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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

One of my core beliefs as principal is that parents and schools must make a deliberate effort to work in the spirit of partnership for the benefit of students. I have tried to demonstrate this commitment by communicating regularly and often with you, by responding to your questions and concerns in a timely way, and by promoting parental engagement within the school community. I have been so encouraged by your contributions to our WASC process, by your participation in the agenda of the Parent Council and by the passion and dedication you continue to show on a daily basis. I am hopeful that many of you will attend our Parent Town Hall meeting this weekend and continue to build a constructive dialogue.

While I am very optimistic, I am also well aware that there may be bumps along the way. I am committed to listening to your concerns on behalf of your children, and responding appropriately; I hope that you will allow me the opportunity to demonstrate this commitment. Because LACSHA is a relatively small school it allows us to exercise maximum flexibility when it comes to decisions affecting your children; My belief as principal is that there are always options and I am more than willing to explore all options to support your children.

If you do have questions or concerns about a teacher or a class or anything that affects your child—while I will not discuss confidential matters publicly—I would like you to give me and newly appointed administration a chance to listen and respond. Only in the spirit of partnership, trust, and dialogue can we continue to build the school we all want. Please allow me the opportunity to strengthen this vision as we all work together to support your children.

With deepest respect,

*George Simpson*

### Upcoming Events

**Parent Town Hall Meeting** 1/11  
Golden Eagle Ballroom  
11:30 – 2:00 p.m.

**Musical Theatre: *Urinetown*** 1/16-18  
LA Theatre Center, 514 Spring St,  
Los Angeles, CA

**Winter Formal** 1/17  
Castaway Restaurant, 1250 E Harvard  
Rd,  
Burbank, CA  
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

**String Chamber Concert** 1/18  
Arcadia Presbyterian Church  
121 Alice St,  
Arcadia, CA

## Important Announcements

### School Climate Survey

Please return the completed School Climate survey to the main office no later Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your feedback.

### Just a reminder for senior theatre parents....

National Unified Auditions will be held Feb 7th & 8th at LAX Hilton. Use this opportunity to set-up a few auditions over the weekend instead of travelling to various states. Some of the university participants are Emerson College, U of A, Cornish College of the Arts, Boston Conservatory and Univ of Michigan. Having various universities in Los Angeles at one time can save \$\$\$.  
For more information visit their website at [www.unifiedauditions.com](http://www.unifiedauditions.com)

-LACHSA College & Career Center

### Strep Throat Threat

Please be advised that some students in our community have been diagnosed with strep throat. Because of the contagious nature of strep throat, diagnosed students should not attend school until a doctor advises. More information may be found at the following web address. <[www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)>. Thank you so much for your cooperation.