



GREEK ORTHODOX  
METROPOLIS OF  
NEW JERSEY

# SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Rev. John Theodosion

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Dear parents,

Looking forward to and planning ahead for the upcoming new school year, we encourage parents to enroll their children at their earliest convenience for the teachers and the staff to plan accordingly.

The Saint Andrew Hellenic Afternoon School (HAS) offers a unique educational program that emphasizes not only the Greek language, but also our Greek history, culture, and the Greek Orthodox religion. In expanding and experiencing these concepts and ideas, the students participate in various schoolwide cultural and religious day presentations and events during the school year, which showcases students' language skills and the ability to engage with the Hellenic culture historical days. The OXI Day, the Three Hierarchs, the Christmas pageant, and the 25<sup>th</sup> of March commemoration are such events the students work hard and proudly perform. Our professional, qualified, and dedicated teachers have many years of experience, and look forward to engaging and teaching your children.

The Greek school seeks to instill in our students an understanding of the important contribution Greece has made to our western civilization, to our democratic principles, and to the English language. With this understanding of their ethnic background, the Greek School program leads our children to one of the greatest pieces of knowledge, to "Know Thyself". It is our goal that our children appreciate and understand their Greek language and heritage.

We look forward to providing your child with an effective and rigorous Greek School education and Greek Dance program.

**Arrival and Dismissal:** Please enter at the office entrance to drop off and pick up your child. **You will be required to sign in your child and document the time of arrival.** Students who are absent will be required to make-up all missed work. It is imperative students arrive at school on schedule, parents pick-up their child promptly, and teachers are notified ahead of time for late arrival and early dismissal.

**Teacher Welcome Letter:** All teachers will send a Welcome Letter to each family. All students should be prepared for class with the materials their teacher requires. The parents will need to check periodically for any replacement of supplies. There will be no food and toys permitted and students should bring a water bottle tightly sealed.

**HAS books:** Please bring back all student's Greek books from the previous school year. We will use these books for review in the classroom. For the level 4 to level 6 classes, this includes the geography book and the history book. If the students do not have the geography book or the history book, there will be an additional charge. Please email the administration to place the book order.

**Assessments:** To meet all student individual needs in learning the Greek language and culture, we must assess students every four weeks in the classroom. All assessments are short and can be found for home practice in the Γεια Χαρα! e-book. This requirement allows us to modify our curriculum and improve our student's performance. You will find in this email the attachments for each assessment of each level. Your child's teacher will update you ahead of time via Google Classroom and/or parent e-mail for what levels and units your child will be assessed on.

**All educational platforms- Google Classroom/Greek123 (Γεια Χαρα!) and Staellinika:** We will continue to use Google Classroom. **There will be an email invitation sent out to your child's HAS email. Please look for this email and accept the invitation to Google classroom.** This will be a way to communicate with your child's teacher and you will see all assignments posted accordingly. For private communication, please e-mail your child's teacher using your e-mail and CC the director of education for all conversations. Additionally, we will use the Greek123 platform for access to the student's e-book for homework and review support. The Staellinika is an optional learning platform for watching videos and for students who want a challenge while reviewing mini-lessons. We encourage all students to take advantage of all the educational platforms offered.

- **The Greek123 (Γεια Χαρα!) link is:** <https://lms.greek123.com>
- The students will need to log in with their student email to retrieve the electronic book (e-book) for homework support.
- Please bookmark this link for student's easy access. The **password** for Greek123 is **Randolph**. You may change the password once your child logs in with their student email.
- **The Staellinika link is:** <https://staellinika.com>
- The students will need to log in with their student email and click on their recommended level. The recommended level is located with the student's name in the PDF attachment under "Staellinika Course". This is an optional educational resource that is recommended and will spark student interest. Teachers may use this platform for some educational activities.
- Please bookmark this link for student's easy access. The **password** for Staellinika is **sta123**. You may change the password once your child logs in with their student email.

- **\*\*\*All educational platforms (Google Classroom, Greek123, and Staellinika) will need the student's email to log in. Please write down and save the student email and password on any preferred electronic device. For new students without a student email, please check the parent email to activate the google account and then accept the teacher's invitation to enter Google Classroom.**
- Please have your child log in to <https://classroom.google.com> with their student email and accept the teacher's invitation to enter Google Classroom. Don't forget to bookmark the link for student easy access. Below you will find the teachers emails:

- **JPK- TBA**
- **Pre-k- Panayiota Louca- [ylouca@standrewgonj.com](mailto:ylouca@standrewgonj.com)**
- **Level 1A- Vasilias Christodoulou -[vantonchristo@standrewgonj.com](mailto:vantonchristo@standrewgonj.com)**
- **Level 1B- Effie Kritharis- [ekritharis@standrewgonj.com](mailto:ekritharis@standrewgonj.com)**
- **Level 1C- Alexia Dionysiou- [alexia@standrewgonj.com](mailto:alexia@standrewgonj.com)**
- **Level 2- Stacey Papanikolaw- [spapanikolaw@standrewgonj.com](mailto:spapanikolaw@standrewgonj.com)**
- **Level 3- Eleni Zeris- [ezeris@standrewgonj.com](mailto:ezeris@standrewgonj.com)**
- **Level 4- Haroula Christodoulou - [hchristodoulou@standrewgonj.com](mailto:hchristodoulou@standrewgonj.com)**

Any questions you may reach me at: [vantonchristo@standrewgonj.com](mailto:vantonchristo@standrewgonj.com)

Thank you.

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