



**Holy Cross Stars Academy**

Where Every Child Shines

## **March 2025 Newsletter**

Good afternoon Parents,

Despite a warm January, February ended with a blast of winter! As we move into March, we look forward to warmer days, plenty of sunshine and the beginning of spring. Our Rising Stars and Little Stars are continuing to work on the “Buildings” unit. Will they become demolition experts or future architects and business owners? As they explore the unit, they will be working on rhyming words, letter identification, using descriptive vocabulary and patterns. Our two-year-old class is in the middle of their unit on “Brushes.” Will they be our future dentists or Michaelangelo’s? Think of all the brushes you have in your home and encourage children to talk about ways they are different as well as how they are the same. You can compare size, shapes, color, and texture. Talk about places you may find brushes outside the home (car washing, street cleaners, hair dresser, pet groomers). Additionally, the children will be preparing for our Mini-Greek Independence Day Parade and activities to celebrate Greek Independence.

We have several special activities planned for the month of March:

March 3	Dr. Seuss Day observed Clean Monday - Community kite flying event – details to follow
March 6	Open House 7:00 PM
March 14	Parent Teacher Conferences – all students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM
March 17	Green Day – wear green to school
March 25	Greek Independence Day- wear blue and white or authentic Greek clothing Church attendance for the Annunciation Mini-Greek Parade – 11:00 AM
March 30	NYC Greek Independence Day parade – attendance is encouraged
March 31	School closed

As you may be aware, the flu season this year as well as the “stomach bug” has many children getting sick. To prevent the spread of germs, please remember children must be symptom free for 24 hours before they may return to school. Please continue to send your child to school with a hat and gloves every day. As temperatures increase, we will be spending more time outside. However, we will continue to use the gym when it is colder than 42 degrees, is snowing, or is raining.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is going well. If you have notified me that you will be returning, please send in the one-page registration form and registration fee no later than Monday, March 3. There are no guarantees the I may be able to “hold” the spot after that date.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation and for entrusting your precious angels to our care.

With warmest wishes,

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