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Principal's Message

It is well known that there is a strong correlation between student achievement in school and parental involvement. The more engaged parents are in the schooling of their children the greater success—measured by virtually every metric—their children will achieve. I have been very impressed by the dedication and passion of the parents and families at Arts High; clearly, they have become such an important part of the fabric of the school community. In fact, parents organize faculty and staff events, support our students orientations, volunteer in the College Center and the main office, and respond so enthusiastically to our SOS calls (Serve Our School). They have also been very active in raising necessary funds to support many projects.

Since I have arrived, I have been working with the newly formed Arts High Parent Council. Their work began during the summer months, meeting regularly and often to hash out their bylaws and to prepare to undertake the important work of supporting Art High. As of this past week, the Arts High Parent Council is the official parent body that will serve in an advising capacity to the school administration, coordinate, communicate, and support school initiatives and to work with the school and Arts High foundation to raise funds. In the coming weeks you will have the opportunity to meet the members of the Parent Council and to attend the first General Arts High Parent Council Meeting October 13th from 6:30 – 8:30. Please join me in extending a hearty congratulations to all of them members of the Arts High Parent Council for their dedication and commitment! It was not an easy—or short—process, but I am confident their hard work will result in a better school for everyone.

George Simpson

Upcoming Events

October 1-31st
CEDLT Testing

October 4th
SAT Testing

October 7th
Junior Parent Night
6-7:30 p.m.
"Preparing for Senior Year"
Music Building 149 (Choral Room)

October 7th & 8th CAHSEE Re-testing

October 8th
Townhall Meeting: Theatre Students
1:20 – 2:15pm

October 17th
Concert Choir – Music
CSULB Choir Festival

October 24th
JOSTENS at Arts High: Seniors—
Cap & Gown, Rings and Grad

Important Announcements

Performing and Visual Arts College Fair

Saturday, October 4th

1:30 -3:30 p.m.

UCLA, Ackerman Union, Grandballroom 308
Westwood Plaza

Arts High Parent Council General Meeting

October 13th

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Golden Eagle Ballroom

Congratulations to our Arts High Parent Council Officers!

Ewa Martinoff, President

Steven Monkarsh, Vice-President

Jeff Kopczynski, Treasurer

Simon Tsalyuk, Secretary