

**ANNUAL TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
OF THE DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT
February 15, 2013**

The annual **Staff Development Seminar** of the Direct Archdiocesan District offering in-service training to the day and afternoon school teachers will take place on **Friday, February 15th**, at the St. Demetrios High School in Astoria. Previously scheduled for November 6, the Seminar was cancelled due to hurricane *Sandy*.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America will bless the opening of the Seminar and honor the participants and presenters with His presence.

The National and New York State **Common Core Standards** is the theme of this year's Seminar. Principals and teachers serving in the parochial day schools will gain an awareness and understanding of the common core standards and learn useful approaches for immediate classroom application.

The Greek teachers will also have the opportunity to hear about the national common core standards and, especially, the NYS Standards on foreign language teaching, which will be examined in relation to the *Modern Greek Language Curriculum - Checkpoint A*. The *Curriculum* is in adherence with the philosophy and standards for the teaching of foreign languages described in the *Syllabus: Modern Languages for Communication* of the New York State Education Department.

The Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education is hopeful that the *Curriculum* will prove to be a valuable tool for the teachers who teach Greek to young students at the beginners' level. All the Greek teachers who will be attending the Seminar will receive a copy of the *Curriculum* gratis.

For a full listing of the Seminar's workshops, please see below.



DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT
ANNUAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

St. Demetrios High School, Astoria

Friday, February 15, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ENGLISH PROGRAM

- 8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION
- 8:45 a.m. WELCOME / PRAYER / INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
- 9:00 – 9:20 a.m. OPENING KEYNOTE
 "The Big Picture of Common Core Standards"
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9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

SESSION I

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| 1. Understanding the Common Core | PreK - 2 |
| 2. Understanding the Common Core | Grades 3-5 |
| 3. Understanding the ELA Common Core
<i>(for ELA & Social Studies teachers)</i> | Grades 6-8 |
| 4. Understanding the Math Common Core
<i>(for Math & Science teachers)</i> | Grades 6-8 |
| 5. Understanding the H.S. Common Core | Grades 9-12 |
| 6. Leading for the Common Core | Principals |
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11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

BREAK *(Light snacks to be offered)*

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SESSION II

Workshops continue.



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SESSION I

- 1) The Standards on Foreign Language Teaching & NY State Policy on Regents Exams
Presenter: Vivian Selenicas
- 2) The Curriculum for Modern Greek Studies – Checkpoint A
Presenter: Maria Makedon
- 3) Curriculum Mapping
Presenter: Voula Makrinou

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BREAK (*Snacks to be offered*)

11:30 a.m.

– 1:00 p.m.

SESSION II

- 4) The Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek - Its Importance for Students
Presenter: Athena Kromidas
- 5) A Practical Application of the Modern Greek Studies Curriculum – Checkpoint A in Teaching
Presenter: Stefanos Papazaharias