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PTSA Meeting

Monday 3rd Feb 8:45-9.45am Warren Tutte Conference Room

8th Annual Quiz Night(13-Feb)

Emily S. is looking for <u>one other</u> <u>volunteer</u> to help with the Quiz. Please help spread the word for this fun "night-out" and file your group <u>registration</u> before the 9th of Feb.

World Ocean Day (19-Feb)

Mrs Toone and Mrs Wainwright have asked for PTSA help to support WOD on 19th of Feb. They are looking for an independent team of <u>4-6</u> volunteers for two simple deco tasks with materials we have in our storage. The ask is 3-4 hrs including design and setup. Class Reps will also be informed this week for their needed support with class-specific activities.

St Cats ACTS (1-11 Apr)

Sophia M. is working on an ACTS project for April, including a Beach Clean Up. A team of volunteers will be forming after half-term.

International Day (10-May)

2 Volunteers are needed from now to plan with Clemence C and Agne T. – Starting to: connect with our international parents, coordinate the classroom activities manage the event details, meet with the school and gather volunteers- it's a fun event rich with diversity- join us!



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Welcome Back! We are looking forward to another dynamic and fruitful term. We celebrated an incredibly successful Fall term and have enjoyed working together with many new faces as we help support our kids and school.

Pita Cutting

We gathered last Thursday in the beautiful space of Varsos Kifisia for a traditional Greek pita cutting to welcome in the new year. The only business we managed was to reconnect and start looking to the term ahead with lively conversation. Congratulations to Yarra F. who won the flouri!

Next Up: Social Media Presentation (10-Feb)

Katerina L. is bringing the expertise of the Laskaridis Foundation to our community with a presentation especially for parents regarding Social Media during our school's Mental Health Awareness Week. Details will go on Classlist- as well as the live-streaming-link if you are unable to attend in person. Two workshops for the older kids are planned and space is limited. Keep an eye out for the Sign-Ups links in the school's Newsletters. Thank you Katerina!

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Class Rep News

With more than 90 Class Reps working with their classes this year, we would like to thank you for your efforts! We have many new families starting this January and encourage you to set a coffee morning/drinks evening to welcome them!

- Note: School ICT department is solely responsible for managing the approved users on the ClassList, protecting everyone's right to privacy. We continue to ask that you do not manually accept any new users even if the ClassList sends you an approval request.
- Jerry has taken on the task of making a ClassList user guide to check out in the coming weeks.
 Thanks Jerry
- Please remember to submit positive/negative feedback collected from your classes to the Class Rep Feedback Form. It is important that parents voices are collected to help with accountability and support change.
- Class Reps elected to the PLG Committee:

EYFS/KSI: Audrey Mengos KS2: Alexandra Symvoulaki

KS3: Ira Chousiada

KS4/IB: Olga Argyros Ioannou

If you have any questions or concerns please do reach out to the PTSA Admin or email ptsa@stcatherines.gr



Active Events*

Orsalia D. and Tang Leng T. are back at it again- organising fun and active events for our well being. <u>Pilates</u> has started up this week, watch for walks and more as the weather improves!

Cultural Events*

Alexandra S. And Rhea P. keep us learning and exploring the amazing exhibitions in the city. New events are being added almost weekly. *Please join the Cultural and Active Events Groups on Classlist for invitations and notifications of all the upcoming activities.*

Uniforms

The Closet will continue to hold regular open hours. Hours set for this term are Tue 8:45-9:15am and Thur 2:45-3:30pm, with extra hours just before Easter Break. Helping hands are always welcome, contact Emily S. or Amaryllis G.

PLG

The Parent Liaison Group met just before the break to discuss the roles and protocols. They discussed IB program support and teacher appointments in the US. Mr Perriss spoke about the school's overall 4 pillar strategy, creating structures for Academic Excellence, Organisational Optimisation, Infrastructure Development, and Community Engagement. The next working meeting will be in the Spring. Katerina M., Emily S., and the Key Stage Reps will be reviewing the contributed parent and class rep feedback to help ensure alignment of attention to the highest priorities.

PTSA General Assembly

We will hold our 2nd Official General Assembly this March to review our financial statement, budget, goals, and management. All 2024-25 PTSA members registered with <u>paid annual dues(10€)</u> are eligible to cast their votes. We will be voting on the budget, dispersement of funds and present a plan for activities next year. *Please do look out for instructions on membership renewal and sign-ups to ensure all members wishing to vote are in good standing.*

Volunteers Night Out

Apart from the work.. all the amazing contributions by this wonderful and vibrant group, we would like to fix a night to celebrate our newest members and the incredible feats we have accomplished together. *Pueblo Chido* and *Bolero* have both been floated for ideas, If you have any ideas please share with Marilena M. or Emily S. asap!

Wishing you all a fantastic 2025,

PTSA Board: Katerina, Emily, Christina, Marilena, Alexandra, Amaryllis and Alexia