Achievements/Honors...

HPHS:
- Judging for the 2016 Association of Texas Photography Instructors (ATPI) Fall Contest took place on October 29. Congratulations to Caroline Keith (12) for taking Second Place for Advanced Time Exposure! Honorable Mention awards went to the following: Liz Goodwin (12) for Advanced Informal-Environmental Portrait; Sam Evans (11) for Advanced Travel; Jordyn Kaplan (11) and Jamie Saylors (11) for Advanced Digitally Constructed Single Images; and Chris Fullwood, HPHS Photography teacher, for Faculty Portfolio. This year there were over 6,500 entries from 89 schools across Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and California. Congratulations to all!

HPHS:
- Performing their “Daydreams of Winter” marching show, the Highlander Band captured 1st place in their Class IV division during the prelims of the USBands Fall Marching Contest on November 5 in Midlothian. The band advanced to finals with a 3rd place overall finish, earning Best Percussion. Congratulations!
- The HPHS Drum Line advanced to finals, placing 3rd overall in the Standstill 1 Red Division at the Lone Star Classic Drum Line contest on November 12 at Marcus HS in Flower Mound. Two soloists also competed, Michael Cochran (11)-quad section leader and Reed Smoot (10)-front ensemble section leader, with Michael taking 2nd place in the Tenor Solo division with his original composition “Quadouken.” Congratulations to all!
- Congratulations to the following students for making the TMEA Region 20 Orchestra: Sophia Brinkman (9), Cameron Coffey (12), Jonathan Davies (12), Peter Davies (10), Madison Triplett (10), Allison Walters (11), and Grace Zhao (10)!

HPS/MIS:
- Fifty-three 7th and 8th grade band members from the HPMS Honor and Symphonic Bands competed against over 1,000 students at the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band auditions at Kennemer MS on November 11-12. Congratulations to Michelle Cheng (8)-flute and Ava White (7)-trumpet for making 1st chair on their particular instruments! Congratulations to the following 26 students for making one of the All-Region Middle School Bands: Carter Barden, Michelle Cheng, Katrina Csaky, Logan Easterbrook, Merrick Ellison, James Guandolo, Bradley Harrod, Jared Hart, Edwin Heasley, Bryn Hutton, Max Law, Maddox Linder, Thomas Lu, Brandon Luk, Hayley Lukken, Danny Michel, Freddy Phillips, Zach Rhea, Tyler Sharpe, Rachel Sobolevitch, An Tran, Jitesh Vemula, Noah Wasserman, Ava White, Amelia Wilson, and Luke Wilson. These students perform on the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Bands concert on December 3 at Duncanville HS.
- MIS 6th Grade Band presents a winter concert on December 12 at 7:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.
HPHS:

- Pre-Area Choir Auditions were held at W.T. White HS on November 29 and eight HP choir students are advancing to Area, which is the last audition in the hopes of achieving Texas All-State Choir! Congratulations to: **Soprano 1** – Cailin Jordan (11)-1\textsuperscript{st} chair, Lily Wu (11)-5\textsuperscript{th} chair; **Soprano 2** – Gracie Nunneley (11)-3\textsuperscript{rd} chair; **Alto 2** – Mary Berryman (11)-2\textsuperscript{nd} alternate, Avery Davis (12)-3\textsuperscript{rd} chair, Sarah Grace Zandstra (12)-2\textsuperscript{nd} chair; **Tenor 2** – Brennan Davis (10)-4\textsuperscript{th} chair; and **Bass 2** – Adam Davidson (11)-2\textsuperscript{nd} chair. TMEA Area Choir auditions are January 7 at Midway HS in Waco. Best of luck!

- This is the busy performance season for L&L and Park Version, when they are asked to perform for various organizations and private events. Public performances include the following:

  - **Dec. 1:** L&L – Armstrong Tree Lighting, 7:00 pm
  - **Dec. 3:** L&L and Park Version featured on Jackopierce Holiday Concert – SMU McFarlin Auditorium, 7:00 pm
  - **Dec. 9:** Park Version – NorthCourt at NorthPark-6:00 pm; Dillard’s at NorthPark-6:30 pm
  - **Dec. 11:** Park Version – Dallas Arboretum, 7:00 pm
  - **Dec. 17:** Park Version – National Hoopfest Tournament at HPHS, National Anthem and halftime

HPHS Choirs holiday concert is December 8 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

- January 13-16, the HPHS Choir travels to Chicago to perform during their choir tour.

- Private Lesson Studios voice recitals are January 24-26 in the HPHS Choir Room, as the students prepare for UIL Choir Solo/Ensemble competition on February 4 at Townview HS.

HPMS/MIS:

- TMEA Region 20 Junior High Solo/Ensemble contest was held at Greiner MS on November 12. 33 out of the 47 MIS/HPMS choir students participating received a superior rating on their solos! Congratulations to:

  - **6\textsuperscript{th} grade** - Emma Becker, Alessia Cordray, Sasha Gile, Lillian Glassmoyer, Maddie Heiss, Katherine Ho, Ellie Holmes, Evan Huang, Hannah Jackson, Elya Khakpour, Minna Lamprecht, Hassan Malik, Abby O’Rourke, Genevieve Parker, Katherine Peticolas, Audrey Pottkotter, Julia Smartt, Mia Terraciano-Spence, Danielle Weatherwax, and Julia Yates.

  - **7\textsuperscript{th} grade** - Isabella Acosta, Mia Goldammer, Savannah Hembree, Meghan McCutchan, Ella Miller, Callie Seabolt, and Kieley Stallings.

  - **8\textsuperscript{th} grade** - Catherine Collins, Leila Gottlieb, Lilyann Hames, Dharma Kikker, Bianca Rodriguez, and Meredith Winford.

- MIS/HPMS Choirs join in the holiday spirit with performances at NorthPark, outside of Dillard’s, on December 7 at 11:00 am and December 9 at 11:45 am.

- Region 20 Middle School Choir auditions are in Grand Prairie at Arnold MS at Young Women’s Leadership Academy: January 13 for 6\textsuperscript{th} grade and January 14 for 7\textsuperscript{th}/8\textsuperscript{th} grade – best of luck! The TMEA Region 20 MS Choir concert is January 28 at Nimitz HS.

HPHS:

- The Highland Belles performed as ghosts, dancing to the Ghostbusters movie theme song at the Black Light Pep Rally. Wearing tutus and masks, the senior Belles appeared as life-size dolls performing their last Black Light dance to Thriller.

- Best of luck to the students trying out for the 2017-18 Highland Belles. Mock tryouts are December 1 at 5:30 pm in the ASF. Actual tryouts begin at 7:00 am on December 3 in the ASF.
Upcoming possible debate tournaments:
Creekview HS in Carrollton on Dec. 3; Berkner HS on Dec. 9-10; Hebron HS on Dec. 16-17; Coppell HS on Jan. 6-7; Montgomery Bell Academy in Tennessee on Jan. 7-9; Denton Guyer on Jan 13-14; UIL District 15-5A CX Debate at Lovejoy HS – Jan. 18; and Flower Mound HS on Jan. 27-28.

MUSIC
Bradfield – 4th Grade presents a Winter Concert on December 13 at 8:30 am in the Bradfield Auditorium and at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
Hyer – 3rd Grade gives a Holiday Performance in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium on December 14 at 6:30 pm.
University Park – The 3rd Grade musical E-I-E-I-Oops is at 6:00 pm on December 6 and December 8 in the UP Auditorium/Music Room.

HPHS:
Highlander Strings holiday concert is December 6 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
Highlander Strings present an informal Chamber Music “Coffee House” concert on January 31 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria, with refreshments served. Students perform in preparation for UIL Orchestra Solo/Ensemble on February 4 at Conrad HS in Dallas.

Theatre Arts II class is hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10 in the HPHS Cafeteria at 10 am. Area elementary school children are invited to eat, see Santa, participate in fun holiday arts & crafts activities, and be entertained with the delightful children’s play Jingle Bells Santa, all for only $5 per person.
**See the last page of this Newsletter for Breakfast with Santa registration info**
Theatre Arts III class travels to various area pre-schools to present short original holiday plays on the mornings of December 8-12.
Senior Play auditions are January 3 at 4:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

Newsletter by Susan Cruz
## A Quick Glance at Upcoming Fine Arts Events

(Red-HS events; Blue-MS/MIS events; Green-Elementary events)

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HPHS Debate – Creekview HS, Carrollton tournament

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HPHS Debate – Berkner HS, Richardson tournament

December 16-17
HPHS Debate – Hebron HS, Carrollton tournament

January 3
HPHS Senior Play auditions – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 4:00 pm

January 6-7
HPHS Debate – Coppell HS tournament

January 7
High School TMEA Area Band/Choir auditions

January 7-9
HPHS Debate – Montgomery Bell Academy, TN - Billy Tate Southern Bell Forum

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Middle School TMEA Region 20 Choir auditions – Arnold MS at YWLA in Grand Prairie
HPHS Debate – Denton Guyer HS tournament

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Breakfast with Santa Info and Registration Form is on the next page
BREAKFAST with SANTA

All boys and girls are invited to see a fun Christmas play entitled *Jingle Bells Jury*, have breakfast with Santa Claus, and engage in holiday arts & crafts activities in the Highland Park HS Cafeteria on

**Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 am**

*Bring your camera for quick photos with Santa!*

Reservations only – no tickets distributed.

**Reservations will be valid only upon receipt of payment.**

**DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS DECEMBER 6TH**

The cost for the play and breakfast is

five dollars per person.

Please make your check out to HPHS Theater and deliver it with the info below by December 6 to SC108 in HPHS (or leave with HPHS Receptionist),
or mail it to:

Highland Park High School
c/o Linda Raya
4220 Emerson
Dallas, Texas 75205

For further information, call Susan Cruz or Linda Raya at 214–780-3881

*Please return portion below with CASH or CHECK by December 6th to HPHS or send by mail*

Name of Supervising Adult (this will be the name reservation is under):

_________________________________________Your email address:_________________

Number of students & adults attending ________________ x $5.00 = __________________

(Total amount owed)

We look forward to seeing you December 10. Thanks for your support!