



Hamasdegh PTA Weekly Newsletter

March 4, 2020

Dear Hamasdegh Parent,

Every Sunday, our parent community comes together ensuring a smooth transition in and out of the lunch hour for our children and cleaning the church hall in preparation for hokehankisd. We feel extremely grateful for having such a supportive parent community. Please [sign up](#) to be a lunch duty volunteer this Sunday!

Have you gotten your Taline concert tickets? Hamasdegh School PTA will host a Benefit Concert **Let's Sing and Dance with Taline & Friends** on Saturday, May 16, 4pm, at Soorp Khatch Church Hall. A special meet-and-greet session with Taline after the concert! Tickets \$30 per person, \$35 per person after May 10th. Free admission for children under 2. Food, drinks & snacks will be available for purchase starting at 3:30 pm. [Buy your tickets today](#) to reserve your spot! Spread the word on [Facebook](#) or by forwarding this email!



Calling for dancers! Are you a teen who needs community service hours? Did your children outgrow Taline but you would love to sing and dance with Taline? This is your chance! Hamasdegh PTA is looking for 3 volunteer characters (Piso, Nabig, Dzaghrazoo) to dance with Taline on stage on Saturday, May 16. You will be given the list of songs with video links to practice the moves, and you will get a chance to rehearse the songs with Taline on Saturday, May 16, prior to the concert. The character costumes will be provided by Taline. Please email us if you are interested.

Update on costumes: The Armenian dance costumes for year-end hantes are coming together nicely, as attested by the pictures below. We do still face the challenge of transporting the costumes from Armenia once completed. We are reaching out to our community once again. If

you know someone who is traveling from Yerevan to Washington, DC in March or April and is willing to bring some of the costumes with them, please let us know.



Our parents have been so supportive of the many initiatives we have had throughout the years. The dance costumes endeavor is one of the more exciting yet costly acquisitions this year. And as usual our support system has stepped up with many from our community contributing generously towards the cost of the costumes, including:







- ★ Maral Achikian
- ★ Hovig & Ani Aroush
- ★ Curtis & Rima Cota-Robles
- ★ Ed & Vana Ghazarian-Ramadan
- ★ Kevork & Tanya Juskalian
- ★ Irma Kassabian
- ★ Tro & Tamar Kasbarian
- ★ James & Sarine Koftikian-Olden
- ★ Moses & Talin Moussessian
- ★ Raffi & Lisa Tatarian
- ★ Shant & Talar Vartanian

Our sincere gratitude to those who donated to help Hamasdegh School and the PTA with the cost of the costumes. Any parent or community member who would like to contribute financially, please donate directly to the school.

Food Drive continues: Hamasdegh School & PTA are collecting canned foods for Loudoun Hunger Relief. Kindly drop off donated food items in collection bins provided at the church

entrance. Please follow the guidelines on the flyer below for the most needed pantry items. Financial contributions can be made by clicking on this link: <https://www.loudounhunger.org/donate-now/>. Let us not forget that there are many less fortunate families throughout the capital area that need special help each and every day. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated! The food drive will run until Sunday, March 29th.


FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED ITEMS

<p>Canned Fruits & Veggies</p> 	<p>Canned Meat</p> 	<p>Canned Beans & Soup</p> 
<p>Cereal</p> 	<p>Whole Grain Pasta & Rice</p> 	<p>Peanut Butter</p> 
<p>Hygiene Items</p> 	<p>Household Items</p> 	<p>Paper Products</p> 
<p>Cooking Oil</p> 	<p>Fresh Fruits & Vegetables</p> 	<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diapers Fruit Cups Wipes Granola Bars Formula Popcorn Infant Cereal Nutritional Shakes and Drinks

Pop Top Cans and Microwavable Cups Preferred
 Low Sodium • Low Trans-Fat • Sugar Free

www.loudounhunger.org

Of interest

On March 15th, 2020 at 2:30PM at Soorp Khatch, Hamazkayin DC will be starting its first dance class for the **Hamazkayin Ethnographic Dance Group** - preferably for ages in 4th grade and up (adults included and encouraged). Ethnographic dance is not one that is choreographed, but pulls dances from villages in Armenia that have kept and passed on their traditions. The group will be taught and lead by current Hamasdegh School Dance Instructor, **Alex Avaneszadeh**. On the first day of class, the group will meet for a lesson, but will also use the time to evaluate people's interests, age and to determine the amount of classes needed to

accommodate each age group. If interested, please reach out to Alex at alex.avaneszadeh@gmail.com!

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Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society
Washington D.C. Chapter

Introduces newly formed dance classes of the

HAMAZKAYIN ETHNOGRAPHIC DANCE GROUP



Photo: "Սասնա ծռեր" ազգագրական համույթ

Start Date: March 15, 2020 | 2:30 - 4:30 PM
SOORP KHATCH ARMENIAN CHURCH
4906 Flint Dr, Bethesda, MD, 20816

Dance Instructor: **Alex Avaneszadeh**
For questions and/or to enroll:
email alex.avaneszadeh@gmail.com
Or Garbo Afarian at garbotravel@gmail.com

Hamasdegh School PTA presents a Benefit Concert
Let's Sing and Dance with Taline & Friends



Saturday, May 16, 2020, 4-6pm

Soorp Khatch Church Hall
4906 Flint Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816

Join us for a fun and interactive concert with Taline and a special meet-and-greet session after the concert!

Buy your tickets at squareup.com/store/soorp-khatch-church-pta
Tickets \$30 per person, \$35 per person after May 10th.
Free admission for children under 2.
Food, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase starting at 3:30 pm.
Please bring your ID and printed ticket to the door for admission.
No refunds.

For more info, please contact: hamasdeghpta@gmail.com



Important Links

- [Join the PTA](#)
- [Get Involved! Join a committee](#)
- [Complete the parent survey](#)
- [Amazon Smile](#)

PTA EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!!

February 23 - March 29	Food Drive
April 11	Easter Communion and Breakfast
April 12	Easter (no school)
May 16, 4pm	Let's Sing and Dance with Taline & Friends

[Full Calendar of Events \(pdf\)](#)

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