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## Principal's Message

As many of you know, this is the year for the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation process. This process helps a school identify and implement school improvement needs and supports accountability. We have defined our school-wide learning results and now it is up to all of us in the entire school community—students, faculty, parents, and others—to examine our practice. The process of school-wide reflection allows for us to determine our strength and growth areas this is documented in a report called a self-study report. A visiting team, comprised of five other educators, will spend three days with us March 9-11, 2009. During that time, our visiting team will evaluate whether our self-assessment was thorough and will provide additional feedback to us about the quality of all students' learning. Throughout the last two years, many steps have been taken in our self-study process. We are actively writing, with representatives from all stakeholders groups, and plan to have this report completed by January 2009; a public reading of this document will happen shortly thereafter.

By all measures, Arts High is a success. The WASC process allows us to highlight our achievements and tackle our challenges and together in partnership, write the next chapter of Arts High.

*George Simpson*

### Upcoming Events

**October 1-31st**

CEDLT Testing (window)

**Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Council Meeting  
Golden Eagle Ballroom  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

PSAT Testing  
8:00 – 12:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Concert Choir – CSULB Choir  
Festival

**Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

JOSTENS at Arts High: Seniors–  
Orders for Cap & Gown, Rings and  
Grad Announcements

## Important Announcements

### Parent Council Elections Update

The Parent Council is accepting nominations through October 15 for two vacancies on the council

1 Theater Representative

1 9th Grade Representative

Please send your nomination, for either yourself or nominate someone else, with a brief bio to:

[artshighparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:artshighparentcouncil@gmail.com)

Voting will take place the week of October 25 - 30 and results will be announced at the November 3rd Parent Council Meeting. Details about the meeting location and time will follow soon.

For more information check out the ArtsHighlights tab on the website [www.artshigh.org](http://www.artshigh.org)