

"O HOROS" NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2018

Dear Dance Families:

Aloha!!!! I just returned from a wonderful (and well needed) vacation from Honolulu celebrating my 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Christa's birthday, Now it is time to get back to dance work!!!

Our program got off to a great start with six groups and approximately 100 dancers!! We are fortunate to have wonderful directors and are doing a great job with our students.

In September it was our turn to host three coffee hours following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you to the families for bringing refreshments and helping with the loukoumathas sale.

Folk Dance Festival (FDF) - The dates for FDF are February 14-18, 2019 and will be in Ontario, California Please go to the website <http://www.yourfdf.org> to see information regarding registration. Please note that the deadline to register is December 20, 2018, for the early bird pricing. The price will go up starting December 21. The directors are working on the special suites and extra practice dates and need to know which dancers will be participating at FDF this year. You will be notified by your director as to when the extra practice days will be.

Please provide me with the following information if you will be attending FDF this year:

Families attending

Who has already booked a hotel room

Who needs a hotel room

When you are flying into CA - either Ontario or Los Angeles.

Please contact me (206-794-5659 or [marbarbas@comcast.net](mailto:marbarbas@comcast.net)) regarding any questions you may have regarding FDF.

The dance program has three fundraisers this month.

**Wreath Sales** - thank you Linda Kyrimis for spearheading the sales.

**See's Candies** - thank you to Sophia Katinas for spearheading the candy sales. These boxes of See's candies make nice stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts. If you did not get an order form, please see Sophia or me.

**Baklava Sale** - Every year at this time we take orders for baklava - full pans (\$110 for approx. 170 pieces), one-half pan (\$60 for approx. 80 pieces), 10 pieces for \$12, or 25 pieces for \$30.

**We will have a baklava work party during dance practice tomorrow night (Dec.3) so please come to the large hall kitchen to give us a hand. We need your help!!!! We will be making approximately 12 pans.**

This year the Dance Program will not be sponsoring the New Year's Eve party because we do not have a chairperson and live music was not available. Hopefully, we will next year.

The following are some important dates to mark on your calendars:

<b>December 3</b>	<b>Dance classes and MAKE BAKLAVA</b>
<b>December 9</b>	<b>Baklava Sale</b>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Dance classes</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Directors Meeting</b>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Dance classes and Board Meeting</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>No Classes</b>
<b>December 31</b>	<b>No Classes</b>
<b>January 7</b>	<b>Dance Classes</b>
<b>January 14</b>	<b>Dance Classes</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Dance Classes</b>
<b>January 28</b>	<b>Dance Classes and Board Meeting</b>

If you have any questions or concerns about the Dance Program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and I hope you have .....

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

Maria Barbas