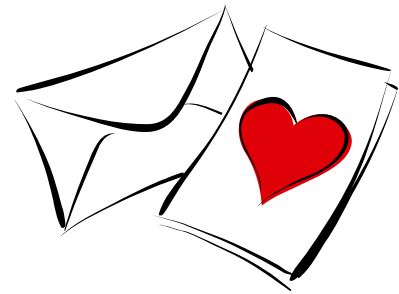


# HIGHLAND PARK FINE ARTS

February 5, 2008



## Achievements/Honors...

### HPHS ART

- ◆ Ellie Mackintosh (12), Will Turner (10), and Jena Jessen (12) all had work accepted to the Fort Worth Country Day School Black and White Photography Competition. Congratulations to Ellie for achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Jena for earning honorable mention! Winners were announced at the awards ceremony on January 20; their work was on display at the Fort Worth Country Day School until February 1.
- ◆ Congratulations to Emilee Hefflefinger (12) for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the state "Drive a Clean Machine" logo contest. She and her art teacher, Sarabeth Smetzer, represented HPHS at the Awards Ceremony on February 5 in the Texas Capitol. Emilee received \$1,000, a Texas flag that had flown over the Capitol, a certificate, and Mrs. Smetzer received \$500. Both were photographed with Senator Kip Averitt, Chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. Congratulations!

### BAND

#### *High School:*

- ◆ HPHS Band members will compete at UIL Solo/Ensemble competition on February 23 at Coppell HS.

#### *Middle School:*

- ◆ HPMS will hold a Solo/Ensemble Festival for its 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band students at HPMS on March 1.
- ◆ HPMS Jazz Band, MIS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, and 7/8 Band Ensembles will present a concert on February 28 in the HPMS Auditorium.

### CHOIR

#### *High School:*

- ◆ HPHS Choir members will compete at UIL Solo/Ensemble competition on February 9 at Townview HS.
- ◆ The following students were selected to participate in the Southwestern Division of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Honor Choirs. Congratulations to Sarah Hazlett (12)-Soprano I for making the 11-12 Mixed Choir as well as Katie McDaniel (10)-Soprano I, Gillian Norris (10)-Alto I, Erin Roughneen (9)-Soprano I, and Amy Weissler (9)-Soprano 2 for making the 8-9-10 Treble Choir. Students submitted recordings to be judged for admission. They will all perform during the ACDA Southwestern Division convention February 20-24 in Kansas City, Missouri.
- ◆ Various HPHS Choir members will perform in Recitals on February 4 at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm and on February 5 at 7:00 pm, all in the HPHS Small Auditorium, in preparation for UIL Solo/Ensemble.
- ◆ Stephen F. Austin A Cappella Choir will perform for HPHS Choir students on February 25 in the HPHS Choir Room during 3<sup>rd</sup> period.
- ◆ HPHS Non-varsity Choirs will present a Mid-Winter Concert on March 6 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Lg. Aud.

#### *Middle School :*

- ◆ Congratulations to the following for achieving Middle School Region 20 Choir! Choral students auditioned on January 19 in Red Oak. Making the top 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mixed Choir were Mary Ellen Pipkin-Soprano 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Chair; Maddie Gordon-Soprano 2; and Sophia Franks-Soprano 2. Making the Honor Girls Choir was Kathryn Stouffer-Soprano 2. These students performed at the Middle School Region 20 Choir concert on February 2 at Grand Prairie HS. Congrats!

### HPHS DEBATE

- ◆ HPHS hosted the UIL District Cross-Examination Debate meet on February 2. Congratulations to the team of Trey Deitch (9) & Haley Bybee (9) for taking first place and the team of Steven Houghton (11) & Braden Miller (10) for placing second! These two teams will advance to State UIL CX Debate on March 14-15 in Austin. Best of luck!

## HPHS DEBATE, continued

- ◆ On January 25-27, the debate team was invited to compete at the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Barkley Forum Debates, hosted by Emory University in Atlanta. Out of a field of 122 competitors from around the country, the sophomore team of Collin Poirot and Rett Young tied for 17<sup>th</sup> place. Congrats!
- ◆ The team of Collin Poirot and Rett Young won first place at the Baylor Round Robin on January 18-19. Rett was awarded first overall speaker! There were only seven teams invited to this competition, ranging from Iowa, Kansas, Nevada and Texas. Both Rett and Collin were extended scholarships from Baylor. Congratulations!
- ◆ On December 14-15, the team of Jacy Tackett (11) and Tori Sommerman (9) placed first in varsity debate at the Plano Sr. High Invitational. Jacy took top honors as first overall speaker while Tori was awarded third overall speaker! The team of Dan Charles (10) and Craig Yeh (10) placed fifth. Congratulations to all these debaters!
- ◆ Let's talk food -- watch for the HPHS Cookbook, sponsored by the HP Debate Club, due to be released in March. Cost is \$15. It includes recipes from faculty/staff members. Proceeds will help raise funds for the debate club to support future debate trips and various expenses.
- ◆ Upcoming tournaments: Colleyville-Heritage HS - Feb. 8-9; Berkeley, CA - Feb. 15-18; TFA State Tournament at Coppell HS – March 6-8; Public debate (HPHS vs. Japan) – March 11; UIL State CX Debate in Austin – March 14-15.

## HPHS DRAMA

- ◆ Congratulations to Tracy Smith (11) for placing first at the HPHS Shakespeare competition. Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> respectively were Katherine Moncrief (12), Polly Smellage (12), Ellen Toland (11), and Jakob Schwarz (12). Tracy will now compete in the 20th Annual Dallas Branch of the English-Speaking Union's Shakespeare Competition, which will be held on Saturday, February 9 at HPHS. The winner of this competition will win an all-expense paid trip in April to New York City to compete with winners from other states. Best of luck!
- ◆ The 2008 Senior Play, You Can't Take It With You, is a comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. It will be presented Thursday – Saturday, Feb. 7-9, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2:00 pm in the Large Auditorium. All tickets are \$5 general admission and can be purchased at the HPHS Fine Arts Box Office before each performance or stop by the HPHS Fine Arts Office, G108.
- ◆ HPHS alums Doug Wright (1981) and Stark Sands (1997) discussed their careers with Linda Raya's HPHS Theatre III class on January 30 & 31. Both were in town as special presenters for the Texas Educational Theatre Association convention, directed by JE Masters, which ran January 24-27. Doug received the Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award for I Am My Own Wife; he was nominated for a Tony Award for Grey Gardens and won an Obie Award for his play Quills; and his current adaptation of Disney's musical Little Mermaid opened on Broadway in January. Stark received a Tony nomination for his role in the Broadway revival of Journey's End; he has performed in Clint Eastwood's Flags of our Fathers, HBO's Six Feet Under, and Fox's animated series Family Guy; and he has an upcoming HBO miniseries Generation Kill.

## ELEMENTARY

### ARMSTRONG MUSIC:

- ◆ Armstrong's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music will perform Everybody Smiles in the Same Language on February 25 at 8:15 am during the Armstrong PTA meeting. Armstrong will host a Valentine's with Dad Breakfast on February 12 & 13 at 7:15 am in the Armstrong Cafeteria. On March 13, the Armstrong Recorder Ensemble performs for Open House at Armstrong at 4:45 pm.

## MUSIC

- ◆ Congratulations again to Tucker Bilodeau-tenor 2, James Conces-bari sax, Chris Doubet-trumpet, Emily Hagens-soprano 2, Evan Parsons-bass 2, Daniel Snell-trumpet, and Cole Sorota-alto clarinet for making All-State. They will perform in their respective All-State concerts (Mixed Choir, Men's Choir and 4A Band) on Saturday, February 16 at the Convention Center in San Antonio.

## HPISD FINE ARTS

- ◆ Every year we highlight each department in our Fine Arts with the Highlander Festival. The Festival begins on Tuesday, March 11 with the District Art Show. K-12 artwork will be on display in the HPHS Cafeteria until March 14 from 8 am – 4 pm daily. March 11 is also the Instrumental Concert (6-12 bands & orchestras) in the HPHS Main Gym (Field House) at 7:00 pm. Wednesday, March 12 is the HPHS One-Act Play performance of Secret Garden at 6:00 pm in the HPHS Large Auditorium. Thursday, March 13 is the Choral Concert (6-12 choirs plus the HP 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Choir) in the HPHS Large Auditorium at 8:00 pm. All performances are free and open to the public.

## HPHS ORCHESTRA

- ◆ The HS Orchestra attended UIL Solo/Ensemble competition on January 26 in Irving. Congratulations to the following students for achieving a Superior Rating (Division One) on Class I memorized solos: Chris Hewitt (11), Flora Hollifield (9), Da Huang (9), Luna Vorster (10), Kevin Yan (9), and Paul Wei (9). Class I ensembles that also received Superior Ratings are: senior quartet of Alison Askew, Claire Cobb, Alex Weber, Suzanne Zieman; quintet of Laura Deen (9), Margaret Fegan (10), Ian Simpkins (9), Bradley Smith (10), Luna Vorster (10); junior quartet of Zach Ballard, Marisa Bozarth, Chris Hewitt, Robert Schunder; quartet of Michael DeMarco (10), Celeste Fleming (9), Flora Hollifield (9), Paul Wei (9); and the freshmen trio of Shannon Guthrie, Sara Kendrick, Kelly Weckman. These six solos and five ensembles are now qualified to advance to State UIL Solo/Ensemble in Austin in May!

Congratulations to the following for making a Superior Rating on their various solos: Zach Ballard (11), Maria Cardenas (10), Ellen Chaljub (9), Claire Cobb (12), Courtney Collins (10), Laura Deen (9), Celeste Fleming (9), Lillie Huang (10), Sara Kendrick (9), Brett Nelson (9), Madeline Orr (9), Ian Simpkins (9), Richard Smith (12), Bill Smylie (9), Luke Warner (9), and Vicky Wu (9). The following also made a Superior Rating on their ensembles: freshmen Tony Aruzza, Ellen Chaljub, Ryan Larimore, Brett Nelson, Vicky Wu, and sophomore Jamie Zon. Congrats to all!

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## Upcoming Fine Arts Events

Red-HS events; Blue-MS/MIS events; Green-Elem events; Black-HS through Elem)

### February 5

HPHS Choir Solo/Ensemble Recital – HPHS Small Auditorium, 7:00 pm

### February 7-10

HPHS Senior Play You Can't Take It With You – HPHS Large Auditorium  
Feb. 7, 8, 9 – 7:00 pm; Feb.10 – 2:00 pm. All tickets - \$5 general admission

### February 8-9

HPHS Debate – Colleyville-Heritage HS Tournament

### February 9

UIL HS Choir Solo/Ensemble – Townview HS

Dallas Area English-Speaking Union's Shakespeare competition – HPHS Large Auditorium, 9 am

### February 12-13

Valentine's with Dad Breakfast – Armstrong Elementary, 7:15 am



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### February 15-18

HPHS Debate – Berkeley, CA Tournament

### February 16

All-State Band/Choir Concerts – San Antonio Convention Center at TMEA convention (Feb. 13-16).  
Congrats to our seven All-Staters!

### February 20-24

American Choral Directors Assoc. (ACDA) Southwestern Division Convention Honor Choir – Kansas City, MO

### February 23

UIL HS Band Solo/Ensemble – Coppell HS

### February 25

Armstrong 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade performs Everybody Smiles in the Same Language for PTA – Armstrong, 8:15 am  
Stephen F. Austin A Cappella Choir performs for HPHS Choir students – HPHS Choir Rm, 3<sup>rd</sup> period

### February 28

HPMS Jazz Band / MIS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band / 7/8 Band Ensembles Concert – HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

### March 1

Solo/Ensemble Festival for 6/7/8 HPMS band students - HPMS

### March 6

HPHS Non-Varsity Choirs Mid-Winter Concert – HPHS Large Auditorium, 7:00 pm

### March 6-8

Texas Forensics Association (TFA) State Tournament – Coppell HS

### March 11

Pubic Debate (HPHS vs. Japan) – HPMS Small Auditorium, 6:30 pm

### March 11-12

MIS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade music classes “Music in Our World” demonstration program:  
10–10:30 am and 2:15-2:45 pm, all in 7/8 Assembly Room

### March 11-14 HIGHLANDER FESTIVAL

March 11-14: District Art Show – HPHS Cafeteria. K-12 art on display daily, 8 am – 4 pm.

March 11: Instrumental Concert (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) – HPHS Main Gym, 7:00 pm.

March 12: HPHS One-Act Play Performance – HPHS Large Auditorium, 6:00 pm

March 13: Choral Concert (4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) – HPHS Large Auditorium, 8:00 pm

### March 13

Armstrong Recorder Ensemble performs for Open House – Armstrong, 4:45 pm

### March 14-15

UIL State CX Debate – Austin

