

St. Nectarios Day School 2025-2026

Class Descriptions

Email stnectoriosdayschool@gmail.com with any questions!

Preschool-Two's (2 years old by September 1st, 2025)

*9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Two year old children love playing with other children and learning new things. They are inquisitive, and learn by exploring their environments in order to gather new knowledge. In this class, the "2s" students do just that by engaging in sensory and play-based learning. Our students learn how to follow simple directions, become comfortable in a variety of environments, participate in coordinated and group play with other children, respond to the feelings of others with kindness, verbalize their wants and needs, listen to stories, sing songs, and help with clean up time. The children will also be exposed to a variety of art projects. They will use crayons, paint and paint brushes, markers, glue, and scissors all while having fun with other children and their classroom teachers. Children are not required to be fully toilet trained to attend this program. Students are required to bring a lunch for this program. The preschool is a ***Peanut and Tree Nut Free Zone***.

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Preschool-Three's (3 years old by September 1st, 2025)

*9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Give your child a great start! The focus in this program is on the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development of our students. Children will learn from their experiences in an environment that is carefully designed to allow them to learn through observation, discussion, and participation. Activities include circle time, alphabet activities, math, science, colors, shapes, pre-writing, religious education, fine and gross motor skills, and social/emotional readiness. All Preschool 3s students also attend Greek Enrichment each day of school attendance (Please see *Greek Enrichment* below for more information). Children are required to bring a lunch for this program. It is preferred that students be fully potty trained in this program. If you have questions or concerns regarding your student's level of potty training, please contact the Day School Director. The preschool is a ***Peanut and Tree Nut Free Zone***.

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Pre-Kindergarten (4 years old by September 1st, 2025)

*9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

The Pre-Kindergarten program has been developed to meet the specific skills needed in preparing a child for Kindergarten. Students will learn through active exploration in a carefully planned environment while teachers observe, encourage, and aid in their learning. Our program is challenging and ever-expanding. It includes readiness in reading, writing, math, science, social science, art, music, religious education, fine and gross motor skills, social/emotional readiness, and Kindergarten readiness skills. We utilize components from both the *Handwriting Without Tears* and *Jolly Phonics* programs in helping students develop their fine motor skills, handwriting, and letter recognition/composition. All Pre-Kindergarten students also attend Greek

Enrichment each day of school attendance (Please see *Greek Enrichment* below for more information). Children are required to bring a lunch for this program. Children **MUST be fully toilet trained** to attend this program. The preschool is a **Peanut and Tree Nut Free Zone**.

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Greek Enrichment

Preschool 3s and Pre-Kindergarten Classes

It is never too early for a child to begin learning another language! Studies show that toddlers who begin learning a language not only become more proficient and develop a native pronunciation, but also increase their general cognitive abilities and sensitivity to social and cultural differences in their environment.

Learning the Greek language in particular has many benefits for children as they move through their academic careers. In addition to the language playing a crucial role in shaping the Greek Orthodox identity for children of Greek ancestry, its relevance can be found in many other subject areas that children will encounter in their school and professional lives, such as math, science, and language arts. Having a command of the language can greatly facilitate a child's ability to easily learn vocabulary and other concepts that are rooted in the Greek language.

All students enrolled in the **Preschool 3s and Pre-Kindergarten** classes will have one hour of **Greek Enrichment** each day that they attend school. In *Greek Enrichment*, students will be exposed to the Greek Language in an immersive setting. Their focus will be on developing language skills through the use of exploration, play, and creative/musical activities. Students will also learn to recognize and write Greek letters and their names in Greek. One of the main goals of this class is for students to be able to understand and respond to simple instructions, and interact using basic, conversational Greek.

Extended Day*

St. Nectarios Day School offers an extended day to families that need it. Students enrolled in the Preschool 2s or Preschool 3s class have the option of extending their school day to 2pm. During Extended Care, students will continue to develop the skills they foster during their time in school. Students will engage in hands-on activities and crafts to develop their fine motor skills. They will also participate in gross motor activities in classrooms and during gym time. This option is available for whichever number of days each week is needed throughout the year. Please see the 2025-2026 Tuition Information Document for specific tuition details.

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