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TCA ARSHAG DICKRANIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
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TCA Arshag Dickranian School Starts Its 2010 – 2011 Academic Year

Opening Ceremony Highlights the School's 30th Anniversary

Los Angeles, September 7, 2010 - TCA Arshag Dickranian School re-opened its doors for its 30th consecutive year to its students with the pomp and circumstance of its traditional Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 8:15 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 gathered under the supervision of their teachers, along with the presence of dedicated parents, to attend the Opening Ceremony. The guests of the event included the Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Yardumian, who represented the Western Diocese, St. John Armenian Church parish priest Fr. Manoug Markarian, school benefactors Mrs. Laurel Karabian and Mr. Hmayak Baltayan, school board chairman Mr. George K. Mandossian with board members Mrs. Angine Garibyan, Mr. Osheen Keshishian, Mr. Diran Depanian, Dr. Yeghia Taglyan, and Mr. Parsegh Kartalian.



Master of Ceremony Mr. Osheen Keshishian welcoming students, teachers and parents. Standing behind him from left to right: Board member Dr. Yeghia Taglyan, St. John Parish Priest Fr. Manoug Markarian, the Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Yardumian representing the Western Diocese, Principal Vartkes Kourouyan, Board Chairman Mr. George K. Mandossian and school benefactor Mr. Hmayak Baltayan.

The Opening Ceremony was led with the prayers of the Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Yardumian. Master of Ceremony, Mr. Osheen Keshishian, then took the podium and welcomed the students, teachers and parents to the school. After duly introducing the clergy, the benefactors and the board members who were present, Mr. Keshishian invited Chairman Mr. George Mandossian to present his remarks on behalf of the School Board of Trustees.



Mr. George Mandossian delivering his speech. Sitting behind him from left to right: Board members Mr. Diran Depanian and Dr. Yeghia Taglyan, St. John Parish Priest Fr. Manoug Markarian, the Very Rev. Fr. Dajad Yardumian representing the Western Diocese, board member and Master of Ceremony Mr. Osheen Keshishian and Principal Vartkes Kourouyan.

"This new scholastic year being the 30th anniversary of Arshag Dickranian School, we will have due cause to celebrate this important milestone throughout the entire year," said Mr. Mandossian, "Therefore, I ask all of you to devote all your skills and talents to make our 30th scholastic year the most successful in all respects."



Principal Vartkes Kourouyan delivering welcoming remarks at the ceremony

Principal Vartkes Kourouyan took the podium following the chairman's remarks highlighting the certain academic changes for the new school year which included adding new classes such as AP environmental science and theater arts. He ended his speech by wishing the students success in their endeavors and declaring the new scholastic year open.



ADS students gathered at the open court yard of the school during the Opening Ceremony

The program was concluded with the closing prayers lead by Fr. Dajad and Fr. Manoug, after which the students were directed to their classrooms.

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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