



The Manoogian Voice

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A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School

Students Examine Humanities Through New Course

Manoogian students are being introduced to the world of art, thanks to a new, one-semester course – *Introduction to the Humanities*.

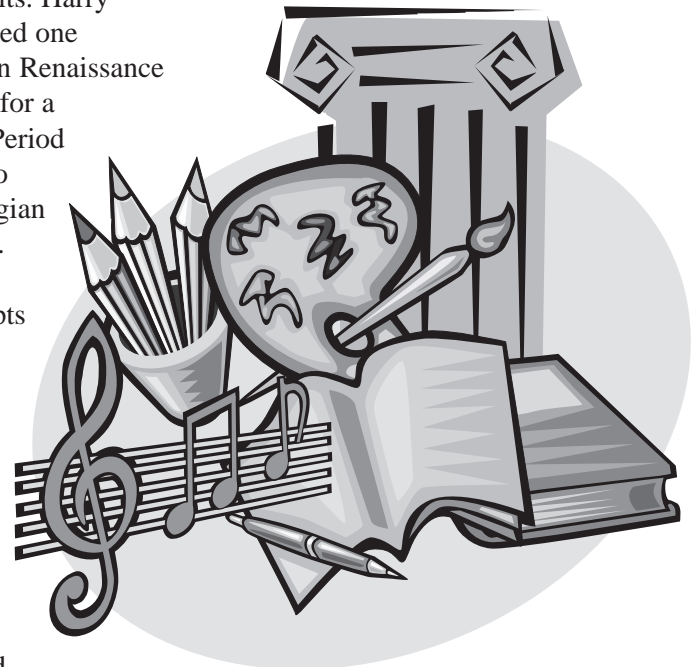
According to administrators, the course examines the development of art, architecture, literature, and music throughout history, with emphasis on how these topics are related to the social, political, and scientific activities of the time.

The students involved in the course, all seniors, have been afforded the luxury of having specialists within the Manoogian Community speak to them on various disciplines.

Architects Osep Sarafian and Harry Vaporciyan have already spoken to the students twice and are

scheduled for return visits. Harry Hovakimian has delivered one demonstration lecture on Renaissance music and is scheduled for a discussion of Baroque Period music. The students also have visited the Manoogian Museum, adjacent to St. John's Church, to hear about ancient manuscripts from Rev. Father Garabed Kochakian.

The course will end with a final presentation from each student, as they will give a presentation on the development of humanities in a specific location and time period.



Art teacher Cathy Mraчна poses with Manoogian School's artists of the month. From left to right: Ari Sagherian, Natella Ayrapetian, Ashley Jones, and Araxie Tossounian.

School Survey Has Arrived

- Manoogian School wants to hear your views when it comes to the school and its students. The opportunity is at the fingertips of every family within the Manoogian Community, as the Public Affairs Research Laboratory at Oakland University has produced a 13-question survey. This survey has been sent to every school family.
- All of us at Manoogian look forward to hearing your opinions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Recognizing Academic Achievement 2nd Semester 2001-2002

HIGH SCHOOL

Administrator's List	10th Grade	Honor Roll	Citizenship Award	10th Grade
12th Grade	Leina Ablahad	12th Grade	12th Grade	Leina Ablahad
Natella Ayrapetyan	Anita Djaridjian	Sima Kalenjian	Natella Ayrapetyan	Brittany Armstrong
Angela Dawidian	Francine Jackson	Aleksyeyev Oleksandr	Angela Dawidian	Ashley Jones
Mathew King	Aleek Kahramanian		Mathew King	Tetyana Matchishin
Oksana Lats	Diana Sharmazanian	11th Grade	Oksana Lats	Fadi Toma
Mary Malko	Galine Torossian	Thomas Yuhana	Anna Ruzhanovska	Galine Torossian
Anna Ruzhanovska		Arsha Zaya		
	9th Grade		11th Grade	9th Grade
11th Grade	Vatche Bassmagian	10th Grade	Joyce Carter	Christina Carter
Shant Kasparian	Fabian Gammo	Nora Palanjian	Errol Jackson	Naera Hagh Nazarian
Stephanie King	Avak Kahramanian	Fadi Toma	Stephanie King	Leila McQueen
Ivanna Tytusa	Leila McQueen		Aleen Krikorian	Aleksandr Osipov
Aleksandr Zaderetsky	Aleksandr Osipov	9th Grade	John Maya	Dmytro Pivtorak
	Michael Untea	Christina Carter	Ivanna Tytusa	Michael Untea
		Rusha Waad	Aleksandr Zaderetsky	

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Administrator's List	Harout Hartounian	7th Grade	6th Grade	Naro Babaian
8th Grade	Keisha Jackson	Silva Arslanian	Nayiri Kaissarian	Keisha Jackson
Scarlett Akkam	Lori Pilibosian	Natalie Mardirossian	Tatevik Movsisyan	Jeffrey King
Albert Antoyan	Razmig Sagherian	Garooneh Hagh	Martin Tobia	Razmig Sagherian
Naro Babaian	Varant Shirvanian	Nazarian		
Saro Babaian	Ani Toumajan	Shant Palanjian	Honor Roll	7th Grade
Melene Hajakian		Sevan Sagherian	8th Grade	Silva Arslanian
Reyna Harabedian		Maria Yuhana	Vali Toma	Tamar Avakian
				Zaid Chabaan
			7th Grade	Garooneh Hagh
			Tamar Avakian	Nazarian
			Zaid Chabaan	Arminohi Inofak
			Armineh Kasparian	Armineh Kasparian
			Lisa Shekerdemian	Natalie Mardirossian
			Garen Torossian	Shant Palanjian
				Sevan Sagherian
			6th Grade	Lisa Shekerdemian
			Fady Avades	Avedis Tcholakian
			Carol Chang	Garen Torossian
			Christina Demirjian	Maria Yuhana
			Reem Hanna	
			Vazken Hartounian	6th Grade
			Michael Kalfayan	Carol Chang
			Sali Kesto	Reem Hanna
			Nicholas Schwartz	Nayiri Kaissarian
			Narine Shirvanian	Sali Kesto
				Tatevik Movsisyan
			Citizenship Award	Martin Tobia
			8th Grade	
			Scarlett Akkam	
			Albert Antonyan	

PTO CORNER

Upcoming events:

Come and see if lady luck, or maybe even the luck o' the Irish, is on your side Saturday, April 27, for Las Vegas Night, which is a major fund-raiser for the school. Prior to the event, anyone wanting to donate food or drink for the evening should contact Armen Mutafian, event coordinator.

Sunday, May 19, the school will be celebrating its annual Khunjooyk Celebration. Please contact a PTO board member if you are interested in donating time, a raffle prize, or any other resources. We hope to see as many as possible at both events.

A PTO-sponsored Lenten Luncheon was held March 8 at the church hall of our neighbor, St. John's Armenian Church. The event featured the 3rd- and 4th-grade choir, singing and making presentations, and raised more than \$2,000 for the school. We would like to express our gratitude to Hourie Tcholakian, Jeanne D'Ark Mouradian, Tamissa Dakissian, Seta Arslanian, Silva Hovig Sagherian, and Ani Vartanian for their tireless efforts in making the luncheon a successful one.

Students Honor History With Celebration

The Spirit of Vartan was celebrated recently at Manoogian School as the elementary and middle schools participated with songs and plays honoring Vartan.

As usual, the celebration included colorful costumes and motivated performances.

According to Armenian historians, in 451 King Hazgerd II of Persia made a simple order to the Armenians: convert their religious beliefs, build temples, and conduct fire worship.

Under the leadership of Vartan Mamigonian, the Armenians refused and an army of 66,000 attacked the Persians at the river of Dghmoud on May 26. Outnumbered more than 4-to-1, the Armenians managed early victories, but wound up losing Vartan and retreating.

Though they lost the battle to the Persians, the Armenians accomplished two things: they held to their Christian faith and won a moral victory by fighting Hazgerd's army.

What's Happening...

The Manoogian School art room is overflowing with colors, textures, and forms. When one enters the room, it is easy to see a vast range of projects in various stages. Among those projects is a still life for high school students to study the effects of light on form. The elementary art classes learn about such artists as Claude Monet, Henri Matisse, Vincent Van Gogh, Henri Rousseau, Georges Seurat, and Georgia O'Keeffe.

In January, Razmig Sagherian was declared school champion of the school's first National Geographic Society Competition. Though the competition was heated, eighth-grader Sagherian persevered and took home the title.

Can a school orchestra be far behind? This school year a group of talented instrumentalists have joined the school's base of talented pianists and violinists. Carie Kalinowski and Steven Keranen, both of the Wayne State University music department, have generated a lot of enthusiasm by introducing students to woodwind and brass instruments.

TEAM SPORTS



The Manoogian basketball squad recently capped an aggressively played 2001-2002 campaign. The team consists of, left to right, front row: Vatche Bassmagian, Shant Kasparian, Clinton Balaki, Sevag Shiklanian, and Harout Hartounian. Back row: scorekeeper Rana Yelda, Varant Shirvanian, Pavel Mirzoyan, Robert Lacefield, coach and athletic director Joe Gough, Thomas Yuhana, Fabian Gammo, Chris Lacefield, and scorekeeper Rita Yelda.



The Manoogian Cougars volleyball team finished the season with a winning record, and participated in the team's first-ever District Playoffs. The team consists of, left to right: Rana Yelda, Tiffany Streety, Rita Yelda, Anita Djaridjian, Alek Kahramanian, Leila McQueen, Galine Torossian, and Coach Ara Sagherian, kneeling.

Dedicated to Help

The Manoogian School Board of Directors received a check for \$115,000, courtesy of the A.G.B.U. Special Project Group, during the board's January meeting.

The money was raised during the 29th Annual A.G.B.U. Alex Manoogian Open held in August.

The supplemental gift partially subsidizes the school's pre-kindergarten program, transportation costs and other extracurricular enrichments.

After founding the school in 1969, Alex Manoogian – along with a group of Armenian professionals – formed a group to help support the school and its students.

The A.G.B.U. Special Project Group originally organized golf outings at the Detroit Golf Club to raise money for the school. Today, the Special Project Group's annual golf event is attended by more than 500 participants and held at three of the area's best golf courses.

The dedicated members of the Special Project Group, by lending their time and effort to the cause, are clearly among those who share Alex Manoogian's dream of making Manoogian School the best it can be.



Dr. Richard Marburger, far left, receives a check for \$115,000 from members of the A.G.B.U. Special Project Group. From left to right, these members are: Dr. Harry Kezelian, Richard Apkarian and Gary Reizian. The funds come courtesy of the group's annual golf outing, held each August.



The Manoogian School Board of Directors. Front row, left to right: James Derian, Esq., Dr. Nadya Sarafian, Dr. Richard Marburger, Edmond Azadian, and Alice Nigoghosian. Second row: Hosesep Torossian, Dr. Linda Darian-Karibian, Esther Lyons, Dickran Kurjian, Janice Torosian, and Martin Shoushanian.

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