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TCA ARSHAG DICKKRANIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
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TCA Arshag Dickranian School Starts Its 2011 – 2012 Academic Year

Los Angeles, September 1, 2011 - Following the example of several unified school districts, this year the traditional "Back to School Day" ceremony of the TCA Arshag Dickranian School's 31st academic year took place on August 29, 2011 at 8:15 a.m., a full week earlier than usual.

The event took place at the open courtyard of the campus where students ranging from Pre-Kindergarten toddlers to 12th Grade seniors had gathered under the guidance of their teachers and the watchful eyes of their parents. Among the guests were St. John Armenian Church parish priest Fr. Manoug Markarian, school benefactress Mrs. Cynthia Norian, Board Chairman Mr. George K. Mandossian, Vice Chairman Mr. Parsegh Kartalian, Board Treasurer Mrs. Angine Garibyan and Board Member Mr. Diran Depanian.

Principal Vartkes Kourouyan started the program by extending his greetings to the students, teachers and parents alike, and then called upon Fr. Markarian to conduct the morning prayers and give his blessings. He then invited Mrs. Norian to share her thoughts. "My parents founded this school so that children like you could learn the Armenian language and history." She said. "You are the legacy of the Armenian heritage. I have full confidence in your diligence and wish you an industrious school year."

Chairman George Mandossian next got to the podium to express his welcoming remarks on behalf of the School Board of Trustees. After greeting the students, the teachers, the parents and working committees, he touched upon the challenges the board was facing due to the ongoing economic crisis and called for the cooperation of all to ensure the success of the scholastic year.

The program was concluded with the closing remarks of principal Kourouyan who wished the students success in their endeavors and declaring the new scholastic year open. He then invited parents to enjoy the coffee and assortment of cookies served by the PTO while 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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