



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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Greek-American Parochial Day School Principals
Greek Afternoon / Saturday School Directors
Of the Direct Archdiocesan District

Cc: Reverend Fathers and School Board Chairmen

Dear All:

Welcome back to School Year 2015-16! We would like to convey to you the paternal wishes of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America as well as our wishes for a very productive new school year.

As the liaison of the NYC faith-based schools with the educational authorities, the District Office of Education makes great efforts to ensure that our students receive a sound education by providing 1) in-service training and curricula to teachers and 2) the *Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek* to students.

Along these lines, we are pleased to inform you that the District's annual **Staff Development Seminar** will take place on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD** (Election Day) under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America. As always, it will be open to all teachers who are serving in the day and the afternoon/Saturday schools. (*Pertinent information will be mailed to you shortly.*)

As regards to the *Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek* that affords foreign language credits to students, our Office has created **Curricula** on the **Modern Greek Language (Checkpoint A and Checkpoint B – Regents Level)**. In addition, our Office has published a **Compilation** of past Greek Examinations (2003-2011) in two books – one for the teacher and one for the student – with the purpose to assist teachers in preparing the students for the *Examination*. The **Curricula** and **books** are offered “**gratis**” to schools and teachers. (*Order forms are enclosed.*)

We enclose herewith the **2015-16 School Record Form**, which we request you to complete and mail it back to us in the enclosed envelope. If you prefer, you may scan the form and e-mail it to us. (*Please refrain from faxing the form.*) We also enclose a *Contact Information Sheet* to list the newly-hired teachers at your school.

Lastly, our Office has created a **Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Direct-Archdiocesan-District-Office-of-Education/864168656927334>, which we recommend that you visit. Also, we suggest that you visit our Website www.education.goarch.org, which offers an abundance of useful information and materials.

We thank you all for your dedicated service to our community schools.

Very sincerely,

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Director