



Saint George Greek Orthodox Church  
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Dear Fellow Saint George Greek School Families:

We hope that you are enjoying your summer holidays and our letter finds you in good health. Greek School classes will begin on Thursday, September 13, 2022 at 4:00pm, with an *Agiasmo Blessing*.

Please find enclosed our updated "Greek School Registration Procedures and Forms" for the upcoming 2022-2023 Greek School year. This year again, we aim to complete the registration process before the first day of school. It is kindly requested that you properly fill out all the attached forms to complete your registration either in person or by mail. We would like to draw your attention to the following:

We kindly ask that you comply with these procedures in order to ensure a smooth registration for all involved. **Please be reminded that as per school policy, everyone is to enter and exit through the GYM doors only throughout the school year unless otherwise indicated.** Parents, please do not drop off students or park in front of the Church or in the handicap spots. On 9/13/22, we will first gather in the gym area prior to entering the Church. Following the blessing service, the students will proceed to their respective classrooms. Parents, please be on time to pick up your child in the GYM at the regular dismissal times as stated on the attached documents.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Greek School students back in our classrooms at our St. George Greek School! It has been decided that we will continue with the technology learned by our staff members that supports our classrooms in Greek language learning - while we return in September with in person instruction. There was a positive and effective outcome with the use of technology by both our parents and students for the last couple of school years, and therefore, we will continue to be using these components in our instruction. (For examples, we will continue to use Zoom on snow days; Google Classroom for part of Classwork, Homework, Assessments and Grades; The Ellinopoula online platform or similar for supplemental Greek teaching techniques and effective interactive student learning.)

We thank you in advance for your attention and anticipated cooperation. We look forward to seeing everyone in September for another memorable and successful year of Greek Language and Greek Culture education.

With warm regards,

✙ Fr. Peter Balkas  
Presbyter

Mrs. Joyce Logothetis  
St. George Greek School Director

CC: Mrs. Sophia Constantinou, Parish Council President  
Dr. Anastasios Koularmanis, School Board Chairman  
Mr. Nick Marcopoulos, Parish Council Member

**GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM  
2022- 2023**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF REGISTRATION: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME OF CHILD:

DATE OF BIRTH:

GRADE IN SCHOOL:

American

Greek

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PARENTS' NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES): \_\_\_\_\_

***ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.***

**TOTAL registration amount\* for each child includes:  
Tuition, Books, and Stewardship Commitment of \$800**

**\*\*\$50 Discount per family will be given any registration forms submitted prior to 8/12/2022!**

**Every child is required to sell a box of chocolates or contribute \$60 by  
October 18th. The chocolate fundraiser enables the school administration to  
provide necessary supplies for the teachers and classrooms.**

One Child: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1350)\*

Two or More Children: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1625)\*

Grand Total Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. We have submitted our family's stewardship commitment for the 2022-2023 Greek School Year.

(OFFICE USE ONLY: Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_)

## GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2022-2023

**Greek School Classes:** Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(NEW) Early Childhood Greek Language Class (3-year-olds; day TBA *pending interest*)  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade - NY Regents Preparatory Class  
Ellinomatheia Course/Advanced Conversation Course  
Adult Greek Language Course

### Greek School Days and Times:

- Pre-K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grades: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00pm – 5:50pm.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Regents: To Be Announced
- Adult Greek Course: To Be Announced
- Early Childhood Greek Language Class: To Be Announced

**Greek School Begins:** Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2022 at 4:00pm

**For First Time Students:** \*A Birth Certificate is required for your child's registration\*

Minimum age requirements are as follows:

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|------------------------|---|
| PRE-K 4:               | 4 years old by October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2022 |
| PRE--K 5:              | 5 years old by October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2022 |
| Kindergarten:          | 6 years old by October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2022 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: | 7 years old by October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2022 |

### TUITION, BOOKS, AND THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT OF \$800:

- Grades Pre- K - 6th: One Child \$1350  
Two or More Children \$1625
- Regents/Ellinomatheia/Adult/Early Childhood Greek Courses: Per student TBD

*(Pending interest: The Schedules of the Regents/Ellinomatheia/Adult/Early Childhood Classes will be announced)*

### \* REGISTRATION PROCEDURES\*

- REGISTRATION CAN BE SENT OR DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2022.
- ANY OUTSTANDING GREEK SCHOOL TUITION AND STEWARDSHIP BALANCES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE UPCOMING 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

**\*\*FOR RETURNING STUDENTS:** UPON FULL PAYMENT OF YOUR REGISTRATION, YOUR CHILD WILL BE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED AND WILL BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND CLASS ON THE FIRST DAY OF GREEK SCHOOL. YOUR REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND CLASS ON THE FIRST DAY. THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.

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**Saint George Greek School Discipline Rules**

*Our Language Program and Staff are committed to ensure an environment where students are safe and free of distractions in order to learn the Greek Language and Heritage.*

Students are expected to comply with the program's behavior rules:

1. Greek School takes place in our Church. Therefore, proper respect and manners are expected at all times by every individual throughout the Church.
2. No running, pushing, or yelling in the hallways or throughout the Church. No child should be wandering in any area around the Church during Greek School hours, with the exception of the restroom facility area where permitted.
3. No electronic devices (games, cell phones, I pod, etc.) are allowed within the classroom. If they are present, the teacher will take possession of the item from the student until class is over and return it to their Parents. In addition, no food or soda is permitted in the classrooms unless otherwise designated by the Teacher.
4. No disruptive behavior towards any Parent, Teacher, or fellow classmate will be tolerated. Any disruptive behavior, inappropriate language, or bullying will result in disciplinary action.
5. No student is allowed in the Computer Lab without his or her teacher.
6. Students will adhere to their respective teacher's classroom rules and guidelines.

**Disciplinary Response:**

**First Offense:** Student will be spoken to by the Teacher.

**Second Offense:** Teacher will call or write a letter home to Parent requiring signature and/or meeting.

**Third Offense:** Teacher will schedule a meeting with Priest, School Board Chairman, and/or Director, and Parent.

**\*If the disruptive behavior persists on a continual basis, Parent will be asked to sit in on the class each day until the disruptive behavior is no longer an issue.**

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS: Please sign and return along with your Registration.**

**Student's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## PHOTOGRAPH CONSENT FORM AND RELEASE

With this form, I consent to have my son(s)/daughter(s),

\_\_\_\_\_,'  
photographed, either individually or in groups. I also consent to the use of my child's photograph or likeness, to be displayed in boards, posters, or our school's website. As the child's Parent, or Legal Guardian, I agree to release the Church, School Board, Teachers, and Volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, complaints, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out or by reason of, or be caused by the use or my child's photograph, or likeness in any medium.

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

\_\_\_\_\_

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## MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

*In the case of an emergency, I give the Staff present permission to administer first aid. Should any medical attention be necessary, I give permission for Staff Members to seek further qualified medical assistance including emergency room care until I am contacted.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian*

*(As of September 2022)*

***\*IF any information noted on form changes, please notify Director. \****

### ***Important Medical Information***

1. *Pediatrician's Name, Address and Phone Number:*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. *Any Allergies:*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. *Any other medical condition regarding your child:*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. *Any medication taken presently:*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. *Name and Phone Number to contact in case of Emergency:*
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  - b. \_\_\_\_\_

# *Saint George Greek Orthodox Church*

## *Greek School Policies and Procedures*

### *A. Arrival*

Greek School begins promptly at 4:00pm. The students and teachers are expected to be in class and ready to begin their lessons. At no time are cell phones, electronic devices or headsets allowed in class. Attendance will be taken every school day. We are aware that many times traffic plays a major role and that it is beyond your control, but please try to have your child in on time.

Due to safety and security issues, arrival and dismissal will take place through the Gym doors at all times. Ample parking is available in the Church parking lot. There will be no parking in designated handicapped spots, in front of the Church, or curbside parking.

### *B. Attendance*

We encourage all students to make every effort to attend all classes. It is essential for a student to be present in class and on time so that they may absorb all the material that is being presented. Excessive absences may lead to consideration of not passing the current grade. If a student is absent, it is his or her responsibility to get the homework assignments and material covered with teacher's assistance. Please make arrangements by communicating with your child's teacher for any missed assignments.

### *C. Behavior*

Good behavior in class, free of disruptions and reprimands, is a sign of great character and upbringing. **Absolutely no disruptive behavior towards any parent, teacher or fellow student will be tolerated.** Any disruptive behavior or inappropriate language and actions will result in disciplinary action. First offense: teacher will speak to student. Second offense: teacher will write a letter home to parent requiring signature and/or meeting. Third offense: teacher will schedule a meeting with Priest, School Board Chairman/ Director, and Parent. If the disruptive behavior is on a continual basis, the parent will be asked to sit it on the class each day until the disruptive behavior is no longer an issue.

### *D. Dismissal*

Greek School ends at 6:00 pm. Dismissal for Grades Pre-K, K and 1<sup>st</sup> will be at 5:50pm for safety reasons. Teachers will bring their classes upstairs to the GYM/Fellowship Hall at this time and wait for all students to be picked up.

Parents are required to be on time and come through the Gym door entrance only and pick up their child from this area in order to exit through the Gym Doors. Please DO NOT DROP OFF OR PICK UP IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH ENTRANCE. Our priority is the safety of the children.

\*\*Please note that we discourage you from taking your child out of Greek School before the 6:00 dismissal. However, in the event that you have to do so, you must come to the classroom and see the teacher prior to the beginning of class, or send a note with your child. No student will be permitted to exit the classroom unless the person who picks him or her up makes arrangements with the teacher prior to class.

## ***E. Homework***

Homework will be issued on Tuesdays and reviewed the following Tuesday – unless otherwise, determined by the individual teacher. Homework will be used as a tool to reinforce what has been taught in class. If there is any question or concern regarding the Homework, please address the respective Teacher or Director for further assistance.

## ***F. Tutoring***

If at the end of the year your child has not done well, tutoring should be used over the summer. By contacting your child's teacher, they will let you know where your child needs attention. Progressing to the next grade with a weak foundation of the previous year will not serve your child well. The work and the requirements of the next grade will only become more difficult. Therefore, there are times when tutoring is an essential element with the progress of a child's education.

## ***G. Grading***

Greek School Students enrolled in our Greek Language Program need to adhere to the policy as follows: Students will enter the Greek Language Program one grade level behind their current grade level in their American Day School. This is to ensure your child's prior knowledge in their first language benefits their achievement in the Greek Language.

All grades will be in numeric form from 0-100. This applies to homework, class work, behavior, and examination grading. You will see the alphabetic grades on report cards. The following grade scale will apply:

- A
- B
- C
- N (Needs improvement)

Grades of A, B, and C are passing grades.

A grade of an N is an alert flag. This indicates that the student's performance may not be adequate for promotion to the next grade, but there exists a potential to



improve. The teachers are available to help the parents of children having difficulties any way they can during the course of the year. If the child is still struggling with an “N” at the end of the year, the parent should contact their child’s teacher for lesson plans so that they may continue to work with the child over the summer. Significant improvement must be evident within the first few lessons of the following grade, and/or upon discussion, otherwise, there may be a need to have the child repeats the grade. Attention should be placed on the fluency the child has acquired rather than the grade they have received. Grades are only meant for Parents to understand their child’s progress. It is up to each individual family to decide whether they are satisfied with their child’s progress or if they wish their child to repeat the level. We remind you this is a second language-learning program where grades are important, but learning the language is the goal.

## ***H. Classroom Etiquette***

No food or soda is permitted in the classrooms unless otherwise designated by the teacher on special occasions. At the discretion of each teacher, students will be permitted to leave their classrooms in order to use the downstairs Hall restroom or get a drink of water when necessary. Children must remain on this floor at all times. Any child who does not follow this policy will lose this privilege.

## ***I. Dress Code***

Students must follow the traditional dress code during special holiday performances and for the Greek Independence Day Parade. That is, white button-down dress shirts with collars, blue or black shoes with white tights for the females; and blue pants and white button-down dress shirts with collars, blue tie, with blue or black shoes for the males. ***Please make sure our St. George Greek School emblem is sewed on both the boys’ and girls’ shirts.*** (Any new student in need of a school emblem, please see Director; cost is \$10) If any parent has any difficulty getting one of these items, please let the Director know ahead of time.

## ***J. Weather Policy***

When there is inclement weather, the School Board will make the decision as to close the school\* or not for safety reasons. Please make sure to provide us with all house and cell phone numbers, along with e-mail addresses, to keep you posted in every way possible. If for any reason you have doubts regarding the closing of the school and you have not received an e-mail and/or phone call, use your judgment or make an attempt to call the Church office or a friend to verify for your safety.

***\*As of September 2022, our St. George Greek School will be utilizing components of technology that have proved to be effective and interesting tools for our Greek language teaching/learning. The teaching staff will be utilizing Zoom/Google Meets on inclement weather days; Google classroom for posted class/homework/ assignments and assessments; and the online Ellinopoula platform for an innovative and fun learning tool for our students.***

