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## Principal's Message

I continue to be amazed by the perseverance and fortitude of our students. They are at school long hours attending classes, doing community service, applying to college; they spend considerable time traveling to and from school; they hone their artistic skills before, during, and after school with performances, rehearsals, and exhibitions. When they arrive home they are consumed with homework and other things school related and somewhere along the way they find time to eat and sleep. Our students manage all of these demands spectacularly well, better in some ways than do many adults, but the question is not can our students do it all, but should they.

We are in the process of looking at what our school demands of our students. We have held our first round of townhall meetings, we have met with students and parents to talk about their homework load. We know we want all of our students to attend college, but what messages do we send if we give them little time for college applications, for example? We know we want our students to achieve academically and artistically, but what messages do we send when we ask our students to choose between homework and rehearsal? As a school community we have to ensure that we balance the demands on our students that support them in their success in healthful ways. We have to ensure that we are not creating undue stress for our students and that we find ways to support them when they do experience stress. This may not be an easy task especially in such a dynamic school environment, but it is an essential one.

*George Simpson*

### Upcoming Events

Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Parent Council Meeting  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
CSULA: Room TBA

Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Freshman Parent Night  
Choral Room: Music Building 149  
6:00 -7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 9th  
Chamber Concert  
Calvary Presbyterian Church  
1050 Fremont Ave, South Pasadena

Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
No School

## Important Announcements

### Parent Council Meeting

Parent please attend the upcoming meeting of the Parent Council on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Parents get involved!

As many of you are aware, LACHSA is undergoing the WASC review for accreditation. We would like parent volunteers to participate in up to 5 meetings that are part of the review process. We are looking for 10-15 parents to be involved. Ideally the same group of parents can be involved throughout, but knowing that we all have full lives, we are asking for parents to sign up for at least two of the meetings.

The meeting schedule is:

November 4th 1-4 p.m. (Golden Eagle)  
November 18th 1-5 p.m.(Golden Eagle)  
December 2nd 1-4 p.m.(Golden Eagle)  
December 9th 1-5 p.m.(Golden Eagle)  
December 16th 1-4p.m.(Golden Eagle)

If you would like to participate, please send an email to [artshighparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:artshighparentcouncil@gmail.com) or call 818 404 9131 (Ewa Martinoff) and please include the dates/meetings you are willing to participate.

For more information check out the ArtsHighlights tab on the website [www.artshigh.org](http://www.artshigh.org)