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## Principal's Message

Although it's been a week, I continue to be "haunted"—in a good way—by the spectacle that was Halloween. Our students demonstrated the highest levels of creativity, passion, and courage and I was so pleased to witness this and even participate! These kinds of events—from Halloween to Winter Formal to Senior Prom—are important to the culture and community of any school; if Halloween is any indication, our student community is quite healthy! None of these important events, however, would be possible without the leadership of our student body.

I have been so impressed with the growing leadership skills of the students in the Student Leadership Class. These students, under the extraordinary direction of Diana Hernandez, have worked tirelessly to vision, coordinate, and execute these kinds of school activities. What is so remarkable about these students is that the thrust of their work is selfless by design and willingly embraced. It is so easy for all of us to look after only of ourselves, to think only of the "I" rather than the "WE." These student leaders, our artist-scholar-leaders, remind us that we are part of one community and we must all work together to improve and preserve it. As Arts High continues to think about its place in the community—however we define community—the shining example of our artist-scholar-leaders provides a valuable model from which to build. As a school, we must ask: How do we engage our students in meaningful and non-patronizing community service? How can we encourage our students to realize the impact of their art on their community? We need only look at our student leaders for our foundation.

Please congratulate our artist-scholar-leaders:

Aja Canyon, Sunny Chen, Miya Chua, Enrique Conde, Whitney Davis, Marielle Eisner, Rhodri Freeman, Tricia Fukuhara, Samuel Lopez, Eli Monkrash, Genna Moroni, Kate Murphy, Jennifer Smith, Jacquelyn Withers, Blanche Wright.

*George Simpson*

### Upcoming Events

<b>Chamber Concert</b>	<b>11/9</b>
Calvary Presbyterian Church 1050 Fremont Ave, South Pasadena	
<b>No School</b>	<b>11/11</b>
<b>Runaways, Premiere Gala</b>	<b>11/16</b>
Barnsdall Gallery Theatre; Barnsdall Art Park, 4800 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles 2:00 p.m.	
<b>Junior Class Presentation</b>	<b>11/17</b>
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	
<b>Oliver</b>	<b>11/21, 11/22</b>
Alex Theater, 216 N Brand Blvd, Glendale, CA 11/21 - 8:00 p.m. 11/22 – 2:00/7:30 p.m.	

## Important Announcements

### 10-Week Mailer Coming Soon!

Please be advised that 11/10 we will be sending home to all families the following information:

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period Report

Detailing student progress to date.

#### Parent Portal Information

Letter detailing how to access student information – including grades, attendance, emergency contact information, transcript, and graduation status.

#### Free and Reduced Lunch Application

We are asking ALL parents to complete this confidential application. Qualifying families will be eligible for testing fee waivers and additional school resources.

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