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## Principal's Message

We all manage the stresses of life in different ways. Some of us have learned when to prioritize and when to let things go, some of us try to manage multiple “balls in the air”, some of us drop more balls than others. There are times when these stresses overwhelm us and we become incapacitated—we’re simply too tired or too overwhelmed to be effective. Our students are no different. In one way or another—some good, some not so good—our students have learned to deal with the stresses at LACHSA—by staying up late to complete homework, missing school because of exhaustion, falling asleep in class, at the dinner table, or worse. Because our students are so driven and passionate they willingly embrace the rigor that our school offers. This is not in question. We need to continue to strengthen the ways that we support our students in meeting the demands that our school places upon them.

Next school year, we will implement tangible changes intended to strengthen our support for students school wide. Until then, however we need to find ways to support our students throughout the remained of this school year.

To this end, we have scheduled a minimum day for Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Students will be released from school at 12:35 p.m.; there will be no school activities that involve students that afternoon. Additionally, I have asked that no homework be assigned over the April Spring break. Our April Spring break, will indeed be just that—a break. It will be a time for our community to rest and recharge, for all of us to catch our breath and end the school year well.

*George Simpson*

### Upcoming Events

**Theatre: Metamorphoses** 4/4-5\*

Pasadena City College  
Jameson Amphitheatre  
3:00 p.m.

**Parent Council Meeting** 4/5

Pasadena City College  
C Building, Room 111  
1:30 p.m.  
(Adjacent to Jameson Amphitheatre)  
(Parking located in structure #4)

**Minimum Day** 4/8

**NO SCHOOL** 4/13 - 17  
Spring Break

**Visual Arts: Spring Show** 4/24-26\*

Infusion Gallery  
719 Spring Street, Los Angeles  
Reception, 4/25 6:30 - 8:30

\* denotes corrected information  
from previous newsletter

## Important Announcements

### Parent Council

The Parent Council meeting will take place on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. (not Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>) at Pasadena City College. We hope this change in time and location will facilitate increased turnout. Please e-mail [artshighparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:artshighparentcouncil@gmail.com) for more info. All parents welcome!

### Congratulations!

Visual Arts senior, **Alex Withers**, is the winner of the LegiSchool essay contest, Rules of the Road: The Teen Cell Phone Ban. She is attending the Student Legislative Summit in Sacramento to celebrate!

We are pleased to announce that **Liz Young**, visual arts faculty, has been awarded an Arts Teacher Fellowship through the SURDNA Foundation.

### Save the Date!

LACHSA Parent Townhall Meeting: *Looking Ahead*

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 p.m.

Location TBA

All welcome!