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## Principal's Message

One of the key indicators for success in school is strong attendance. Students who are at school everyday with few tardies tend to enjoy much more success in school over those with inconsistent attendance or frequent tardies. This reality is underscored when we examine the attendance patterns of our students and then compare these patterns with student grades. The correlation between strong attendance and high achievement is irrefutable. To support our students and families, the school began last year by identifying students with worrisome attendance and contacting and meeting with families when necessary.

We are going to continue this practice again. Students who have four absences of any kind—excused or unexcused—will be contacted by their teacher. This initial contact, by phone or e-mail, will be to alert families that their student has missed valuable instruction time and efforts will be needed to improve this. For those students who continue to struggle with regular attendance a meeting will be held with the student, parent, teacher, and administrator. We know that there are times when absences from class are legitimate and other times that may be less so. The purpose of contacting families is to support students whenever they miss class. Parents can work in partnership with the school. One of the central features of the Parent Portal is access to attendance records for parents. We ask that parents proactively monitor this to help ensure that students have the best chances to succeed at Arts High.

High school is a difficult time for our students; we want to help them as much as possible by supporting their consistent and regular attendance throughout their school years.

*George Simpson*

### Upcoming Events

**Runaways, Premiere Gala** 11/16  
Barnsdall Gallery Theatre;  
Barnsdall Art Park,  
4800 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles  
2:00 p.m.

**Junior Class Presentation** 11/17  
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.

**Senior Class Meeting**  
9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

**Make-up Picture Day** 11/20  
(Underclassmen) KH 1006

**Oliver** 11/21, 11/22  
Alex Theater, 216 N Brand Blvd,  
Glendale, CA  
11/21 - 8:00 p.m. 11/22 – 2:00/7:30 p.m.

## Important Announcements

Check out the new features on the website [artshigh.org](http://artshigh.org)!