

The Lion's Roar

Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School
Newsletter
Fall 2017



Principal's Message



I am humbled and honored to serve as Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School's principal. From pretending to teach my dolls wearing my mother's heels to being extended the opportunity to lead this unique school is a testament that dreams can come true and God will reveal His plans according to His perfect timing.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for this remarkable opportunity and thank them for their years of sacrificial service to our school.

I would also like to thank our faculty and staff who diligently carry out the school's vision and mission on a daily basis.

I thank our parents for their commitment and faith in our school even during the challenging times.

I thank our PTF moms for their constant support and hard work.

I thank our Association Officers for their perseverance.

I thank our generous donors, especially Dr. Sarian, who held our hand and believed in our school even during the stormy seasons.

I thank our Heavenly Father for His constant provision and protection. I am in awe of the miracles He has showered and will continue showering upon our school.

I thank Him for the peace only He provides and for the ultimate comfort we find under His wings.

By God's Sovereignty, on August 21, 120 excited and eager students filled our campus. We may be few in number, but we still have a mission to accomplish. Therefore, our goal for the 2017-2018 academic school year is to fulfill and deliver the school's expected school wide learning results. These ESLRs are outlined with the SMACS acronym. Spiritual growth, mental development, appreciation for culture, character education, and self worth.

In addition, our students will display their academic abilities by competing in challenges and partaking in ACSI's speech meet, spelling bee, art fair, math Olympics, and science fair.

They will also extend God's love and blessings through various mission projects. Our students will also showcase their physical abilities by taking part in the annual KAHAM games.

As we continue molding our future leaders, I kindly ask for your partnership. Rebuilding requires teamwork. Therefore, please speak positively about our precious school. This will help increase our numbers. Please support the school financially by taking part in our fund raising activities or being on alert for possible donors. This will help bring us stability. Please be constant prayer for our school. This will help shine His light among our community.

Together we will once again take Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian school to great heights!

After all, wasn't a multitude fed with 5 fish and 3 loaves of bread? Imagine what God can do with all of us working hand in hand as one family...

Maral Boyadjian

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5,6



Here is what our teachers had to say when asked: “Why do you enjoy working here at Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School instead of any other school?”

“First I prayed and asked the Lord where should I serve Him, the Lord opened our blessed SMACS’ school doors wide open. I believe this school is God’s house, and it is moving forward with the power of prayer. Also, back then, I heard a lot of good testimonials and recommendations about the school. Also, I do like its geographical location and I enjoy the natural beauty of the campus.” ---Lucy Krjalian

“I thank God for my school Sahag-Mesrob, where my two daughters attended, where they learned our golden Armenian language and God’s Word. I love working at SMACS because I love children and my mission is to help the students to love God’s Word and make it a part of their daily life.” --- Lucy Abadjian

“The teachers care for their students like they are their own. They sacrifice their extra time and resources to support their students.” -- Anush Yezadzhyan

“The school’s two-fold mission of teaching/preaching Christ and teaching/passing on the Armenian culture and heritage is parallel with my vision as an individual. The staff is warm and friendly, yet professional and serious. The board is grateful and supportive. The students are a joy.” -- Vache Sevajian

“SMACS is a great school and a great alternative to a huge oversized public schools, where the students and faculty are like one big family and everyone knows everyone’s name! It is where God’s word is taught, God commands us to teach kids through the word. Our school shares your values, it is a very safe environment. The joy received from watching a child grow academically and mature in the Lord makes all the effort, all the time, all the money worth it.” -- Seta Terzian

“I enjoy working here because of the family atmosphere. It’s my second family.” --- Lale Yoghourdjian



This Quarter in Science...

This quarter in science class, we studied about matter and its different properties and we conducted many fun experiments. One of our favorite experiments was when we tested how a balloon reacted to hot and cold temperatures. We put an inflated balloon in containers with very hot and very cold water. From our findings, we discovered that when a balloon interacts with hot water it expands, similar to how a hot air balloon functions with hot air. On the other hand, in cold water, the balloon shrinks in size.

In conclusion, we learned that temperature and volume are directly proportional, so as temperature increases, volume increases. This is known as Charle's Law.

Kristina Agojian
8th Grade

We LOVE Our School!

By Kindergarten

I love my school because...

I get to play in our playground – Aaron

I love my teachers – Narod

I play with my friends – Andrew

My class work is really fun – Alec

We get to eat pizza – Theo

I have nice friends – Ani

We have cool bikes in our playground – Johnny

I learn Armenian – Patil

We have a science club – Aram

We have a long lunch time – Audrey

I love our science class – Christian

I love learning – Amelia

We do a lot of work – Hovag

We get to be star student – Sophia

We have after school soccer – Anthony

It's a good school to come too – Arsen

I have a lot of fun - Serly

How Can You Make the World a Better Place With Your Own Two Hands?

By 2nd Grade



With my own two hands. I can help everyone see that if someone bullies they still love you. And if they bully you, you still have to love them and care for them. Be a friend with them because you are a family with everyone in your school. Love them every day and night.

Love, Vana Hovagimian

I can change the world by being kind, loving, cleaning, helping, by not littering; I can help people who are sick. I say no to people who are bullying. And I say do you want to be my friend. I like the world a lot. It is the best. I love it. It has lots of people. Everyone loves it.

Tyler Gordon

I can make the world a better place by helping people, not littering, and by asking people to be my friend. I like to help the world. I do not want to litter so that I will have a good life. I want every continent to have a good life every day. I also want to give everyone company. I do not want to let anyone bully each other in my whole life.

Adriney Mardirosian

Wherever you go you might see someone bullying someone. Go up to the person who is being bullied be a friend, be kind, be strong, go up to the bully and say STOP! If your bullying her/him say sorry be their friend be kind to the person who bullied them so you all be friends.

Alina Agojian

I can help the world by helping, cleaning, helping God. I help the world by not bullying my friends. I want to write a lot because I love writing it is fun to write. Writing keeps my company. I like writing the end. That is my book.

Ella Mazlounian

I can help by giving money to the city. I can help by giving food to a lot of homeless. I can help by helping cops if they need any help. I can help by telling people not to bully people. I can help when people are hurt. I can pray for bad and say for all the people that cry please help them.

Alexander Lambajian

I can help the world by loving them, because they are my family. The world is my home, and I love them but sometimes we have to be careful, because we do not want them mad. I pray for all of you guys every time, because you guys are my family and we love each other.

Chloe Lambajian

Please do not bully. Bullying is mean if someone is sad and bullied go play with them so they are happy. Go to the bully and say stop bullying. Be nice to people. Be kind. Do not let people bully you.

Serlee Hzor

I can make it by being kind, by not lying, and to make the world a clean place. To save the plants I would make the world a better place too. I would not be mean and bad.

Eduard Barseghyan

I can use my two hands to hug. I can use my two hands to help. I can use my two hands to write. I can use my two hands to help others. I can use my two hands to hold hands. I will use my two hands to play together. I will use my two hands to love and to be careful. I will use my two hands for everything.

Patil Kludjian

I can make the world a better place by stopping bullies so everyone won't get hurt. Somebody who is being mean to a friend and tell the bully to stop being meaner hurting another person and not wanting to play with them and leaving them out of the game and calling them names.

Jonathan Kazanjian

When someone is bullying I can show my hand for the bully to stop. I can change the whole world by telling the bullying to stop. I can stop the bully to be nice and kind and stop to bully. When you see a bully bullying your friend you tell and teach the bully to be nice to everyone.

Sako Setragian

I can be kind not like the people who bully. I can love people who are sad or mad. Really much I can make them laugh. I can stop people when they are bullying. If they say like get out of the game. I would say be nice calm down. I can be nice to each other, you can be nice together, if you be nice to everyone.

Nareg Mahserejian

Be peoples friends not hurt people feelings and be happy. Be people's friend no bullying and by being good. Be nice bullying is not nice. Be good bullying is not. Be nice because I am good.

Kristen Sarian

I won't bully a boy or girl. Do not bully tell the teacher she will punish the person or detention. STOP bullying, do not bully. God does not like bullying.

Sebastian Astourian

We can make our friends be happy and by saying I want you to play with each other and hug each other.

Ariana Haytaian

To pray to God and say make the world a better place and say take bad people away and friends to stop bullying and to stop hitting, ripping, hurting and to help each other when they are alone to play.

Alex Haytaian

My Favorite Things About Fall

My favorite thing about fall is the colors, the weather, and most of all the fun and decorations. We have fun decorating. We buy a bunch of decorations and make posters. We invite people over for thanksgiving and other events. We go to other peoples' houses too. I am also going to have a Halloween Harvest Fair and I am going to be Miranda the singer. It is going to be AMAZING!!!!!!

By Mirey Mahserejian

Fall is my 2nd favorite season. I like the cool weather. I also like the fall breeze. In fall it rains buckets. The fall breeze is like winter's cool weather.

I also like the school's Harvest Fair. The fair has many games like ring toss & more. They even have trampolines! That is the best part of the fair.

Last year for Halloween I was Dash from the Incredibles. (Everyone thought I was Mr. Incredible.)

This year I am going to be Star-Lord from Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2. I am going to have a mask, a coat, and apparently a shirt with Chinese or Japanese writing on it. I will get it from Party City. I will have fun & get a lot of candy. I will have a fun Halloween!

By Harout Mitilian

5th Grade Writing...

LeBron James by Michael Sahagian

One day an amazing thing happened. LeBron James and Michael Jordan came to my house. My mom and dad told me to come outside and they were there. I was crying. It was the best day ever.

They came to my house because they wanted to see who was better. I have the same NBA Hoop! LeBron James started off with the ball. The ball was an NBA ball. LeBron dunked over Jordan already.

Jordan was very mad, he wanted to destroy him. But he was losing 5-0. LeBron made a 3-pointer. Jordan came back, scoring a 3-pointer. It was a close game in the first quarter 22-18. LeBron

LeBron was leading 79-76. It was crazy! LeBron made a windmill dunk. You should have been there! Jordan was furious. He just scored a 3-pointer to make it a two point game. It became the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter had begun. With 20 seconds remaining, it was a tie game. LeBron made a layup, 109-107. Jordan scored a layup. 10 seconds to go, Jordan scored another layup, but LeBron got the ball and shot another 3-pointer. He made it! LeBron won by one point. The score was 112-111. LeBron wins the game!

My Summer vacation by Patil Tajerian

This is my summer vacation. I am Patil Tajerian. I am ten years old. I am going to tell you about my wonderful summer vacation. I hope you enjoy! I had a great time. Let's begin! Shall we? We shall.

The first thing I did this summer was I went to Palm Springs with my best friend Isabelle. We ate dinner, we swam, and we went shopping! We ate at a Mexican restaurant, it was so nice and clean. I ordered chicken salad with raspberry iced tea. Before that we had chips and salsa. It was really yummy! Then, after we came from the restaurant we got our swimsuits on and jumped in the pool. We swam and went in the hot tub. But let me warn you if you go in the hot tub then jump in the pool you will be freezing! After, when we got out of the pool we went and took a shower. After the shower we went shopping and it was really fun. Finally, we went in our beds and we had a good night's sleep.

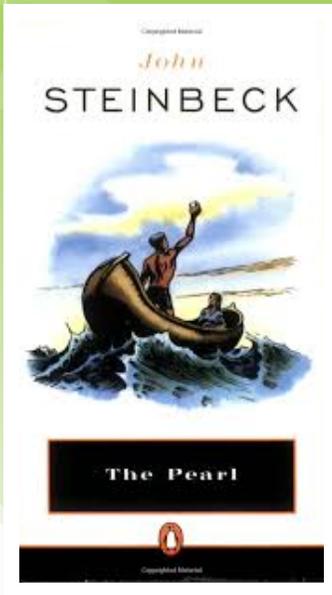
That was my summer vacation. I had a blast going to Palm Springs and writing this essay. I hope you enjoyed this essay about my amazing summer vacation. This was very fun writing it, and you should do it too! Oh, and also if you ever hear your teacher say that you have an essay, don't be scared because it won't even take you thirty minutes. Here is my essay for my summer vacation. Thank you so much for reading my

My Summer Vacation by Narod Ekmekjian

My awesome vacation was great! It was paradise! At the end of school I wasn't that happy about summer, but now I'm the happiest girl on earth. Mostly, we went swimming and shopping. But it was the best and most awesome summer ever! I can remember all the things we did. For example, the pool parties, the birthdays, and much more.

It all started June 1, 2017. It was a boring, hot day, until my Mom told me to wear my swimsuit, get my towel, and get sunscreen. Then we got in the car. I was very curious. Then, we got there and my jaw dropped on the floor. It was a water park! I had so much fun. Then a couple days later my Mom told me that we're going to our friend's house. I was really excited. After the pool party, my friends and I went shopping for clothes, shoes, and tights.

Finally, it all ended. No more fun, shopping, or summer vacation. But I have to admit that this summer vacation was really fun and adventurous. I loved it! School has started now. I hope I do well



We Are Poets!

Here is a sample of some of the poems 8th graders wrote on the topic of Greed after reading the novella "The Pearl" by John Steinbeck.

The Pearl's Promise

A town with emotion, beggars before them,
A dream with joy, with a shadow of evil before it,
People's eyes blind with luxurious wishes,
The music of the pearl shone with darkness

Beauty in the pearl but gone with evil,
Like a rose with its glowing beauty but a knife through it
with pain,
Hope will only remain as a promise of the pearl.

By Emily Isakulyan

Greed

An act controlled by rage and
loneliness,
Emotions are stirred with
anger,
Like a hunger for receiving
more,
And a discontentment with
whatever is given.

Songs of evil fill the room,
Gray shadows fill the sky,
Blinded by expectations,
Unable to deal with reality.

This town,
Separate from all other towns,
Where news spreads quickly,
And evil does too.

When the Pearl was found,
It brought great joy,
But the luxury of it blinded men,
And let greediness take control.

By Kristina Agojian



Greed

Every man suddenly needs the wishes
The pearl they saw, starting from that moment
Created a great fortune
They called it the pearl of the world
But the melody of evil closed tightly on the pearl
There was poison that came with it
As the fire shadows were leaping in their faces
The horizon backed away
The town dared to be greedy

By Tatyana Sevajian

Greed

A pearl that brought wealth
But it's love that brings
strength
For being poor is joy
And being rich is danger
The music of good is beauty
The music of evil is fear
Greed is darkness and will
destroy the world
And love is happiness,
pleasure, and will bring hope

By Liana Chiranian

Greed

The pearl had been found
No one was thoughtful
Kino dreamed of good and evil
It was a great fortune, beauty
But it was against the world,
full of danger
Everyone "needed" it
It was Greed
Greed was what it was
There was beauty,
but not love
How would their future be?

By Emma Haroutonian

HONOR ROLL
2017-2018
1ST QUARTER

Kindergarten

Gabriel Aintablian
 Aaron Angeles
 Ani Avetisian
 Hovag Batalian
 Aram Boyadjian
 Patil Ghoukassian
 Narod Girichian
 Audrey Haroutonian
 Anthony Karakachian
 Christian Kazanjian
 Amelia Keshishian
 Theodore Mansion
 Jemma Mkryan
 Andrew Sevajian
 Sophia Tatikian
 Alec Tudjarian

2nd Grade

Alina Agojian
 Eduard Barseghyan
 Tyler Gordon
 Alex Haytaian
 Vana Hovagimian
 Serlee Hzor
 Jonathan Kazanjian
 Alexander Lambajian
 Chloe Lambajian
 Adriney Mardirosian
 Sako Setragian

4th Grade

Nicole Bajakejian
 Lim Kalemkarian
 Anna Khroian
 Paulena Kojoglanian
 Harout Mitilian
 Ara Rastguelenian

5th Grade

Emily Arabyan
 Alexandra Babayan
 Silva Basmadjyan
 Narod Ekmekjian
 Michael Sahagian
 Patil Tajerian

6th Grade

Daniella Agojian
 Hagop Frias
 Njtech Girichian
 Maral Yaghobyan

7th Grade

Christopher Atme
 Angela Babayan
 Christina Sahagian

8th Grade

Kristina Agojian
 Sophia Azar
 Sevana Baghdoyan
 Liana Chiranian
 Sonia Darakjian
 Emma Haroutonian
 Shantel Indjian
 Emily Isakulyan
 Angie Mitilian
 Tatyana Sevajian
 Sarine Vartabedian

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
2017-2018
1ST QUARTER

Kindergarten

Gabriel Antablian
 Aaron Angeles
 Hovag Batalian
 Patil Ghoukassian
 Narod Girichian
 Audrey Haroutonian
 Serly Kendirian
 Jemma Mkryan
 Andrew Sevajian

2nd Grade

Alina Agojian
 Edward Barseghyan
 Ariana Haytaian
 Vana Hovagimian
 Serlee Hzor
 Jonathan Kazanjian
 Ella Mazlounian
 Kristen Sarian
 Sako Setragian

4th Grade

Nicole Bajakejian
 Christy Basmadjyan
 Tina Garabedian
 Lim Kalemkarian
 Anna Khroian
 Paulena Kojoglanian
 Mirey Mahserejian
 Harout Mitilian
 Ara Rastguelenian

5th Grade

Emily Arabyan
 David Avanesyan (2)
 Alexandra Babayan
 Silva Basmadjyan
 Narod Ekemkjian (2)
 Michael Sahagian
 Patil Tajerian

6th Grade

Daniella Agojian
 Hagop Frias
 Brandon Indjian
 Anthony Kolsouzian
 Andreas Minassian
 Arsen Rastguelenian
 Maral Yaghobyan (2)

7th Grade

Christopher Atme
 Angela Babayan (2)
 Angelina Khatchikian (2)
 Christina Sahagian
 Istifan Yaghobyan

8th Grade

Sophia Azar
 Sevana Baghdoyan
 Liana Chiranian
 Sonia Darakjian
 Emma Haroutonian
 Shantel Indjian
 Emily Isakulyan
 Sarine Vartabedian (2)