



Holy Cross Stars Academy

Where Every Child Shines

October 2025 Newsletter

Good Afternoon Parents,

September has flown by and fall has finally arrived! The children have made a wonderful adjustment to school routines, making friends, socializing, and learning. Spending so much time on establishing routines supports an easier transition to adding more learning activities into their day. October brings fall leaves, fire safety awareness and of course the introduction to our first thematic unit. The Tiny Stars and the Little Stars will both begin with the topic "Balls;" thereafter, the classes will focus on different themes. The Rising Stars will be introduced to the topic of "Grocery Stores." Be on the lookout for an introduction letter from your teachers about the unit.

I am thrilled to announce that Ms. Eleni Papadopoulou (Ms. Elina) joined our staff on October 1st. For the first week or two, Ms. Joanne will be supporting her to make an easy transition for the children. Additionally, Ms. Eftihia-Eleni Sousourogianis (Ms. Elena) joined the staff on October 3rd in the Tiny Stars program.

Thank you to Anna, Jenny and Isodara for volunteering their time to be Class Parents. Class parents will help during fundraising events, assist staff with special events (Books Come Alive, Parent/Child activities), organize staff gifts for holidays and teacher recognition day, welcome new parents, etc.

For planning purposes, please be aware of the special dates for this month:

October 1	Homemade cookie day baking activity
October 8	Parent workshop 3s/4s only 7:00 PM
October 13	School closed – Italian Heritage Day
October 17	National Pasta Day
October 21	3- and 4-year-old class trip – Library
October 28	Church Attendance, Agia Skepi/OXI Day
October 31	Books Come Alive (flyer to follow)

Gentle Reminders

- The cold and flu season will be upon us soon. Please remember to provide the school with documentation of the influenza vaccine prior to the Christmas break.
- Tuition must be up to date and paid on time.
- Please label all clothing and snack accessories for your children.

Thank you for your dedication to our program and your personal involvement. Your support makes Stars Academy a special place for all our children. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Joanne if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,
Cathy Helfrich
Education Director