



December 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Although 2025 is quickly ending, the month of December is filled with excitement and awe for your children. When we return from our Thanksgiving break, the children will be learning about Christmas and all that it entails, from the birth of Jesus to Santa Claus. The classrooms are being transformed to highlight the Christmas season. To embrace Greek culture, we will have our annual Karavaki celebration, highlighted by a parent/child activity and the lighting of the "Stars Academy Christmas Boat." We have started to practice our songs in preparation for the Holiday Celebration on December 19th. I am happy to welcome Ms. Konstantina to our Stars Academy Family. She will be working with Ms. Diamanto in the Tiny Stars Class. She will also be teaching Greek lessons to our 3- and 4-year-old classes.

To help with your planning, please be aware of these special dates for December:

- Dec. 5 - Karavaki Parent/Child Activities; 11:30 AM, followed by Karavaki lighting
- Dec. 9 - St. Anna – Church attendance
- Dec. 10 - Open House for 2026-2027 School Year; 7:00 PM
- Dec. 19 - Holiday Celebration - Church Hall; 11:30 AM
- Dec. 23 - Pajama Day and last day of school in 2025
- Dec. 24 - Jan. 4 - Holiday recess; School closed.
- Dec. 31- **Last day to get required flu vaccine for your child**
- Jan. 5 - School reopens

To adhere to Department of Health Guidelines, your children will play outdoors most days. Please remember to send them to school with hats and gloves as the weather gets cooler so they can enjoy the fresh air. If a child is not dressed appropriately, he/she will have to remain inside with one of the staff. When it is colder than 42 degrees, raining, or snowing they will have physical activities indoors.

Another requirement by the Department of Health is that your child **must have a flu vaccine** by December 31, 2025. The school will need proof of the vaccine before they return to school on January 5, 2026.

On behalf of the Stars Academy Staff, we wish everyone a Joyous Christmas and a wonderful holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Cathy Helfrich