply Fee will increase to \$40 from \$25. Note, there is no increase in tuition. Tuition rates remain the same as last year.

NEW! Non-steward Tuition Rate

Parish Council has approved a non-steward rate for tuition. For families of other parishes who do not wish to become stewards at St. Demetrios, there will be a \$500 non-steward fee, in addition to tuition.

Please Complete Tuition Commitments

Many families have not yet completed payment of Greek School tuition. If you have not completed your tuition commitment for the 2013-2014 school year, we encourage you to do so immediately. Going forward, registration for the 2014-2015 classes will not be complete until all outstanding stewardship and tuition balances. We will eventually be moving toward an automated tuition payment system, as the day school uses, which will require all payments to be final by February of the school year, otherwise all accounts in arrears will be forwarded to a collection agency. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

PTO

A big thank you to our very hard working and dedicated PTO! Thank you to the officers, President Peg Karadimas, Vice President Athena Kalaras, Treasurer Valery Kapadoukakis and Secretary Barbara Derakis, plus all the parents who have volunteered their time and talents this year. Congratulations to the new PTO Board: Co-Presidents Athena Kalaras and Valery Kapadoukakis, Vice President Valentina Eb, Corresponding/Recording Secretary Demetra Bolis, Treasurer Angie Thanopoulos, and Cultural Committee Chair Vicky Callas. PTO needs your assistance going forward. Support PTO and get involved! pgspto@yahoo.com

Registration Now Open

Registration for PGS and PSGS is now open. Forms should have come home in your child's folder. Please register as soon as possible – do not wait until fall – so we may better plan for the year, including securing the best teachers, and the number needed to properly serve our students and keep the class sizes small. Register by June 30 for a \$50 discount.

Pythagoras Greek School

Congratulations to our graduates! Hope to see you back at Teen Track. Thanks for a great year! Have a great summer! Classes resume on Monday, August 25.

Pythagoras Saturday Greek School

It was another successful year for PSGS. Congrats to all the graduates! We hope you'll be back for Teen Track. Enjoy the summer! Classes resume on September 6.

Alumni

We are seeking volunteers to engage our alumni. They will always be a part of our Pythagoras Family! Please contact us if you are interested. Schoolboard.pythagoras@gmail.com

Pythagoras Schools Calendar of Events:

- June 30: PGS and PSGS early registration discount deadline
- August 18: PCA Registration/Orientation Day
- August 21: PCA First Day of School
- August 25: PSGS First Day of School
- September 6: PGS First Day of School

Community Calendar of Events:

- June 23-27: VCS "Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides"
- September 21: First Day of Sunday School
- September 27-28: DIMITRIA 2014 – Taste of Greece Fall Glendi
- October 19: DIMITRIA 2014: Anniversary Celebration honoring Father Panagiotis Malamis for 40 years at St. Demetrios
- November 1: DIMITRIA 2014: Retreat with Mother Gabriella, Gerontissa of the Dormition Orthodox Monastery in MI

Minutes

Click through for Minutes from the [April](#) and [May](#) School Board meetings.

Have a Great Summer!

Enjoy your summer! See you in the fall.

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