



Happy Thanksgiving Merry Christmas

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TCA Arshag Dickranian Armenian School

Reminder: Winter Wonderland is on Friday December 7. It starts at 6pm. Real snow, great food, choo-choo train

POKER TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, November 18, The Athletic Committee of TCA Arshag Dickranian School held its Annual Poker Tournament, which took place at the school's plush Walter and Laurel Karabian Hall. The event was designed to give the parents a chance to participate in and enjoy a day of poker and simultaneously raise funds for the school.

At 10:00 a.m., parents and guests gathered at the Karabian Hall to start the day with breakfast which was served by Kitchen-X Catering

Company. Following breakfast, the poker games began with parents continuously joining one poker game after the other, resulting in Mr. Zareh Krisian winning first place, Mr. Hovik Olafian winning 2nd place and Mr. Movses Posheian winning 3rd place. All winners received prizes and gifts. Lunch was served after the 3rd level of the game was reached, while coffee and pastries were abundantly available throughout the day along with an open bar for adults. The event had a

good turn-out and almost \$7000 were raised, which will go towards supporting athletic activities.

The Athletic Committee is thankful to all attendants and guests and is planning to have another successful tournament next April in order to raise funds necessary to buy sports supplies and equipment.



“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.”

~ Vince Lombardi

Armenia Fund

As the tradition is for the school, TCA ADS students participated in the Armenia Fund Telethon on Thanksgiving Day and raised \$5000, the highest they have ever

raised! We are happy that our students participated in this event, raising necessary funds for humanitarian projects in Armenia and Syria.



Field Trip

On November 28, science teacher Mr. Vigen Avedissian took the 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th graders on a field trip to visit the California Science Center. Along with art teacher Mr. Adam Ocampo and mothers Ms. Kristina Kegeyan, Ms. Armenuhi Allakhverdian, Ms. Galya Bezjian and Dr. Armine Kltchian, students left the school in a bus at 9 a.m. The purpose of the trip was to acquaint students with the different aspects of space.

At the center, the students watched The Blue Planet, a 45 minute movie-documentary about how our planet looks from the space along with the different global and environmental issues that is currently affect it. Following the movie, students had the chance to see the shuttle endeavor. They were amazed at how it looks in real life. Students then had lunch at the cafeteria located inside the center and headed back to school. It was

a fun and educational trip for them.



Kitchen X

In the past couple of weeks, ADS students have been enjoying a delicious menu at the school cafeteria prepared and cooked by the school's new official caterer Kitchen X, headed by chef Sarkis Takvoryan who goes by the name Chef Sako. Chef Sako is not a stranger to students and staff as he

has volunteered at the school before preparing gourmet meals such as his delicious Philly steak sandwich and the Greek dish Gyros. Having found his niche in cooking after completing 11th grade at ADS, Takvoryan enrolled at Le Cordon Bleu Paris culinary school and completed the program within

a year specializing in French, Italian and Middle Eastern cuisines. He has worked at the Marquis Restaurant in Glendale, California and now has his own catering company, Kitchen X.

Visitors

Early in November, Mr. Onik Bogosyan one of the parents of students at the school and owner of Festo Corporation sent a truck carrying real parts of machines used in factories visited the school, giving the students a chance to explore them and see what they look like and how they work. Classes took turns in entering the truck and

receiving a presentation about the machines and parts. This was very educational for the students, as it demonstrated concepts of physics to them. Thank you to Mr. Bogosyan for sending this truck to our school and donating the time of his staff for this purpose!



PTO LUNCHEON

On Tuesday November 20th, the PTO hosted a pre-Thanksgiving lunch at the Walter and Laurel Karabian Hall. Present at the lunch were Fr. Manoug Markarian, school board chairman Mr. George Mandossian, board members Mr. Diran Depanian, Ms. Arpi Avanesian-Idolor and Ms. Gia Aivazian, Principal Dr. Maral Yeranossian, school staff and faculty and students. The event began at 1:00 p.m. with the blessings of Fr.

Manoug Markarian and lunch was served by juniors as everyone was seated eagerly enjoying the festive atmosphere and the food. Thank you to PTO member for preparing a delicious turkey and thank you to the PTO for hosting this wonderful event!

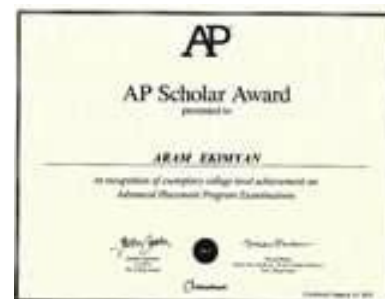


SCHOLAR with Distinction

Senior student Aram Ekimyan has received the AP Scholar Award in recognition of his commendable college-level achievement on Advanced Placement Program Examinations. Aram has also received the AP Scholar with Distinction Award which is granted to students who receive an average

score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Congratulations to you Aram for this wonderful achievement. You have set the bar high up and set an example for our students to be inspired by and follow!



Congratulations!!

After participating in the Hollywood Dance Sports competition at Lowe's Hotel, ADS second grade students Katrina Kourouyan and Hamlet Oganessian delivered an impressive performance which won them 1st place in the pre-team category. Katrina and Hamlet also participated in the adult category of the Hollywood Dance Ball and

won 1st place again! Congratulations to Katrina and Hamlet and to their parents and good luck to them in upcoming dance competitions.

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Basketball Game Schedule

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| <i>Dec. 18, 2012</i> | <i>3:30pm</i> | <i>Westview</i> |
| <i>Jan. 8, 2013</i> | <i>4:00pm</i> | <i>LA Adventist</i> |
| Jan. 10, 2013 | 5:30pm | Pacific |
| Jan. 15, 2013 | 3:30pm | Summit V.W. |
| Jan. 17 2013 | 6:30pm | Salhevet |
| Jan. 29, 2013 | 6:00pm | LA Adventist |
| <i>Jan. 31, 2013</i> | <i>6:00pm</i> | <i>Pacific</i> |
| Feb. 1, 2013 | 1:30pm | Westview |
| Feb. 4, 2013 | 6:30pm | Salhevet |
| <i>Feb. 5, 2013</i> | <i>4:30pm</i> | <i>Summit V.W.</i> |

***Italics Blue denotes home games**

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

On November 13, Archbishop Hovnan Derderian of the Western Diocese paid a visit to Arshag Dickranian School where he met with students at the Walter & Laurel Karabian Hall to talk to them about respect towards parents. As a part of his program, he will be meeting with students every month to talk to them about a topic chosen for that year. This year's topic is respect and he will be discussing a different aspect of respect each month this year. After meeting with the students at the Karabian Hall, he visited them in their classrooms where he answered students' questions and listened to their concerns. He was very delighted that the students were eager to share their concerns with him, especially the 8th graders. We thank Archbishop Derderian and look forward to December's assembly

Photographer & Videographer

Notable photographer Armen Keleshian visited TCA Arshag Dickranian School on November 27 to take pictures of the campus and students for the school's upcoming website. On December 4, videographers of the Western Diocese Vahe Sarkissian and Aram Mousioian visited the school and recorded interviews with the teachers. Thank you to Armen Keleshian, Vahe Sarkissian and Aram Mousioian for their time. And a big thank you to Archbishop Hovnan Derderian for lending his crew to the school!

SENIORS

The seniors completed filing the UC and Cal State applications on November 30th. The deadline for applying for the common AP for private schools is on December 10th.

JUNIORS

It is time for juniors to prepare for SAT tests. We will have SAT Prep Classes every Saturday in January 2013. Make sure you sign up!

