

Ferrahian Middle School - Our Pride

For the past few years, the Administration has continuously focused on the progress of our Middle School, grades 6-8. We have strived to advance its academics and social opportunities to further promote a positive learning environment for our students.

Today, our Middle School students enjoy and benefit from an impressive curriculum, a great number of co-curricular and extra-curricular programs, and a variety of exciting age-appropriate social activities. We provide these programs with a well-rounded schooling experience enriching the students' adolescent development.

We will continue to maintain and even further our efforts in the coming academic years. We will continue to offer Spanish Language. We will also continue to offer Armenian Language Development courses, through which Armenian is taught as a second language. Within this framework, we will start offering Eastern Armenian dialect in addition to the Western dialect.

Further still, in addition to the Computer and P.E. classes, we plan to offer co-curricular classes such as Health, aimed at promoting the student's physical, social and emotional needs and classes in Fine Arts, which in essence expose the students to arts and develop the skills to appreciate the vast cultural and artistic world around them.

Middle school students will continue to improve their writing skills with one semester of Writing course, and this in addition to the regular English Language course offered. Beginning next year, the 8th graders will have the opportunity to further improve their verbal abilities through an additional semester of Speech course. Speech classes will be also incorporated in the sixth and seventh grade one semester long Writing courses.

Our school has adopted the California Department of Education Standards for all core curriculum classes, offering two semesters of English, Social Studies, Math and Science. We have also adopted the Armenian Studies program as proposed by the Board of Regents of the Prelacy Armenian schools. In the Middle School this includes two semesters of Armenian Language, one semester of Armenian History, as well as a weekly Religion/Ethics class.

Finally, the Middle School Academic Advisor, who is available to meet the academic and social needs of our students, has significantly helped facilitate the implementation of many of the co-curricular and extra-curricular programs.

Attached is a list of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities implemented in the Middle School:

Co-curricular Activities

1. Major Trips:
 - a) Sixth Graders Sacramento Trip
 - b) Eighth Graders Washington D.C. Trip
2. Bi-annual educational field trips
(Field trips include: Armenian Genocide Monument, California Science Center, Western Heritage Museum, L.A. Zoo, Planetarium Griffith Park Observatory, Ronald Reagan Library Discovery Center, Museum of Natural History, Plays, etc.)
3. Bi-monthly Club meetings held during one class period each
(Clubs include: Art, Chess, Computer, Cooking, and Drama)
4. Bi-monthly grade-level Character Education talks

Academic Competitions and Fairs

1. History Day
2. Armenian History Day
3. Science Fair
4. Math Festival
5. Spelling Bee
6. Armenian Spelling Bee
7. Armenian History Timeline Quiz Bowl
8. Model United Nations – Los Alamitos

Athletic Games and Activities

1. Basketball
2. Volleyball
3. Track and Field
4. Soccer
5. Cross Country

Social Activities

September:	“Welcome Back to School” ice cream social in school courtyard
October:	“Day at the Movies” Movie & popcorn in Dickranian Hall
November:	PSC sponsored “Donut & Cider” social
December:	School Christmas Tree Trimming with PSC sponsored bagels and juice
December:	“Winter Wonderland Dance” at Avedissian Hall organized by the PSC
December:	Christmas Festivities following Holy Communion sponsored by the PSC
January:	“Day at the Movies” Movie & popcorn in Dickranian Hall
February:	Valentine’s Day Social
March:	Middle School Spring Dance organized by the PSC
May:	Spring Variety Show and Family Spaghetti Night sponsored by PSC
June:	In & Out Truck last day of school