

# THE LION'S ROAR

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

*8/10-11 Teacher Meet and Greet*

*8/15 First Day of School*

*8/18 Kristen S. Sarian Preschool and Kindergarten Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

*8/24 Back-to-School Night*



## KRISTEN S. SARIAN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN DEDICATION BRINGS COMMUNITY LEADERS TO CAMPUS

On Thursday, August 18, Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School held a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly-named Kristen S. Sarian Preschool and Kindergarten.

This event, hosted by Dr. Michael Sarian, provided dignitaries from the Pasadena area the opportunity to view Sahag-Mesrob's value in the community

and commitment to continually improving student education.

The event opened with a flag ceremony led by the color guard and was emceed by Mr. Greg Martayan, who introduced the many leaders and representatives present at the ceremony. Various religious, city, political, and educational dignitaries recognized the school and

its generous benefactor. Throughout the program, these important figures in the Pasadena and neighboring communities, honored Dr. Sarian for his charitable donation, as well as acknowledged the school's success and importance in developing student education and preserving the Armenian culture.

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## STUDENTS MEET THEIR 2016-2017 TEACHERS FOR THE FIRST TIME



A “Meet and Greet” was held on Wednesday, August 10 for preschool and kindergarten, and Thursday, August 11 for grades 1-8 at Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School. Preschool through eighth grade families attended this event to meet students’ teachers for

the 2016-2017 school year.

While teachers waited in their just-finished classrooms, parents and students walked through the campus, meeting new teachers for the first time, and catching up with familiar faces after the summer break.

## SAHAG-MESROB STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

As Sahag-Mesrob students arrived for the first day of school on Monday, August 15, smiling faces and “Welcome Back” banners strung across classrooms greeted them. The campus was buzzing with excitement as parents walked their children to their classroom lines and took pictures as they waited for the opening ceremony to commence.

Students participated enthusiastically with pledges and songs led by Mrs. Lucy Abadjian and Mrs. Sona Badalian. Rev. Joseph Matossian delivered a short message and prayer for the school, its students, faculty, and staff. Introductions and encouraging words were shared by Board of Directors’ Chairman, Mr. Gary Jerjerian, Principal Mrs. Mary Tascian-

Williams, Dr. Michael Sarian, and Preschool Director, Mrs. Maral Boyadjian.



## PARENTS ATTEND SMACS BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT



Preschool through eighth grade parents attended Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, August 24. The event began with an introduction by the principal, Mrs. Mary Tascian-Williams, in the school chapel. Mrs. Tascian-Williams introduced the faculty for the 2016-2017 school year, as well as the many new and

exciting in-school and after-school programs the school will be offering.

Afterwards, parents headed to students’ classrooms, where they listened to brief presentations by teachers. Teachers provided their syllabus for the school year and discussed various expectations and procedures for the classroom.