SMACS Student Council is an organization that is comprised of student leaders who represent their fellow students and school. Throughout the year, Student Council members will positively contribute back to their school and community in a variety of ways. Each member has taken an oath to promise to be the best that they can be. They have promised to be kind, loyal, honest, and respectful. They understand that they are a role model for other students at SMACS and each one’s behavior sets an example for all to follow.

SMACS would like to welcome our 2015-2016 school years’ student council leaders.

- President: Sabrina Pelenghian
- Vice President: Sevan Krikorian
- Secretary: Athena Baghdassarian
- Treasurer: Christina Sahagian
Psalm Holy Spirit
Love the Lord with all your heart. You should also never stop praying to him, God, and the Holy Spirit.
By Bella

God Loves Me and You
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
He loves me,
And he loves you,
It’s true!
By Nareh

Thank You!
Thank you Lord for our wisdom, love, power, and strength.
You are our almighty God!
You give us eternal life.
Thank you, God bless us!
By Natalia

God is With You
Thank you for my food, shelter, and family. Thank you for this world, and thank you for my life!
By Claudine

The Ultimate Psalm
Your people are holy, and they shall listen to you.
You are the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords.
By Vicken

Who God is ...
God is wise
and God is sweet.
He is special,
He is neat.
He is loving,
I know He’s fun
He’s many good things,
Rolled in one!
By Daniella

The Lord Blesses
Oh God, you are the Lord.
You have infinite power.
You bless everyone.
You take them to Heaven, and bless them with the Heavenly Spirit!
By Njteh

Psalm
God is a spirit, God is awesome in power, we love God and God loves us!
By Andreas

Psalm
Love, Love, Love
Love the Lord with all of your big heart, that he gave you!
By Brandon

Psalm
Jesus is good, he is our Lord and our mighty Lion, who loves us!
By Alique

Psalm
God is here, God is there.
God is everywhere.
He will give us eternal life in Heaven
By Arsen

Psalm
O Lord, Jesus, you are the King.
You are the shepherd, and we are your sheep!
By Aram

Psalm
God is the best, you are the best, everyone else is good too, but He is the one who gave us eternal life! We will love him until we die. I will give him everything he wants, but whatever anyone else wants, I will not give!
By Roubeena

Psalm
God’s sheep and people’s voices will be heard. You will always know God’s presence.
By Aren

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We Love Kindergarten!
By KG Students

I love Kindergarten because...

I like our classrooms fall decorations – Connor
We have lots of homework – Steven
We get to do arts and crafts – Nyrie
My teachers are nice – Tyler
We work a lot – Jonathan
I love my teachers – Chloe
It is fun! – Vartouhi
We do lots of Art – Vana
I like my friends – Adriney
I like to play outside – Alina
We get to color – Patil
We color – Lucas
I play with my friends – Ariana
I love playing in our playground – Alex
I love watching our Bible videos – Ella
I love to play with play dough - Kristen
I get to draw and color in my notebook – Serlee
We learn a lot of new things – Alexander
We have bikes and can ride them during recess time – Avo
I love reading and coloring our phonics packets – Sebastian

Based on our readings from "The Phantom Tollbooth":
Which is better, words or numbers?

Words, because without words, you couldn't speak. - Angela
Numbers, because it's easier to write. - Vahram
Words, because words are used to read numbers. - Maria
Numbers, because my dad is a math master. - Shant
Numbers, because they are easy to write. - Chris
Words, because it is easy to talk with words. - Armen
Words, because you use them more than numbers. - Alik
Words, because they are good. - Hrag
Words, because we use them in any language and they're helpful. - Christina
Numbers, because you use them more, and they are more important. - Natel
Numbers, because you only sometimes write numbers and so you do not talk a lot. - Angelina

Written by 5th Grade
We wrote thank you notes for our mail carrier along with some snacks! We left them in the mail box for our mail carrier to enjoy!

Isabella and Nicholas thank
DENTISTS!
A dentist can fix teeth. The
dentist has an office. The dentist uses
gloves. The dentist cleans teeth.

Vache, Lorance, and Sako thank
FIRE FIGHTERS!
Fire fighters drive trucks. Fire
fighters fight fire. Fire fighters have
ladders. Fire fighters help people.

Natalia and Laurene thank
TEACHERS!
A teacher teaches kids. A teacher
uses markers. A teacher helps us write.
A teacher works hard.

Micheal and Haylee thank
DOCTORS!
Doctors keep us healthy. Doctors
give us shots. Doctors use
stethoscopes. Doctors help everyone.
When I Grow Up.....

"We may be little, but we have BIG dreams"

Written By 2nd Grade

Tina Garabedian: When I grow up I'd like to be a math and science teacher because I'm good at math and I love to see how things work.

Troi Magdaleno: When I grow up I'd like to be a test pilot because you can fly different planes and have many adventures!

Anna Khroian: When I grow up I'd like to be a nurse because I want to help people. I will go to college and study hard. Then I'll be ready to be a good nurse.

Christy Basmadjyan: When I grow up I would like to be a lawyer because they earn a lot of money by helping people. I know that lawyers work very hard. I will work hard too.

Milya Minassian: When I grow up I will be a veterinarian because they help animals. I really love animals, especially dogs, so I'll make a very good vet.

Cristapor Panossian: When I grow up I would like to be a police officer because I like their uniforms and their police cars. They have an important job to keep people safe. I want to be just like them.

Nicole Bajakejian: When I grow up I would like to be a doctor because it's my dream. I will be able to help people feel better when they are sick. My family will be very proud of me.
Ara Rastguelenian: When I grow up I'd like to be a pilot, maybe even a fighter pilot, because I really want to fly way up in the sky and be the best pilot ever.

Harout Mitilian: When I grow up I would like to be a scientist because I want to do experiments. I'll work on experiments that will help people fly to faraway places.

Lim Kalemkarian: When I grow up I will be a doctor and a soccer player. I have a cousin who is a doctor already! If I become a soccer player then I will be on TV! I can't wait to grow up!

Mirey Mahserejian: When I grow up I would like to be a teacher and the reason I would like to be a teacher is because I really like their job. It seems like lots of fun.

Luca Youssefian: When I grow up I would like to be a police officer to help people feel safe. I'll read books about police officers so I'll know how to prepare. I will do my best, try very hard, and have lots of fun.

Paulina Kojoghlanian: When I grow up I'd like to be a make-up artist or even a police officer. Make-up artists are very stylish and creative. Police officers are very nice and helpful.

Nicole Titizian: When I grow up I want to be a police officer because they give fast drivers tickets and put bad people in jail. I'm going to be a strong and kind police at the same time. • • •
Fantastic Mr. Fox is a fantastic fox because he is a very caring, intelligent, and selfless fox. Mr. Fox is a caring fox to other animals. He tries to provide for all of the hungry animals with a very fancy feast. Mr. Fox is also very intelligent. He shows intelligence after outsmarting the three mean and selfish farmers on many occasions. Finally, Mr. Fox is selfless because he always puts his family’s safety and needs before his own. By reading this novel, we as a class learned that sharing always shows caring.

Written by 3rd Grade

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SMACS’ New Science Lab!

Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School Board of Directors thanks everyone who has given of their time, talent and financial contributions to complete the science lab. We greatly appreciate the hard work and effort to enhance the classrooms for the benefit the children. Great Job!!!

We greatly appreciate the financial contributions of the following parents, board members and friends of the school:

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Letters to the King of Spain

4th graders wrote letters to the King of Spain as explorers presenting their ideas for an improved route to “Manila” (a tree in Sahag-Mesrob’s yard).

Dear King of Spain,

We have some ideas that we think will make this journey safe without any risk. First, we go through the spikey bushes. Then, we run down the hill. Next, we climb the fake monkey bars. Finally, we have arrived to our destination. We think this will help our people and country.

Sincerely,
Andreas, Daniella, Natalia, and Roubeena

Dear Philip II,

We have some ideas that we think will make this journey faster. First, we go right from the tree and trash. Then, we go left from the lamp. Next, we go right from the boxes. Finally, we make it to the tree. We think this will help us get there sooner.

Sincerely,
Alique, Aram, and Vicken

Dear Philip II,

We have some ideas that we think will make this journey more fun. First, we will go to the tree. Then, we will go through the trees. Next, we will go through the woods. Finally, we will go by the bike area. We think this will help us.

Sincerely,
Claudine, Arsen, and Njteh

Dear King of Spain,

We have some ideas that we think will make this journey more fun. First, we will start at the dirt. Then, go on the left side of the pot. Then, go through the forest. Next, we will run to the big tree and go under the iron. Finally, we will run straight, go between the pole and trashcan, and go straight. We think this will help us.

Sincerely,
Brandon, Bella, Nareh, and Aren
Children’s parents sometimes have feelings about music their children listen to. Well, my favorite music to listen to are Armenian and radio music. Armenian music has Armenian lyrics and it’s a very beautiful type of music. Some of my favorite Armenian singers are Armenchik, Suro, and Dikran. I always feel happy when I listen to these two types of music. Now, radio music is sometimes clean or dirty, but I usually listen to clean music. There are many singers that also love to rap when they sing. Some love to use instruments as a rock band or a true song from themselves. Some singers that usually sing on the radio are Shawn Mendes, Selena Gomez, Ellie Golding, and so much more.

When I listen to these types of music, my parents are also happy, and OK with them for me to listen to. Well, my parents like Armenian music more than radio music, because that’s how they feel with music. I always listen to good and clean music. This is why my parents are OK with me listening to two types of music.

Written by Athena Baghdassarian
6th Grade

My favorite kind of music would be Rock. One of my favorite kinds of songs would be from the band R5. This band is my favorite band and four of the people are brothers and sisters. Only one person from the band is not their brother. The oldest person from the band is the person that I like the most. I also like Jazz music, too. Many people like me, like rock music. Music is one of my favorite things. From the band R5, I love all of their songs, from all of their albums. One of my favorite songs from them is called “Wild Hearts”. Many people like to dance to a lot of songs. That person would not be me, because I don’t like every song in the world. Then there are people who only like songs from bands, and that person would be me. Many people like rap songs with people who rap in songs.

My parents feel that the songs I listen to are not like their songs. My parents like Armenian songs more than American songs. They don’t know that I like the band R5. They think I like Ariana Grande, but I still like her too. She is one of my favorite female song writers. She sings really good and she is so nice to everyone in the world. Many people don’t like her. My parents also like some of the songs, too. My mom is more of the person who likes American songs. My dad hates American songs.
I feel sometimes weird of what my parents say about the music I like. Also, they have the right to tell me what songs to listen to. My parents try their best to tell me what songs to listen to and I want to listen to them too. These are my reasons for my favorite music.

Written by Sonia Darakjian
6th Grade

Music is something with many varieties. I am one that constantly listens to music. I always listen to different categories like Pop, Alternative, Rap, Country, and Pop Rock. From all these categories, my favorite song is “Walk the Line” by Halsey (which is in the alternative category).

My parents both love the music I listen to. We always put 106.7 (K-rock) in the car, and just sing along to all of the songs. My parents always ask if I want to go to concerts.

I am very lucky to have parents who likes my music and appreciate it. I am very happy and I love how they love my music. Most parents don’t like their kids’ music choices, and I am lucky that my parents like mine, and actually want to listen to it with me, and take me to concerts.

Written by Sevan Krikorian
7th Grade

I like many different music genres, but my two favorite are Armenian and Pop. My parents like the same types of music.

I really like pop music, because it gets me in a happy mood. It makes me feel like I want to dance and I start to sing with it. I like Armenian music because it’s my culture’s music. It always has a good beat and it has all my favorite Armenian instruments.

My parents sometimes get annoyed of the pop songs I listen to when I listen to it for too long. They still enjoy the music. My parents always love the Armenian music I listen to. They like how I listen to my culture’s music and not just put it to the side. They also like how I remember the Armenian language from the music.

I feel normal about my parents opinion, because they actually know that I benefit from the Armenian music, since I hear the Armenian language. My parents are OK with me listening to the pop and I am happy for that because they don’t think that there are bad themes in some of the songs.

Overall, my parents and I love the same types of music and we enjoy it together in the car. Listening to these songs also helps us stay busy when we are going somewhere far.

Written by Tigran Arabyan
7th Grade
Why do I like Sahag-Mesrob? What makes me like Sahag-Mesrob? There are many reasons why I like Sahag-Mesrob.

First, Sahag-Mesrob is like my family; my second home. At any other school you would not receive the kindness that this school gives you. You walk in and people say, “hello”. If you are sad they do their best to make you happy. If you are going through difficult times they help you forget about them. Sahag-Mesrob cares about each and every student.

Second, Sahag-Mesrob is a Christian school. Sahag-Mesrob teaches you about God and what his Word tells us. In public schools they don’t teach you about God; they couldn’t care less. Sahag-Mesrob cares about us, so they teach us God’s Word, so we can have a good future.

Last, but not least, Sahag-Mesrob teachers take their time to teach you the things you will need to know in the future; for example, life lessons. They teach you life lessons and why you would need them in the future.

In conclusion, Sahag-Mesrob is a friend to all. When I need help, they are there with open arms. I feel like this is my second home. Sahag-Mesrob is my family.

- Isabelle Mazmanian

I love Sahag-Mesrob so much! It’s my second home. It’s honestly such a great place.

I’ve been at Sahag-Mesrob since nursery. The teachers that I have had throughout the years are the best, and have impacted my life, (and I’m sure other students, too) so much. They are such kind-hearted people. They’ve taught me almost everything I know. I’ll keep in mind everything they have taught me forever. I could never thank them enough.

Another reason why I like this school so much, is because of the actual school itself. Sahag-Mesrob has such a safe environment, and everyone here is kind. Half of my life was spent at this
school, and I am very glad that I have grown up in such a safe place with amazing people.

The final reason why I like this school is because of my friends/classmates. My class is like one big family. We’ve been through so much together, and always bring each other up. I love coming to school everyday and see my classmates. They just brighten my day, and I can't thank them enough. I’m so happy I know these people. I’ll definitely miss them when I go to high school.

Sahag-Mesrob is honestly such a great place with such great people. I’m glad my parents sent me to school here.

- Marianne Sahagian

A private Armenian Christian school in a great location. Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School is a small school that consists of about two-hundred students, from pre-school through eighth grade. Located in Altadena, California, Sahag-Mesrob is prestigious and also well known in the Armenian community.

It is currently my last year at this school and I surely love this school. Here are a few reasons why. For one, everyone in the school knows everyone, and very well. So much so that this has resulted in a family environment.

I realized that having a family environment is a totally great thing to offer. I have looked at other big schools such as Marshall, PHS, and other big schools. When looking at other big schools, you realize how much of an inconvenience it is not to know everyone.

Another perk of having a family environment is the fact that everyone is nice to each other and the students are able to interact with each other without going up to someone for the first time, because the students have already over come this.

- Malcolm Ellington

I have been coming to this school ever since Kindergarten. This is a welcoming, and caring school. All the teachers care about you, unlike public schools. The teachers do everything they can to help their students learn and keep them safe.

Public school teachers don’t care if their students sleep, don’t pay attention, or do their work, but this school is different. The teachers care like you’re their own child. When you don’t pay attention they approach you because they care about you and they want you to learn.

I also like this school because we actually have edible food, and it’s Armenian food. Public schools have horrible food, it’s either old, or it is not edible what so ever. At this school we know what we’re eating because our moms and grandparents make our food.

This school also has a great athletic program. Ever since third grade, I have been a part of the athletics program run by Coach Jack. I have played basketball and volleyball. We get trained very well, and we are always ready for our games.

Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School is the most welcoming, friendly Armenian school. All of our teachers love us very much, no matter what. All the years since Kindergarten have been nothing but great years.

- Susan Kazarian
SMACS CELEBRATES ARMENIAN CULTURAL MONTH
Beautiful and creative artwork, created by our amazing artists.

**SMACS Art Gallery**

Lily Balian
Color Wheel Umbrella
3rd Grade

Tina Garabedian
Kandinsky Circles
2nd Grade

Bella Youssefian
Warm Hand
4th Grade

Maria Miwalian
Jockey and Horse
5th Grade

Brandon Indjian
Paul Klee Fish
4th Grade

David Chepeian
Lego Mini Figure
7th Grade

*Beautiful and creative artwork, created by our amazing artists.*
“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.”

- Edgar Degas
## Kindergarten
- Alina Agojian
- Sebastian Astourian
- Tyler Gordon
- Vana Hovagimian
- Jonathan Kazanjian
- Avo Klahejian
- Steven Kouladjian
- Alexander Lambajian
- Chloe Lambajian
- Adriney Mardirosian
- Connor Matossian

## 1st Grade
- Nicholas Azilazian
- Michael Kizirian
- Laurene Kouladjian
- Vache Muradian
- Haylee Panossian
- Lorance Tatikian
- Natalia Zovigian

## 2nd Grade
- Nicole Bajakejian
- Lim Kalemkarian
- Anna Khroian
- Paulena Kojoglanian
- Harout Mitilian
- Nicole Titizian
- Luca Youssifian

## 3rd Grade
- Andre Abdollahian
- Emily Arabyan
- David Avanesyan
- Alexandra Babayan
- Brianna Balian
- Lily Balian
- Emma Deravedissian
- Narod Ekmekjian
- Johnny Jemelian
- Alexandra Karamanoukian
- Sarkis Kiledjian

## 4th Grade
- Isabelle Kizirian
- Alex Muradian
- Sophia Panossian
- Garo Poladian
- Victoria Postajian
- Michael Sahagian
- Patil Tajerian
- Tiana Tatikian

## 5th Grade
- Natalia Abadjian
- Daniella Agojian
- Roubeena Akmakjian
- Claudine Azilazian
- Njteh Girichian
- Nareh Kiledjian
- Alique Klahejian
- Vicken Kouladjian
- Andreas Minassian
- Aren Minassian
- Arsen Rastiguelenian
- Bella Youssifian

## 6th Grade
- Alec Abdollahian
- Kristina Agojian
- Athena Baghdassarian
- Jeffrey Balian
- Liana Chiranian
- Sonia Darakjian

## 7th Grade
- Christopher Atme
- Angela Babayan
- Shant Bashian
- Alik Mardiros
- Maria Miwalian
- Christina Sahagian
- Natel Titizian

## 8th Grade
- Joseph Atme
- Shoghik Gasparyan
- Lara Gendal
- Tatiana Hamparsomian
- Vicken Jemelian
- Susan Kazarian
- Isabelle Mazmanian
- Mireille Minassian
- Sabrina Pelenghian
- Michael Raad
- Marianne Sahagian
### Kindergarten
- Alina Agojian
- Vana Hovagimian
- Jonathan Kazanjian
- Nyrie Khanjian
- Avo Klahejian
- Steven Kouladjian
- Adriney Mardirosian
- Ella Mazloumian
- Kristen Sarian

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- Haylee Panossian
- Sako Setragian
- Lorance Tatikian
- Isabella Zovigian
- Natalia Zovigian

### 2nd Grade
- Lim Kalemkarian
- Anna Khroian
- Troi Magdaleno
- Mirey Mahserejian
- Milya Minassian
- Harout Mitilian
- Cristapor Panossian
- Ara Rastguelenian
- Nicole Titizian

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- Victoria Postajian

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- Natalia Abadjian
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- Claudine Azilazian
- Brandon Indjian
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- Andreas Minassian
- Arsen Rastguelenian
- Bella Youssefian

### 5th Grade
- Christopher Atme
- Shant Bashian
- Armen Darakchyan
- Angelina Khatchikian
- Alik Mardros
- Natel Titizian
- Vahram Vartabedian

### 6th Grade
- Athena Baghdassarian
- Sevana Baghdoyan
- Sonia Darakjian
- Arshghik Gasparyan
- Melana Gendal
- Christopher Hamparsomian
- Emma Haroutonian
- Vicky Sahagian
- Sarine Vartabedian

### 7th Grade
- Avo Akhian
- Tigran Arabyan
- David Chepeian
- Lori Kenderian (2)
- Sevan Krikorian
- Christian Lambajian (2)
- Sosse Minassian

### 8th Grade
- Shoghik Gasparyan
- Lara Gendal
- Tatiana Hamparsomian
- Susan Kazarian
- Isabelle Mazmanian
- Mireille Minassian
- Sabrina Pelenghian
- Michael Raad
- Marianne Sahagian

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### Teacher’s Corner

**Name:** Jack Dabbaghian  
**Occupation:** Physical Education  
**Birthplace:** West Africa  
**Hobbies:** Work out, bike ride, beach, cooking, and live concerts.  
**Dislikes:** Negativity  
**3 items I can’t live without:** Diet Pepsi, my BFF, and alone time.  
**Favorite Color:** Black and green  
**Favorite Books:** 300, Gladiator, Troy, Legends of the Fall.  
**What have your students taught you?** My gems have taught me directly and indirectly, the importance of humor, the importance of being firm and fair, the importance of trust, the importance of planning and preparation, and the importance of listening. Every student has a strength. Teaching is for those who love children.  
**What is your favorite part about teaching?** Summer vacation, the prestige, lifelong learning, relationships, and a sense of belonging. No day is ever the same.  
**Message to Students:** My message to my students is that no matter what, set your goals and go for them. Whatever it is that you want to achieve, never give up! You always want to have a good attitude, confidence, and the will power to believe in yourself.