



Holy Cross Stars Academy

Where Every Child Shines

April 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

April brings warmer weather and sunny days; a perfect recipe for spending time outdoors, going to a park, throwing balls, drawing with chalk, going for walks, and enjoying the wonders of spring! Parents, please take the time to point out all the miracles we can see in our everyday life. Take time to show your children how to fly a kite, start riding a tricycle, bicycle and scooter and spend a lazy afternoon watching clouds and blowing bubbles. Keep in mind, your child is always learning!

It seems cliché to say that this school year has absolutely flown by. However, it is now April, and we only have two months left of the 2025-2026 school year. April is a busy month as we prepare for Easter and the Resurrection of the Lord. Two-year-olds have become experts with all types of paper and will start learning about “bags.” I can’t wait to see what they will learn. Our three-year-olds will be finishing their unit on exercise and are eager to show off their skills at our Mini-Olympics in May. Photos, pictures, and other images play an important role in our lives. Our Rising Stars are learning about cameras and types of pictures, including still life, landscape, and portraits. When we return from Easter recess, the children will have the opportunity to observe the life cycle of a butterfly. Each class will be hatching “painted lady” butterflies. We will celebrate their release to nature in early May.

As you continue to plan your calendar for April, please remember these special dates:

April 5	Orthodox Palm Sunday
April 6-13	School closed. Spring Break/Holy Week.
April 12	Easter
April 14	School resumes
April 22	Earth Day – wear blue and green!
April 23	St. George - Church attendance
May 1	Protomayia Wreaths – Adult/child activity. 11:30 AM, gym.

Our next Open House is May 14th at 7:00 PM. Currently, here are limited openings in our classes for Tiny Stars students. If you have siblings that you plan to register for the 2026-2027 school year, please tell Joanne or me. If your child is returning for the 2026-2027 school year and you have paid for and completed the registration form, we will begin to provide you with the enrollment package. If you have friends and neighbors with children born in 2022, 2023, or 2024, please spread the word about our wonderful school.

Thank you for supporting Stars Academy.

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