

**ANNUAL TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
OF THE DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT
November 8, 2011**

The *Annual Staff-Development Seminar* of the *Direct Archdiocesan District* will be held on Tuesday, **November 8, 2011** (*Election Day*), at the High School of St. Demetrios Cathedral in Astoria.

The *Seminar* is held under the auspices of **His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America** and aims at offering in-service training to the teachers serving in the parochial day and afternoon schools of the *Direct Archdiocesan District* as well as the surrounding areas. It will include an array of workshops and presentations for both the English and Greek programs of the schools. (*See attached workshop schedule.*)

Invited by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, **Dr. Christos Tsolakis**, professor emeritus of the Paedagogical School/Department of Elementary Education/The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki will address the Greek teachers on “**LANGUAGE, PAIDEIA, & TEACHING.**”

The Seminar will start with a **keynote address by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios at 9:00 a.m.** in the auditorium “P. Patrides” of St. Demetrios High School. Registrations will start at 8:00 a.m. and participants are urged to come as early as possible to register and get their seats.

The Board of the NYC parochial day school principals has designated November 8th (*Election Day*) as “*professional development day,*” and the day schools will remain closed to facilitate their teachers to attend. The principals of the District’s afternoon Greek schools are advised to act in a similar fashion so that the afternoon school teachers be able to attend as well.

For information on registration, please contact the *Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education* at (212) 570-3553 or (212) 570-3554.

Professor Dr. Christos Tsolakis

Dr. Tsolakis is a renowned educator and writer of Greek grammar and other books for young students. He has taught and has been president of the Department of Elementary Education of the Aristotle University; vice-president of the Paedagogical Institute, Thessaloniki; president of Secondary Education for the Ministry of Education of Greece; and president of the Centre for Professional Development of Thessaloniki. And he has lectured extensively in Greece and abroad on the teaching of the Greek language.

Dr. Tsolakis is the editor of the magazine “Philologos,” a literary publication of the Association of the Graduates of the School of Philosophy of Aristotle University and the creator – in collaboration with the Municipality of Veria and the Aristotle University – of the “Museum of Education and Paideia” in Veria, northern Greece.



**DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT
ANNUAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
Tuesday, November 8, 2011 – St. Demetrios High School, Astoria, NY**

ENGLISH PROGRAM

SESSION I: 10:15 – 11:45 am

GRADES

SPEAKER

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| • ACTIVE LEARNING FOR MATH IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOM | K-2 | JANA BALKE |
| • EARLY INTERVENTION: RECOGNIZING SIGNS OF LEARNING DISABILITIES | K-2 | ROGER ROONEY |
| • WORDS ALIVE! BUILDING ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE CLASSROOM | K-8 | MARIA KARALEKAS |
| • DIFFERENTIATING INSTRUCTION: ACCOMODATING THE NEEDS OF DIVERSE LEARNERS | 3-6 | ALISHA DORROW |
| • COMMON CORE STANDARDS FOR ELA | 3-8 | ROBERT BEDFORD |
| • WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM | 7-12 | KIM GEDDIE |
| • ANTI-BULLYING FOR PRINCIPALS | PRINCIPALS | CAROL GEDDIS |
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SESSION II: 1:00 – 2:30 pm

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| • STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING WRITING SKILLS | 3-6 | KIM GEDDIE |
| • STUDY SKILLS TOOL SET | 3-8 | ROGER ROONEY |
| • COMMON CORE STANDARDS FOR MATH | 3-8 | ROBERT BEDFORD |
| • CYBERBULLYING FOR TEACHERS | 7-12 | CAROL GEDDIS |
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GREEK PROGRAM

SESSION I (10:15 – 11:45 am) & SESSION II (1:00 – 2:30 pm)

Dr. Christos Tsolakis, Professor Emeritus of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and renowned educator and writer of Greek grammar books, will address the Greek teachers on “*Language, Paidea, and Teaching.*”
