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Principal's Message

Many of you are aware that Irma Dillulo is a recent addition to the Arts High community. An experienced counselor, Irma joins Princess Broussard and Fran Sumner in the Guidance Office--soon to be named the Arts High College Center. The College Center will place front and center in the minds of our students and families the expectation that every Arts High student will be able to attend a college, university, or conservatory upon graduation.

I believe we must take an active and comprehensive approach to preparing our students for college, conservatory, or university. We must integrate and coordinate our efforts in helping our students navigate the college application process, for example. We must actively support our students as they begin to think about their investment--both in time and resources--after high school. While observing an outstanding lesson recently on writing the college essay, I wondered how was this important lesson connected to the college advising process with guidance? How do we connect all of the work we are doing--from course scheduling to curriculum design--often done in isolation, and connect this to our students in a coordinated approach? The preparation for our students to succeed in college, university or conservatory is not solely the domain of guidance. This work must be done from ninth grade and must be integrated school-wide. To this end, I would like to encourage you all to attend our grade-level parent meetings that are or will be scheduled in the next few weeks. These meetings will focus on the preparing our students for success throughout and beyond high school. I look forward to seeing you in attendance.

When speaking of students and the college preparation process I have heard several times that, "our kids will be fine." I know this is true. Our students are bright, talented, and passionate young people who have strong support structures. I wondered, however, of all the things to aspire to, why settle for "fine?"

George Simpson

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 1st
Senior Parent Night
"College Application Process"
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Music Building-Choral Room

Thursday, October 2nd (new date!)
Town Hall Meeting: Dance Students
3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7th
Junior Parent Night
"Preparing for the Senior Year"
6 – 7:30 p.m.
Music Building Choral Room

Wednesday, October 8th
Town Hall Meeting:
Theatre Students
KH 338

Important Announcements

Grades Close

Tuesday, September 30th
Last year, faculty voted to give students and families more frequent notification of student progress by tallying grades four times per semester. Report cards will be sent home shortly after each grading period.

Performing and Visual Arts College Fair

Saturday, October 4th
1:30 – 3:30
UCLA