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TCA ARSHAG DICKRANIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
1200 CAHUENGA BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90038

TCA ARSHAG DICKRANIAN SCHOOL STARTS ITS 2009 – 2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Opening Ceremony took place on Tuesday, September 1

Los Angeles, September 4, 2009 - TCA Arshag Dickranian School re-opened its doors for the 29th successive year to its students with the pomp and circumstance of its traditional Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

The event took place at the open court yard of the school, where students ranging from Pre-Kindergarten toddlers to 12 Grade Seniors took their assigned places under the watchful eyes of their teachers and the cheerful sighs of their parents.



The Very Reverend Father Bared Yeretizian, representing His Eminence Arch. Hovnan Derderian, Rev. Manoug Markarian of St. John Garabed Church, Benefactors Mrs. Eleanor Dickranian, Mrs. Cynthia Norian, Mrs. Laurel Karabian, Mr. Kevork Tashjian and Mr. Hmayak Baltayan, School Board Memebers Mr. George K. Mandossian, Mrs. Angine Garibyan and Mrs. Arpi Avanesian-Idolor were among the special guests attending the back to school ceremony along with the school Principal Mr. Vartkes Kourouyan.

The Opening Ceremony was led by Fr. Bared, who ended his prayers by adding his blessings to the students and well wishes to all those who were present.

Mrs. Arpi Avanesian - Idolor greeted the students, teachers and parents on behalf of The School Board of Trustees, reminding the students of the importance of learning and the sacrifices being made by their parents, School Board of Trustees and teachers in helping them achieve their education at Arshag Dickranian School.

Mrs. Laurel Karabian next took the podium to speak on behalf of the Dickranian Family. After welcoming the students and staff, Mrs. Karabian urged the students to keep the fire in their spirits as well as the torch of Arshag Dickranian School always lit.

The program was concluded by the remarks of Principal Vartkes Kourouyan who welcomed all the new and returning students alike. Mr. Kourouyan highlighted the positive changes that were made at the school during summer recess. "We are happy to announce that fifty new students have enrolled at our school this year," said Mr. Kourouyan and added by informing the parents that the school will be concentrating on character building and standardized tests. Mr. Kourouyan also mentioned that the school will continue participating in interscholastic and national sports tournaments this year. Mr. Kourouyan concluded his remarks by declaring the beginning of the 2009-2010 scholastic year and asked for the cooperation of every one to achieve overall success.

Located at 1200 North Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles, the TCA Arshag Dickranian Armenian School is a federally tax exempt, Pre-K to 12th grade private educational institution. For more information visit www.dickranianschool.org.

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