Achievements/Honors...

**HPHS ART**

♥ Good luck to HPHS art students as they compete at the Texas Art Education Association’s Regional Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) art competition on February 11 at Coppell HS!

♥ Congratulations to Gretchen Kupferschmid (11), Sydney Mills (12), Sarah Walker (11), and Vena Bakich (11) for their success at the Southwest Art Region-at-Large Scholastic Arts and Writing Competition. Winning two Gold Key awards, Gretchen now advances to the National Competition in New York! Awards are as follows: **Gretchen:** 2 Gold Keys for Design - “Music Poster” and Painting – “Bondi Beach;” 2 Silver Keys for Design - “Noir” and Jewelry - “Lemon Drop Earrings;” 3 Honorable Mentions for Architecture & Industrial Design - “h two o water,” Drawing & Illustration - “Drips,” and Mixed Media - “Popsicle.” **Sydney:** Silver Key for Film & Animation - “Heart Throb.” **Sarah:** Honorable Mention for Digital Art - “Dracarys.” **Vena:** Honorable Mention for Digital Art – “Rihanna.” The national results will be posted on March 14 – best of luck!

![Gretchen Kupferschmid Silver Key – “Lemon Drop Earrings”](image1)

![Gretchen Kupferschmid Silver Key – “Noir”](image2)

![Sydney Mills Silver Key – “Heart Throb”](image3)

**BAND**

♥ Area band auditions were held on January 7 at Duncanville HS. Congratulations to the 7 HP band members who made the **TMEA All-State Band:** [Left to right] Jackson Smith (11)-trumpet, Peter Davies (10)-oboe, Abby Justine (12)-clarinet, Madison Triplett (10)-bassoon. [Back row] Reagan Brumley-HPHS Band Director, Aaron Pathak (11)-bass clarinet, Grace Zhao (10)-oboe, Charlie Conner (10)-euphonium! This is the 2nd year for Peter to make All-State! All seven will participate in the All-State rehearsals at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention in the San Antonio Convention Center on February 8-11, performing on Saturday, February 11 in the Lila Cockrell Theater. Congratulations also to the other students who competed at Area: Sophia Brinkman, Michael Cochran, Cameron Coffey, Jonathan Davies, Sarah Hong, Maisey Martinez, Sydney McDuffie, Benjamin Olness, Gillian Owsley, Allison Walters, and Jinghan Yuan.
HPMS

HPHS

HPMS/HPHS Night of Percussion concert is March 6 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium at 7:00 pm.

HPMS

HPMS held a Solo/Ensemble Festival for its 7th & 8th Grade Band students at HPMS on February 4.

CHOIR

Area choir auditions were held on January 7 at Midway HS in Waco.

Congratulations to the 4 HP Choir members who made the TMEA All-State Choir: [Left to right] Gracie Nunneley (11)-Soprano 2, 2nd chair; Avery Davis (12)-Alto 2, 2nd chair; Natalie Walker-HPHS Choral Director; Sarah Grace Zandstra (12)-Alto 2, 3rd chair; and Cailin Jordan (11)-Soprano 1, 2nd chair! This is the 2nd year for Cailin to make All-State! These four will participate in the All-State rehearsals at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention on February 8-11, performing in the All-State Mixed Choir concert at noon on Saturday, February 11 in the San Antonio Convention Center Stars at Night Ballroom. Congratulations also to Lily Wu (11) for receiving the Soprano I alternate position.

HPHS Choir members performed at UIL HS Choir Solo/Ensemble competition on February 4 at Townview HS.

41 members were awarded Superior (1st Division) ratings! Best of luck to those going to State!

Congratulations to the following 28 soloists for achieving Superior Ratings on Class 1 solos, qualifying for UIL State Solo/Ensemble in Austin in May: Seniors- Athena Davidson, Avery Davis, Sarah Hall, Mira Martin, Elizabeth Meggesey, Olivia Mitchell, Natalie Morgan, Claire Sarfatis, Sarah Grace Zandstra; Juniors- Mary Berryman, Adam Davidson, Morgan Gerlach, Gable Hea, Jennings Humphries, Cailin Jordan, Katie Krasovec, Wells Weinberg, Lily Wu; Sophomores- Brennan Davis, Claire DeJean, Apsaline Douglas, Sophie Hung, Kate Lambert, Emma Lindwall, Emily McKeithen, Jordan Pierce, Carmen Sarfatis, Skylar Wilson.

Congratulations to the following 13 soloists for receiving Superior Ratings on Class 2 solos: Senior- Campbell Rolfe; Sophomores- Colton Green, Lucy Gruber, Julia Helton, Bryn Klingaman, Abby Ott; Freshmen- Bella Gumucio, William Jackman II, Hope Jin, Rebecca Rogers, Peyton Saylors, Karen Shirley, Anne Stockard.

Congratulations to Adam Davidson (11)-Bass 2 for being selected to the 2017 American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) High School Honor Choir! He participates in rehearsals and instruction with the Grammy-winning American composer and conductor Eric Whitacre during the ACDA National Convention, March 8-11, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The High School Honor Choir performs on March 11 under the direction of Mr. Whitacre.

HPHS Choirs present a mid-winter concert on March 8 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

HPMS

HPMS Choir gives a Pre-UIL concert on February 22 at 6:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium. This is in preparation for the UIL Middle School Choir Concert/Sightreading contest, which is scheduled for February 28 through March 3. Best of luck to the HPMS Choir; HP’s performance day/time/site has not yet been announced.

HPHS DANCE

You are invited to the Highland Belles Competition Showcase on February 8 at 6:00 pm in the HPHS Main Gym. Performances include team routines, small ensembles, solo dances, and Belle “New Girl” tryout routines.

Best of luck to the Highland Belles in their two upcoming competitions:

Crowd Pleasers DFW Showcase on February 18 at Timber Creek High School in Keller, and the Contest of Champions National Competition on March 4 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.
HPHS Debate

❤️ Congratulations to the team of Michael Cerny (12) and Ethan Muse (9) for placing 9th overall at the Colleyville-Heritage HS tournament on February 3-4. Michael was awarded 2nd overall speaker of the event!
❤️ Congratulations to Claire Lempert (10) for advancing to semifinals in Domestic Extemporaneous speaking at the Richardson High School tournament on January 21. This was her first time to compete in this event.
❤️ Once again, congratulations to the HPHS Debate team for sweeping 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the UIL District 15-5A CX Debate competition on January 18 at Lovejoy HS, with Deven Parmar (10) winning top speaker of the meet. The first and second place teams now advance to the UIL State 5A CX Debate meet on March 17-18 – best of luck!
❤️ Possible upcoming tournaments: Jesuit College Prep – February 10-11; Pine Crest Prep in Ft. Lauderdale, FL – February 17-19; TFA State – March 9-11 at Plano West HS.

Elementaries

Armstrong Music

❤️ Armstrong’s 3rd Grade Musical **E-I-E-I-Oops!** is February 27 in the Armstrong Auditorium at 8:30 am.

Hyer Music

❤️ Hyer’s 1st Grade PTA Valentine performance is February 14 at 9:00 am in the Hyer Auditorium.

University Park Music

❤️ UP hosts Shakespeare Dallas on February 15.

Orchestra

HPHS

❤️ Congratulations to the following HPHS Orchestra students for achieving a total of **111** First Division Superior Rating medals at the UIL HS Orchestra Solo/Ensemble competition on February 4 at Conrad HS in Dallas. Students who qualified for UIL State Solo/Ensemble can compete in May at UT-Austin.

First Division Solos that qualified for UIL State S/E: Will Cerny, Adelle Crofford, Sara Kway, Parker Lake, Richard Luo, Darong Qi, Alison Schultz, Matteo Cordray, Anjana Rathnan.

First Division Solos: Jack Allesio, Jake Annett, Patrick Bahr, Summer Barro, Ivanna Bobadilla, Sam Brown, Jackson Brunns, Ella Carroll, Ford Chambers, Joseph Copeland, Noah Culpepper, Peter Davies, Rylie Dittrich, Chloe Files, Stuart Foster, Grayson Gale, Catherine Geilich, Danielle Helfer, Kenna Holder, Brett Jacot, Amanda Jordan, Grace Lazzaro, Matthew Lee, Karen Liang, Robert Luo, Ford McGovern, Olivia Melley, Oliver Miller, Jarrett Murray, Julia Nguyen, Gillian Owseley, Emma Pieroni, Carson Pinker, Caroline Rogers, Tristan Ryan, Ron Short, Mariyam Siddiqui, Nathan Smith, Marisa Tiscareno, Scottie Wells, Madeleine Wisinski, Jack Wheeler, Michele Yang, Brian Zacharias, Raymond Zou.

First Division Ensembles that qualified for UIL State S/E: Will Cerny, Matteo Cordray, Adelle Crofford, Ava Crofford, Alex Davey, Grace DeJean, Jeffrey Jehng, Sara Kway, Justin Liang, Richard Luo, Robert Luo, Ava Miranda, Alex Pan, Carson Pinker, Darong Qi, Anjana Rathnan, Allison Schultz, Marisa Tiscareno, Michael Tran, Stacy Wang, Scottie Wells, Angela Wu, Michele Yang, Michael Zhan.

First Division Ensembles: Jack Alessio, Elysse Bradford, Sam Brown, Ella Carroll, Jeffrey Copeland, Joseph Copeland, Peter Davies, Lily Derr, Rylie Dittrich, Spencer Dittrich, Chloe Files, Grayson Gale, Ben Genender, Isaac Heatley, Danielle Helfer, Caroline Hill, Grace Lazzaro, Ford McGovern, Olivia Melley, Oliver Miller, Aidan Morrill, Jarrett Murray, Julia Nguyen, Gillian Owseley, Emma Pieroni, Tristan Ryan, Mariyam Siddiqui, Grace Teffaha, Michael Walsh, Jack Wheeler, Madeleine Wisinski, Brian Zacharias, Raymond Zou.

Congratulations to all and best of luck to those going to State!

❤️ The Cezanne String Quartet, the in-residence ensemble at SMU and recipients of the Peak Scholarship, presented an in-house Chamber Music Festival on January 23-25 for the HPHS orchestra students. This consisted of performing in concert for the Highlander Strings students, performing works by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Bartok, then personally coaching the students over a span of three days. This festival was made possible by a grant from PC TAG.
ORCHESTRA

HPHS, continued:

Congratulations again to the 43 HPHS Orchestra students who made the TMEA High School All-Region Orchestra. Approximately 950 students auditioned for the coveted seats in the All-Region Honor and Symphonic Orchestras. Five HPHS students advanced to make All-Area Orchestra.

THEATRE

HPHS

Congratulations to senior Sarah Grace Zandstra, who represents HPHS at the 29th Annual Dallas Branch of the English-Speaking Union’s Shakespeare Competition on February 25, hosted by HPHS in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium. The winner of this contest receives an all-expenses-paid trip to New York City to compete in the National Competition on May 1. Best of luck!

Highland Park travels to Poteet HS on March 3 for the UIL District 15-5A One-Act Play contest. Good luck to our one-act members as they perform a shortened version of Peter Pan, by J. M. Barrie. Performance time for HPHS is 10:00 am. Three advancing plays from district will compete at UIL Bi-District One-Act Play on March 21, again held at Poteet HS. The three advancing plays from Bi-District will then advance to UIL Area One-Act Play on April 1 at Plano West Senior HS. Best of luck!

HPMS

HPMS presents Charlotte’s Web on February 9 & 11 at 7:00 pm, February 10 at 4:00 pm, and February 12 at 2:00 pm, all in the HPMS Auditorium. The cast and crew consists of forty-seven 7th/8th grade students under the direction of theatre teacher Allie McKenna. Charlotte the spider is played by Katrina Csaky (8) and Wilbur the pig is performed by Anabelle Sartain (7). Tickets are $5 and can be purchased one hour before each performance or daily during the week of the production in the HPMS school cafeteria.

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Upcoming Fine Arts Events

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

Concerts/Performances

February 8
HPHS Highland Belles Competition Showcase – HPHS Main Gym, 6:00 pm
Concerts/Performances, continued

February 9-12
HPMS presents Charlotte’s Web – HPMS Auditorium.
   Thursday & Saturday - 7:00 pm; Friday - 4:00 pm; Sunday - 2:00 pm. Tickets are $5.

February 11
TMEA High School All-State concerts – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio

February 14
Hyer 1st Grade PTA Valentines Performance – Hyer Auditorium, 9:00 am
HPHS Jazz Band Concert – HPHS Cafeteria, 7:00 pm

February 22
HPMS Choir Pre-UIL concert – HPMS Auditorium, 6:00 pm

February 27
Armstrong 3rd grade musical E-I-E-I-Oops! – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:30 am

March 6
HPHS/HPMS Night of Percussion concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

March 8
HPHS Choirs Mid-Winter Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

Competitions/Other Events

February 10-11
HPHS Debate – Jesuit College Prep

February 11
HPHS Art at TAEA’s Regional VASE Art Competition – Coppell HS

February 17-19
HPHS Debate – Pine Crest Prep in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

February 18
HPHS Highland Belles at Crowd Pleasers DFW Showcase – Timber Creek HS, Keller

February 25
Dallas Area English-Speaking Union’s Shakespeare competition – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 9 am – Noon
UIL HS Band Solo/Ensemble contest – MacArthur HS, Irving

February 28 - March 3
UIL Middle School Choir Concert/Sightreading contest – Day/time TBA

March 3
UIL District 15-5A One-Act Play – Poteet HS; HPHS performs Peter Pan at 10 am

March 4
HPHS Highland Belles at Contest of Champions – Orlando, Florida

March 7-9
UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest – Tasby MS; Day/time TBA

March 9-11
HPHS Debate – Texas Forensics Association (TFA) State contest, Plano West Senior HS