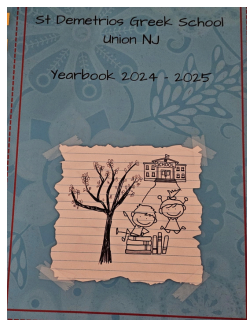


Our PTO

Our PTO brings joy and spirit to our school community!

Working hand in hand with teachers, they make Greek learning fun through exciting activities and celebrations. From kite flying on Clean Monday, baking koulourakia, and Easter egg dyeing, to our beloved Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween festivities, and Christmas celebrations, the PTO creates lasting memories for our students. They also prepare our annual yearbook and support many other special events throughout the year.



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Our Curriculum

Our mission is to inspire students to learn the Greek language, embrace our culture and heritage and grow as proud members of the Greek community.

Goals

Our Greek School seeks to create an educational atmosphere that encourages and challenges every student to reach their fullest potential, while respecting each child's individual familiarity with the Greek language.

- Prepare students to communicate effectively in both oral and written Greek, with special emphasis on spoken language.
- Foster knowledge of Greek history, mythology, geography, and major religious holidays.
- Introduce students to Greek literature and instill in them a love of reading in Greek.
- Expose students to Greek customs and traditions.
- Help students build meaningful interpersonal relationships within the Greek community.



Our Legacy

- Founded in Newark, NJ in 1928, our school has been a proud center of Hellenic education, language, and culture for nearly a century.
- From the 1960s to 2007, our school was partnered with St. Nicholas School, creating a strong foundation for Greek education in our community.
- On December 15, 1972, because of our excellence in Greek education, our school became the first in New Jersey to be officially recognized by the Greek Government.
- Because of our school’s initiative, the State of New Jersey now includes the Greek language as part of the Regents High School Test. Our graduates who take this exam consistently rank among the nation’s top scorers.
- In December 2014, our school proudly opened a Children’s Library with more than 2,000 Greek books—a living library that our students love to explore.
- Today, our school continues this long tradition of excellence, carrying forward the vision of our founders while adapting to the needs of new generations.

Our Mission

- We are dedicated to:
- Preserving the Greek language through dynamic lessons.
 - Celebrating Hellenic culture, faith, and traditions.
 - Inspiring students to embrace their heritage with pride.
 - Creating a supportive, engaging environment for children to grow academically and spiritually.

Classes & Programs

- We offer eight classes, from PreK (K1) through Grade Six.
- All classes meet once a week, every Wednesday from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Since September 2024, our school also offers an optional half hour program, “I Speak Greek”—a fun, interactive workshop where students practice speaking Greek through playful role-playing scenarios.
- Throughout the year, our students have many opportunities to use the Greek language by participating in skits, plays, songs, and monologues during our cultural and ethnic celebrations.

Our Teachers

Our teachers are highly dedicated professionals who are dedicated to teaching our students the Greek language, history, geography and culture.

Our goal is for each student to reach his/her highest potential in pursue of their Greek education.

In order for our students to have maximum exposure to the Greek language, our teachers emphasize speaking only Greek in the classroom.



Awards and Recognitions

Over the years, our school and library have participated in various international competitions and have received awards for their outstanding contribution, cultural activities, and dedication to teaching Greek literature to children.

School Committee

Our School Committee is appointed by the Parish Council for the purpose of the overall administration of the Greek School. It holds meetings once every month. Its main responsibilities include:

- Plan and implement the curriculum
- Organize school celebrations.
- Undertake programs to increase revenue.
- Determine the calendar of the academic year.
- Hire and dismiss teachers.
- Determine tuition and teachers’ salaries.
- Create and maintain a secure and pleasant environment for both teachers and students.

Our School Committee maintains an open communication policy and invites suggestions and comments for the betterment and progress of our Greek School.



Registration Information

- For a student to be enrolled and continue in the Greek School, his /her family must
- Be a member in good standing with the St. Demetrios Church.
 - Have fulfilled all financial obligations to the church and the Greek School.
 - In the PreK (K1) class, the child must be four (4) years old by Sept. 15 for the school year beginning in September.
 - Discounts are offered to families enrolling two or more children.
 - Early registration discounts are offered from May to June 30 of the preceding year for the school year starting in September.

