

Gregoria Giannou - **Email to Parents**

Dear Archangel Michael Community,

My name is Gregoria Giannou and I am humbled and honored to have been selected as the new principal for the Archangel Michael Greek Afternoon School. Having been an integral part of this extraordinary community for many years, I am delighted to continue serving from the position of principal. I look forward to welcoming your children to our school and providing them with a most meaningful learning experience.

I am a seasoned teacher, working for the Department of Education in the ENL department and have many years of experience teaching English, French and Greek as a second language. First and foremost, I am a mother of three and feel very blessed that all my children today are enjoying successful careers in New York City.

I began working for the Archangel Michael Greek afternoon school in 2014 as the 6th grade teacher. I have also worked in other Greek school communities and have experience teaching various levels of the Greek language and have become very familiar with different textbooks used in the Greek curriculum. After graduating from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, I relocated to Athens, Greece, where I spent many years teaching English and French for Proficiency Certificates outlined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. My educational background includes a Joint Honors Degree from McGill University in French and Modern Greek Literature, and a Master's Degree in TESOL from Queens College, City University of New York.

As motivation is key in enhancing cognitive processes and reaching educational goals, I come to AMC with a vision to motivate and inspire our children to pursue their studies of the Greek language and Greek heritage. My goal, as principal, is to provide leadership direction and coordination within the school as well as explore new ideas to meet the demands of all students. Through professional development, I intend to work very closely with every teacher to ensure they reach their highest potential in shaping the future of our children and hence of our community. With the help of our School Board members, Parent-Teacher Association, and Parish Council, I will strive to develop and maintain an effective educational program that promotes excellent teaching skills as well as essential

and productive learning in our school. Given the challenges we have been faced with in the last few months, we at Archangel Michael are prepared for the upcoming school year whether that be with traditional instruction, online instruction, or a blended learning model.

To conclude, please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any queries and please remember that my door will always be open to you and I sincerely welcome your conversation and input concerning our school and the benefit of our children.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer,

Sincerely,

Gregoria Giannou