



THE OLYMPIAN

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In Loving Memory of Mr. George Poumakis

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The community mourns the passing of George Poumakis, a visionary leader, dedicated educator, and beloved figure. Mr. Poumakis was the proud founder of Athenian Academy, the first Greek teaching charter school in the United States. The inspiration was his wife, a dedicated educator, whose passion for teaching and desire to see a school grounded in Greek culture transformed a shared dream into a lasting institution. The executive director of Greek education Sevasti Varitimidis stated “It is hard to put into words the sense of loss we feel... not only the founder of our school, but someone so many of us knew personally and were deeply touched by.”

His passing on Greek Independence Day added a poignant layer of meaning for many. The alignment of this day with his remembrance underscores the cultural pride and determination that defined his life’s work. He built a home, and a place where culture and learning could truly come alive. His legacy continues to live on in the daily experiences of the Athenian Academy community.

Throughout his life, Mr. Poumakis demonstrated an unwavering commitment to education and service. Whether speaking to a crowd, engaging with students, or quietly supporting those around him, he carried himself with humility, wisdom, and purpose. He believed deeply in the importance of preserving Greek heritage while preparing students to succeed in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Those who worked alongside him remember a man who led with purpose, pride, and an unwavering belief in the power of education to transform lives. As the community honors his memory, there is a shared responsibility to continue the vision he so deeply believed in. His influence can still be seen in the traditions upheld, the connections formed, and the sense of belonging felt throughout the school. Though he is no longer physically present, his spirit remains woven into the fabric of Athenian Academy, guiding future generations forward.



“We honor Mr. Poumakis’s legacy by continuing the work he cared so deeply about—serving our students with dedication and heart.”
Principal Roper



To Mr & Mrs Poomakis,
Thank you for all you’ve done to help us build a more promising future for America.
George H.W. Bush,
41st President of the United States

Remembering Mr. George Poumakis



On December 8, 2021, Mr. Poumakis, Athenian Academy's Executive Director of Greek education, Sevasti Varitimidis, and Athenian Academy students attending the Christmas caroling at the Greek Consulate General in Tampa, Florida.



April Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<p>1 <i>April Fools Day</i></p> <p><i>Carline Chocolate Sales</i> \$1</p> <p>Volleyball Club 3:00 - 4:30 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Kindergarten Field Trip to Dunedin Fine Arts Center</p> <p>5th Grade Trip to Kennedy Space Center</p> <p>Girls Soccer vs. Plato Academy @ 4:00 PM</p> <p>Co-Ed Flag Football vs. DePaul @ 4:00 PM</p> <p>BEST Writing Testing 6th - 8th Grade</p> <p>Report Cards go home</p> <p>Egg Grams will be delivered to students</p>	<p>3</p> <p>No School</p>
6	<p>7</p> <p>Flag Football vs. Country Day @ 4:00 PM</p> <p>Girls Soccer vs. Country Day School @ 4:00 PM</p> <p>BEST Writing Testing 4th & 5th Grade</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Carline Chocolate Sales</i> \$1</p> <p>Volleyball Club 3:00 - 4:30 PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Girls Soccer vs. Bay Pines @ 4:00 PM</p> <p>Flag Football JAMBOREE</p>	10
13	<p>14</p> <p>Flag Football vs. Plato Academy @ 4:00 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Carline Chocolate Sales</i> \$1</p> <p>Athenian's Got Talent Show Auditions @ 4:00-5:00 PM</p> <p>Volleyball Club 3:00 - 4:30 PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Flag Football vs. DePaul @ 4:00 PM</p> <p>Girls Soccer vs. PAMS @ 4:00 PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Spanish Trip to <i>La</i> <i>Mordida</i> restaurant 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM</p>
<p>20</p> <p>K-2nd Grade STAR Reading Testing</p>	<p>21</p> <p>K-2nd Grade STAR Reading Testing</p>	<p>22</p> <p>K-2nd Grade STAR Math Testing</p> <p>Chocolate Sales \$1</p> <p>Volleyball Club 3:00 - 4:30 PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>K-2nd Grade STAR Math Testing</p> <p>Co-Ed Volleyball vs. PAMS @ 4:00 PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>PCS Spirit Night TAMPA BAY RAYS tickets ordered due @ 11:59 PM</p> <p>STAR Make-Ups</p>
<p>27</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Co-Ed Volleyball JAMBOREE 1</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Carline Chocolate Sales</i> \$1</p> <p>Volleyball Club 3:00 - 4:30 PM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Kindergarten - 2nd Grade IN HOUSE Field Trip ~ A Rumpelstilskin Manionette Show</p>	

Stromboli is BACK on the Lunch Menu!!!

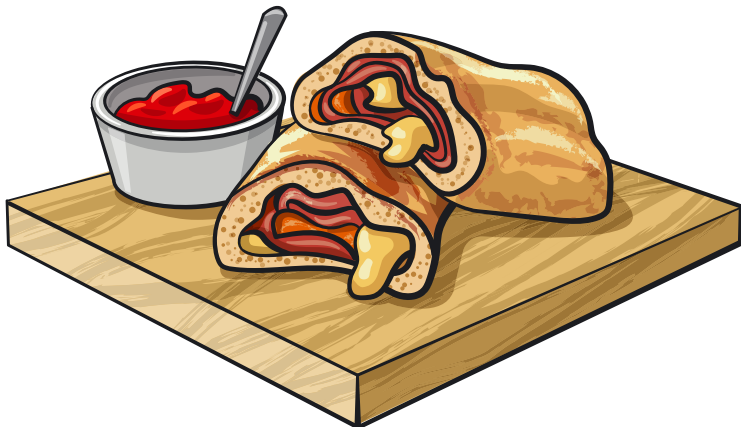
After months of absence, one of Athenian Academy's most popular lunches is finally making a comeback.

Stromboli, a longtime student favorite, was last served on December 17. Since then, students have noticed a shift in menu options, with more frequent servings of ramen and chicken nuggets. The change comes after the school began receiving lunches from Dunedin High School, replacing last year's provider, Countryside High School.

Stromboli is a baked Italian-American dish made of rolled pizza dough filled with cheese, meats like pepperoni or ham, and sometimes vegetables, then sliced and served warm.

The absence of stromboli did not go unnoticed. Students across campus expressed curiosity and concern about why the popular meal had disappeared from the menu.

Now, there is good news for hungry Olympians. According to recent updates, stromboli is scheduled to return to the lunch menu on April 1. The announcement has already generated excitement among students who have been waiting months for its return.



6th through 8th Grade
FAST READING TEST
Tuesday, May 5th, 2026

3rd through 5th Grade
FAST READING TEST
Tuesday, May 7th, 2026

7th Grade
FAST CIVICS TEST
Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

5th & 8th Grade
FAST SCIENCE TEST
Thursday, May 14th, 2026

6th through 8th Grade
FAST MATH TEST
Tuesday, May 19th, 2026

3rd through 5th Grade
FAST MATH TEST
Thursday, May 21st, 2026

Athenian Sports



Co-Ed Flag Football Season Starts with a Win

Photos Taken By: Leo Delauney



The Olympians vs. DePaul

Win (13-0)

Touchdown by Kane Fowler

Touchdown by Daniel Moralas-Gil

Extra Point by Georgio Veloudos



The Olympians vs. Skycrest

Loss (34-12)

Touchdown by Daniel Moralas-Gil

Touchdown by Hunter Merta



The Olympians vs. North Bay

Loss (38-12)

Touchdown by Kane Fowler

Touchdown by Nico Mackiewicz



The Olympians vs. Countryside Christian Academy

Win (7-6)

Touchdown by Daniel Moralas-Gil

Extra Point by Georgio Veloudos



Girls Soccer Season Starts with a Tie

Photos Taken By: Nathan Barbosa



The Olympians vs. PAMS

Tie(1-1)

Goal by Fernanda Hernandez

Assist by Gianna D'Elia

The Olympians vs. Skycrest

Loss (0-3)

The Olympians vs. North Bay

Tie(2-2)

Goal by Jaylah Saunders

Assist by Sophia Leon Castro

Goal by Sophia Leon Castro

The Olympians vs. Countryside Christian

Loss (4-1)

Goal by Sophia Leon Castro



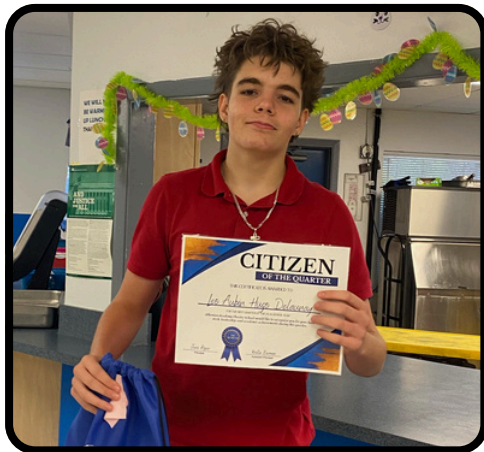
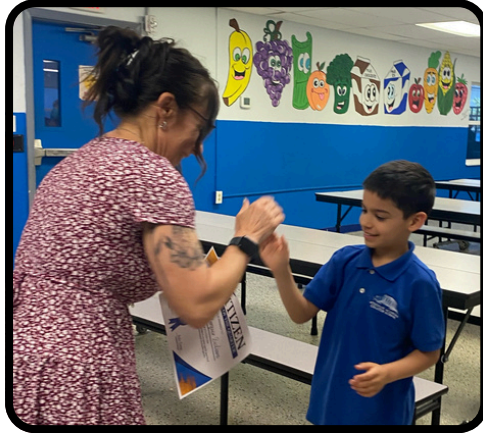
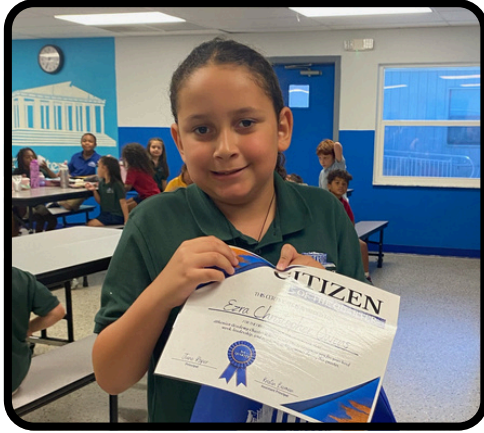
SAVE Club Beach Cleanup



GREEK



Third Quarter Awards!



EASTER AROUND THE WORLD!



Fun Facts!

Americans eat about 1.5 million Peeps a year!

Dyeing eggs started as a religious custom in Ukraine!

Pretzels are associated with Easter as they resemble arms crossed in prayer!

How can YOU celebrate Easter?

Dye Easter eggs

Host or attend an Easter egg hunt

Go shopping for Easter outfits

Bake hot cross buns

Decorate an easter tree

Fast on Good Friday

2026 ATHLETICS BANQUET

Saturday, May 16th
5:00 - 7:00 PM

\$1 Chocolate Every Wednesday

\$1 EACH

60 BARS

THE BEST VALUE IN FUNDRAISING
 EASY TO CARRY HANDLE

\$1 EACH

During Carline!!

PCS
 PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

SPIRIT NIGHT

RAYS

Saturday, May 2
 6:10 P.M. Tropicana Field
 \$25 Lower Level Seating

Got talent?

Athenian's Got Talent

***There are only 10 spots available for the final Talent Show**

Audition Date
April 15, 2026
3:00 PM-4:00 PM
Auditorium

Auditions are open to students in grades 3rd through 8th. Performers must have their performances no longer than 4 minutes. All musics must be approved by the school in order to use it. Auditions will be conducted in an elimination.

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