



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK SCHOOL **2008-2009 Tuition Payment**

August 25, 2008

Dear Saint Nicholas Greek School Parents,

The Greek School year is upon us again. We are excited about the quality program we have to offer at Saint Nicholas! We welcome you to download and fill out the attached registration form. The form is also available to be downloaded from our Saint Nicholas Parish website at: www.stnickaa.org

The tuition for the 2008-2009 school year will be \$400.00 per child. You can pay your tuition in full, or you can make two payments.

The amount of \$200.00 (first semester) is due by October 1, 2008. If the payment is not made by that time, a \$50.00 late fee will be assessed. The remaining \$200.00 tuition balance will be due by January 30 – ***no further reminders or notices may be sent to you before the second payment is due.*** Again a late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed if your payment is made after January 30, 2009.

Failure to fulfill your financial obligations by the end of each semester may result in your child not being able to attend Greek School or receive a graduating certificate. If you need financial assistance please contact Rev. Father Nick as financial Assistance or scholarships may be available. No child will be left out of the Saint Nicholas Greek School program because of family financial hardship.

When making a tuition payment for Greek School, please ensure that you state this clearly on your check and the envelope, in order to ensure crediting to the proper account. Please make out your check to “Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church” and submit it to the following address:

Saint Nicholas Greek School-tuition payment
3109 Scio Church Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

If you have any questions, or believe our records to be in error, please feel free to contact the Church Office, or Parish Council Treasurer Christos Philippou [734-309-3032, cphilippou@ieec.org] or Greek School PTO Treasurer Mary Hays [home: 734-429-3465, work: 734-887-3720, mary.hays@annarborcommerce.com].

On behalf of the Saint Nicholas Parish Council Greek School Committee, we thank you very much.



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GREEK SCHOOL ORIENTATION 2008-2009

Dear parents,

Welcome to our Saint Nicholas Greek school for the 2008-09 school year. I would like to introduce you to the Saint Nicholas Greek School and provide you with helpful information.

Classes for all levels will be held from **4:30 to 6:00 or 6:15 to 7:45** (Monday-Thursday). All levels will follow the schedule outlined below:

4:30 to 4:45 or 6:15 to 6:30 - Conversation

4:45 to 5:00 or 6:30 to 6:45 - Review previous lesson

5:00 to 5:30 or 6:45 to 7:15 - Presentation of new lesson

5:30 to 6:00 or 7:15 to 7:45 - Songs, Games, etc.

Please plan to have your children arrive at school 5 to 10 minutes ahead of time. This will give everyone the opportunity to take their seats and settle down. The lesson starts exactly at 4:30 or 6:15 according to your students schedule. To minimize interruptions and improve the concentration of the entire class, late arrivals will be escorted into the classroom by the room-parent and not the parent or guardian.

The students will be assigned a new dialogue with everyday words and simple grammar every week. For first grade students the dialogue is also written phonetically until they learn how to read. A translated version of the dialogue will be provided to help students and parents. Students need to understand its meaning and memorize

it (slight variations with the same meaning are also acceptable).

In addition, the students according to their level will be given a passage to read (from either a book or a handout) and a writing assignment. These will be complemented with other simple and fun activities. Mythology, history, geography, religion, customs and traditions enrich the learning process of all the students and will become part of the curriculum as the students become more familiar with the language.



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Feasts and Special Event Programs

- 28th of October known as “OXI” Day. We commemorate Greece’s victory against the dark forces of the Axis powers in the second World War. Students recite poems, sing songs and perform traditional Greek dances. Two rehearsals are scheduled on Saturdays (3:00 – 5:00) before the program. This year the program will take place on **Sunday, October 26, 2009**.
- Feast Day of the Three Hierarchs and celebration of the Greek Letters (January 30th). This program is held in church. Students memorize and recite poems and/or sing songs. The day before the program we have a rehearsal including a hands on lesson about Prosforo (church bread). This year the program will take place on **Sunday, January 25, 2009**.
- Feast Day of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary and celebration of Greek Independence Day (March 25th). This program takes place in our social hall. Students recite poems, present skits, sing songs and perform traditional Greek dances. Three rehearsals are scheduled on Saturdays (3–5:00) before the program. The program will take place on **Sunday, March 22, 2009**.
- Greek School Graduation. This program takes place in church. Students receive their certificates and diplomas. The program will take place on **Sunday, June 7, 2009**.

All students are encouraged to participate and benefit from these programs. Preparation for the programs begins about a month ahead of time. A participation form needs to be signed by a parent on time so we can plan accordingly. For these programs we have a few rehearsals on Saturdays in order to prepare and at the same time keep up with our regular classes without too much interruption.

Communication

To ensure a successful school year, please check your child's blue folder every week. On the outside of the folder your student will have a class schedule to keep you informed of any upcoming events. In the space under homework you can write comments. Inside the folder your student should have the weekly homework-packet on the left and all the study papers on the right. Corrected papers should be left at home. The **cover page** of the weekly homework-packet lists all assigned homework, the name of the room parent for the following week and provides space for parent comments which are always welcome. Please read whatever papers, notes, and homework assignments I send home as soon

as possible so you have the necessary time to plan and prepare accordingly. This year every student will have an assigned cubby. At the end of class make sure you check your cubby and take home all papers. When a student misses a class the homework packet will go in the cubby so you can pick it up whenever it is convenient. Please remember that your cubby is under your name.



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Homework

Greek School classes are held only once a week. Students need to practice at home. Ten minutes a day is all that is needed for the students to learn and memorize a dialogue. Remember, practice makes perfect!

Homework is: A positive and valuable extension of the school day.

- A vital link between school and family.
- A positive interaction between parent and child.

Evaluation - Assessment

The students are evaluated through different tools. Homework, class performance, quizzes and tests through out the year. They also take a midterm exam and a final exam. The week before the exams we practice with a pretest which helps to familiarize the students with the test and gives them the opportunity to review. After the exams we have conferences and we talk about the progress and needs of the students.

What your student needs for Greek School

- A good attitude!
- A good binder or a backpack
- Two note books (one for notes and one to make a dictionary)
- A set of washable markers (8-10)
- A set of crayons (8-10)
- Two pencils and a good eraser

Rules of Student Behavior and Consequences

Included in this packet are two handouts about the expected student behavior and the consequences of not following these rules. Please go over it with your student so he/she knows what is expected in the classroom.

Room Parent program

The Room Parent program has worked well over the past years and will continue this year. All Greek School parents will take turns and serve as Room Parents every few weeks depending on the size of the class.

- The Room Parent program ensures the safety of the students. During Greek School hours the teacher should not be the only adult in the building. Having a room parent makes it safer for the students in case of an emergency.
- It enables the teacher to concentrate on academics and give more to the classroom as a whole.
- It provides parents with the opportunity to learn first-hand what goes on in the classroom and to observe the students and their progress.
- A separate handout describing the duties of Room Parents is attached.



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Emergencies - Keeping in touch

We have a telephone with an answering machine in the Greek School classroom to help with communication between the parents and the school.

The Greek School room phone number is **734/332-8230**.

My home number is **734/996-0481**.

The Church office phone number is **734/332-8200**

The Church web address is: **www.stnickaa.org**

In case of an emergency or in case your student is not coming to school please call the room parent for that day and let him/her know so the room-parent does not have to wait by the door for no reason.

Greek school Schedule and Directory

A Greek school schedule will be available in the classroom and it is also posted on the web site of the church. Please take the time to go over the new schedule and mark your calendar for all special events.

In case of a change families will be notified.

A Greek school directory will be provided to all families as soon as possible so we can communicate with each other. If you haven't filled out a registration form yet, please do so as soon as possible so I can put all the information together and distribute it to you.

I wish everybody a productive and fun year.

Joanna Ioannou
Greek School Teacher
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RULES OF STUDENT BEHAVIOR

- 1. Arrive to class on time.**
- 2. Follow the directions of the teacher and the room helpers.**
- 3. Remain seated during class, be attentive, and work quietly.**
- 4. Raise your hand to be recognized.**
- 5. Listen when others are talking.**
- 6. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
Allow others to work undisturbed.**
- 7. Use appropriate language.
No teasing, name calling, threats, obscene language, etc.**
- 8. Do not leave the classroom without permission.**
- 9. Respect school property and the property belonging to others.**
- 10. Walk in an orderly fashion (do not run) while in the classroom or halls.**
- 11. Line up by the door, inside the classroom, to be picked up after class dismissal.**



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CONSEQUENCES OF SCHOOL RULE VIOLATIONS

- 1. Verbal warning**
Name on blackboard.
- 2. Second verbal warning**
Checkmark placed beside name on blackboard.
- 3. Circle name on blackboard.**
Removal from class.
Teacher contacts parents.
- 4. In case of damages the person responsible should pay.**



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RESPONSIBILITIES OF ROOM PARENTS

- 1. Check the Greek School answering machine for messages related to student attendance.**
- 2. Attend to the building door. Ensure that students enter and exit the building in an orderly manner.**
- 3. Help late arrivals to enter without interrupting the class. Inform them about the lesson so they can join the class and start participating as soon as possible.**
- 4. Work with teacher to maintain discipline in class. If a student becomes disruptive, the helper should take him/her to the room next door, talk to him/her in private and remind him/her of the expected behavior and classroom rules. This way the teacher can continue the lesson with the rest of the class.**
- 5. Oversee one group while teacher works with another.**
- 6. Assist teacher with project preparation and cleanup.**
- 7. Assist teacher with copying, sorting, assembling and passing out materials.**
- 8. Attend to those needs of parents and students that are not directly related to the class lesson. Before leaving the school building, make sure that everybody has left safely and the bathrooms are clean.**



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2008 - 2009 CALENDAR

TEACHER: IOANNA IOANNOU e-mail: jioannou@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	7	ORIENTATION/1 st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MONDAY	15	CLASSES BEGIN

OCTOBER

SATURDAY	25	REHEARSAL
SUNDAY	26	PROGRAM The 28 th of October/OXI Day
TUESDAY	28	NO CLASS/OXI DAY

NOVEMBER

MONDAY	4	NO CLASS/ANN ARBOR SCHOOLS CLOSED
WED/THUR	26/27	NO CLASS/THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER

MON-THUR	8/11	PRETEST
MON-THUR	15/18	MIDTERM EXAMS
FRI	19	CHRISTMAS VACATION BEGINS

JANUARY

MONDAY	5	SCHOOL RESUMES
TUESDAY	6	NO CLASS/EPIPHANY
MON/THUR	12/15	PARENT CONFERENCE
MONDAY	19	NO CLASS/ANN ARBOR SCHOOLS CLOSED
SATURDAY	24	REHEARSAL and MAKE PROSFORO
SUNDAY	25	PROGRAM FOR THE THREE HIERARCHS



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FEBRUARY

MONDAY	16	NO CLASS/ANN ARBOR SCHOOLS CLOSED
MON-THUR	23-26	MID-WINTER BREAK

MARCH

MONDAY	2	NO CLASS/CLEAN MONDAY
MONDAY	3	SCHOOL RESUMES
MONDAY	9	NO CLASS/ANN ARBOR SCHOOLS CLOSED
SATURDAY	7	REHEARSAL/GREEK INDEPENDENCE
SATURDAY	14	REHEARSAL/GREEK INDEPENDENCE
SATURDAY	21	TRISAGION AT YPSILANTI+ REHEARSAL/GREEK INDEPENDENCE
SUNDAY	22	PROGRAM/GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY
WEDNESDAY	25	NO CLASS/THE ANNUNCIATION

APRIL

MON-THUR	13-16	SPRING BREAK/HOLY WEEK
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MAY

MON-THUR	18-21	PRETESTS
MONDAY	25	NO CLASS - MEMORIAL DAY
TUES-FRI*	26-29	FINAL EXAMS (*L-1A + L-2A ON FRIDAY)

JUNE

MON/THUR	1/4	PARENT CONFERENCE/CLASS PICNICS
SUNDAY	7	GRADUATION
MONDAY	1	PARENT CONFERENCE/CLASS PICNICS



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REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2008 – 2009

NAME: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE BAPTISMAL NAME

ADDRESS: _____
HOUSE NO. STREET CITY ZIP

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____
MONTH DAY YEAR BIRTHPLACE

PREVIOUS GREEK SCHOOL: _____
HOUSE NO. NAME CITY STATE

CHILD RESIDES WITH _____

PARENTS NAMES: _____
FATHER MOTHER

PARENTS ADDRESS: _____

FATHER'S OCCUPATION WHERE EMPLOYED WORK PHONE

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION WHERE EMPLOYED WORK PHONE

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME _____
PRIMARY SECONDARY

COMMENTS: _____
