

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOLY ASCENSION ARMENIAN SCHOOL

1986-87 School year has been a record breaking year in the history of our church.

We started school on Sep. 14, with a strong group of devoted teachers and 25 registered students, whose number since then instead of decreasing has increased to **30** and we are going strong.

We have as of now six grades: Kindergarten with team teachers Sam Agulian and Rita Chaghatsbanian (They have the largest class.)

First grade Teacher Yeretsgin Nalbandian, second grade Arsh Khachadourian and Antranig chaghatsbanian, third grade with Salpi tokatlian, Fourth grade with Maria Agulian. These are mainly Armenian speaking students. And for our non armenian speaking we have special classes teacher Lisa Misakian for the beginners and myself for the advanced.
And Music teacher Jennie Kalfayan.

It was tough going for a while. Our parants had differences of opinions as to when and what day to hold the classes, and our students came in all ages and sizes and backgrounds. Both problems were of great importence. After long and tiresome discussions it was decided for the benifit of the majority to hold classes on sundays at 10:30 for the duration of 45. minutes. Overall this has been a good arrangement, but still not a very complete one. I can safly speak for the whole staff that we all wish someday soon to have a daytime school of atleast three hours , to fully take advantage of what this devoted group of teachers has to offer our children.

During the past months we have had ~~five~~ ^{Seven} staff meetings, during which we have discussed our progress, compared teachers notes, redistributed the students to their more appopriate classes and planned our year and reassessed our needs. One other important issue of our meetings was the social side of our school. We didn't have any. We all know school isn't just reading and writing. But not much can be accomplished in 45 minutes. To solve thisé problem we decided to devote one fróday of every month for our social activities.

The first friday was nov 14th It's goal was to start planning for our first presentation for St. Vartanants Day.,which will be celebrated on Feb 22nd after church services. There will be a very timely program with songs and poems and dances by our students. The children have been practicing and preparing the program with the direction of Mrs. Agulian and the help of the teachers. Please make every effort to be here. Your participation and help is greatly needed and warmly welcomed.

We thank Father Nalbandian for all his guidance and trust in us. We thank all the parants for their coopeeration in bringing their children whenever we have asked them ^{for practices.} and most importantly we thank our benefactors namely Mr. John Yervant and Our Mrs. Stanboulian ~~x~~ for their generous donations to the school. God knows we need all the financial and spiritual help we can get.

*x KNights of Vartan x The parish Council
respectfully signed and submitted*

Thank You

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The Armenian School