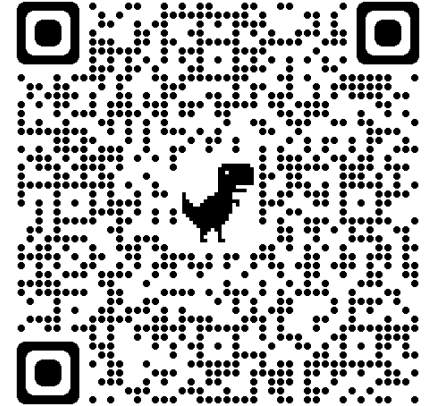


**Dear Parish Community,**

The staff and teachers of **Shnorhali Armenian School** are delighted to welcome you to the 2023-2024 academic year. The registration is now open. We are only weeks away from the first day of school and looking forward to seeing our school once again be filled with positivity and learning and fueled by kids' laughter and joy!

The new academic year starts on **August 27<sup>th</sup>** with the **Celebration of Knowledge and Education**. Following our tradition, the school's staff and teachers will evaluate the students' knowledge of Armenian language, history, and culture on the first day of school, while students spend a fun day getting to know each other. Students and parents will participate in the Patarak (Badarag) to receive a special blessing during the service. The day will conclude with a **meeting with parents**.

To register your child, please fill the following form: [Shnorhali School Registration Form](#) or use the QR code.



**Tuition for the Academic Year**

- Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten - **\$400**
- Conversational Armenian Class - **\$450**
- 1st – 8th Grade Level - **\$450**
- Students taking **only** Religion class - **\$100** Supply fee
- Pizza Lunch program donations - **\$150**
- Textbook and School Supply fees - **\$50**

*Discounts for siblings and teachers are available.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Day Schedule**

- **9:30 am – 11:45 am Celebration of Knowledge and Education**  
Registration, Students' tests, Meeting with teachers
- **11:45 am – 12:30 pm** Attending Patarak (Badarag) Service
- **12:30 pm – 2:00 pm** Parents Meeting

**Bell Schedule for the rest of the year**

- **9:30am – 10:00am** Patarak (Badarag) education at the sanctuary
- **10:00am – 11:00am** Armenian Language Education
- **11:00am – 12:00pm** Religion Class
- **12:00pm – 12:30pm** Lunch
- **12:30pm – 2:00pm** Armenian Language including 30-minute History & Culture Class
- **2:00pm – 3:30pm** After School Clubs

**Conversational Armenian class** - Shnorhali school now offers *Conversational Armenian class* to students who is looking to develop and practice verbal communication skills with native Armenian speakers. This class is for students who are interested to develop only verbal communication and conversational skills. During this class, through discussions, informal chats, formal conversations and presentations, students will gain skills in communicating and interacting in Armenian.

**History and Music** - Shnorhali school also offers 30-minute *History and Music* classes, and after-school clubs.

School staff, teachers and parents are partners in the education of our children, and as partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success. We are grateful for your continued support of Shnorhali School, for preserving our language, culture, Armenian Christian identity of our children. Let's make this year the most successful one!

With God's blessing, we will work together to make 2023-2024 a year of achievement on all levels.

Sincerely,  
Shnorhali School Administration

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## SHNORHALI SCHOOL - Save the Dates!

- **Sunday, August 27th - 1<sup>st</sup> day of school.** *Registration, and Celebration of Knowledge and Education*
  - **9:30 am – 12:30 pm**
    - Meet with teachers.
    - Assessments conducted for grade Levels 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>.
    - Senior and Junior Kindergarteners – Fun activities
    - Attending Patarak (Badarag)  
*No pizza lunch will be offered for the first day.*
  - **12:30 pm – 2:00 pm** - Parents meeting
- **Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – No School! Labor Day weekend**
- **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - **9:30am – 2pm** –School resumes its normal schedule.
- **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - Back to School** fun event after school for students and parents, Book Fair, and the School Yearbook sale

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## SHNORHALI SCHOOL LAUNCHES A NEW WEBSITE

Dear Community,

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our redesigned website. It is now live:  
<https://www.stmaryaac.org/shnorhali-school>

The new site was designed to be more informative and user-friendly. It is available in Armenian and English. Some of the new features of this site include:

- School's History
- Picture Gallery
- Academic Calendar
- Registration
- Our team
- Teachers Portal, where teachers can access and download their lesson plans and worksheets for their classes, etc.

We are proud to announce that the website was designed and developed by Shnorhali School's 7<sup>th</sup> grade student **Ani Nishanian**. Ani has been working tirelessly this summer to create an excellent website. Thank you, dear Ani, for your hard work and dedication to your School. We also extend our gratitude to St. Mary's Web Designer **Oganes Mkrtchyan** for all the technical assistance with the website in this process.

The site continues to be a work in progress and will be updated with more features and information in the coming months.

If you have any questions or have feedback to share, please be sure to reach out!

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## Shnorhali Armenian School is looking for Armenian teachers

Dear Parish Community,

St. Mary's Shnorhali Armenian School is looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated, and devoted individuals who love Armenian language and have passion for educating our children.



Please consider this rewarding opportunity to join our team of qualified and dedicated staff. Your support and commitment will be a great contribution to preserving our language and culture, and our children's discovery of their Armenian heritage, and Christian identity. With God's blessing, we will work together to make 2023-2024 a year of achievement on all levels.

For more information, please contact Shnorhali School's Principal **Nunik Nishanian** at (703) 835-1181 or [shnorhalischool@gmail.com](mailto:shnorhalischool@gmail.com)

*St. Mary's Shnorhali Armenian School offers Armenian Language Education and Armenian Studies Program to children from Junior Kindergarten to 8th grade, designed to teach, promote, and perpetuate the wealth of the Armenian language and culture, and to develop competency in using the Armenian language in written and oral communication. Students will gain greater awareness of the unique aspects of Armenian culture and history while preserving and promoting their Armenian heritage. Students will also join Armenian religion lessons and will participate in the morning ceremonies in the sanctuary, during which they will learn about our Apostolic Church traditions, parts of our Holy Liturgy, religious hymns, and prayers, and will take part in small services. We are hoping to prepare future participants in the Armenian community who will be active as leaders and volunteers, applying bilingual skills in the real world to have a more competitive edge in higher education and beyond. The Armenian Language Arts and Armenian History curriculum is developed by the Shnorhali School.*