March 7, 2017

Achievements/Honors...

**HPHS ART**

- Students of Ms. Bollman, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Warren participated in the Texas Art Education Association’s Regional Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) competition on Saturday, February 11 at Coppell HS. Students are scored from I-IV, being judged on the quality of their artwork, their written explanation of how they used elements/principles of design based upon art media/art history, and their personal interview with the judging panel. Of the 47 HPHS students who competed, 45 received the top score of IV! All artwork that receives this Superior Rating is then reassessed for state advancement, and 4 HPHS students have been selected to compete in the TAEA State VASE competition at James Madison HS in San Antonio on April 28-29!

Congratulations and best of luck to these state-bound students: Charlotte Bond (10), Zandt Lavish (10), Katie Marshall (11), and Racquel Pacewicz (10)!


- HPHS Art department is having an art auction in an effort to raise funds for the four State VASE competitors’ trip to San Antonio. Stop by the HPHS Dressing Room (door to the left of the stage or enter via hallway behind the auditorium stage) on March 29 (noon-3:30 pm) and March 30 (8:00 am – 5:30 pm) to put in bids on selections of HPHS art teachers/students’ work such as photography, ceramics and artwork.

- HPHS Senior Art Show is on display April 20 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Wall Gallery on 1529 Dragon St. in Dallas.

**HPISD BAND**

**HPHS:**

- HPHS Band members competed at UIL HS Band Solo/Ensemble on February 25 in Irving and March 4 in DeSoto.

Congratulations to the following 11 soloists and 3 ensembles for achieving UIL 1st Division ratings on a solo or ensemble and advancing to UIL State Solo/Ensemble in Austin in May. **Solos:** Sophia Brinkman, Noah Busbee, William Cerny, Peter Davies, Nathan Denman, Bobby Lyle, Gillian Owsley, Robby Triplett, Allison Walters, Jinhang Yuan, Grace Zhao. **Ensembles:** Flute Choir-Erin Harper, Sophie Jejurikar, Caroline Kibby, Jordan Meacham, Katelyn Porter, Ava Sims, Hailey Turco, Elena Wang; Sax Quartet-Adam Davidson, PJ Egenes, Julie Herrick, Jinhang Yuan; Brass Quintet-Christina Bambach, William Cerny, Ryan Gordon, Jackson Smith, Allison Walters.


- Pre-UIL concert for HPHS Bands is March 30 at 6:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

- Highlander Band travels to Corpus Christi and Port Aransas on April 7-10. The Wind Symphony and Symphonic Bands perform at the South Coast Music Festival on April 7.

**HPMS:**

- UIL High School Band Concert/Sightreading contest is April 11-13 at Waxahachie HS; day/times to be announced.

- UIL Middle School Band Concert/Sightreading contest is scheduled for April 19-21 (non-varsity bands) in Cedar Hill and April 24-26 (varsity bands) in Red Oak; day/times to be announced.
**HPSD CHOIR**

**HPHS:**
- HPHS Choirs Mid-Winter Concert is March 8 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
- Adam Davidson (11) performs in the American Choral Directors Association High School Honor Choir during the ACDA National Convention, March 8-11 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- UIL High School Choir Concert/Sightreading contest is at Duncanville HS on April 4-7, day/times not yet announced.

**HPMS:**
- Congratulations to the HPMS 8th Grade Treble Choir for earning a superior rating from all three judges for their Concert performance and an excellent rating (I-II-II) in sightreading at the UIL Middle School Choir Concert/Sightreading Contest on March 3 at Greiner MS. Congratulations to the HPMS 7th Grade Treble Choir for receiving superior ratings from all six judges in the non-varsity division of UIL MS Choir Concert/Sightreading on February 28 in Midlothian.

**HPHS DANCE**

- Congratulations to the Highland Belles for being named Overall Grand Champion Team, earning the highest point total of the 35 teams competing at the Crowd Pleasers DFW Showcase of Champions on February 18 at Timber Creek High School in Keller! The judges also selected the Belles as Grand Champions within the Super Team Category. For the first time, the Belles also swept all the Outstanding Awards for technique, choreography, precision, and performance quality in all team routines of kick, pom, jazz and military. Other final results include Elite Super Team, Super Sweepstakes Team, Academic Award of Excellence for cumulative team GPA of 3.8, Outstanding Pom Routine of the competition, 1st Runner-Up in Lieutenant Jazz, Winner of Large Ensemble, two Senior Solo finalists, and two Junior Solo finalists.
- The Belles travel to Orlando, Florida on March 3-7. Best of luck as they compete at 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/SPEECH**

- Good luck to the two teams of Alexis Mungioli (11) & Jenny Feng (10) and Kenan Gursel (10) & Stacy Wang (9) as they compete at UIL State 5A Cross-Examination Debate on March 17-18 at UT-Austin!
- HPHS hosts the UIL District 15-5A Academics meet on March 23-25. Good luck to our students competing in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Informative/Persuasive Speaking, and Poetry/Prose Interpretation on March 24-25. Students earning 1st–6th places advance to the UIL Region Academics meet on April 7-8 at Prosper HS.
- Possible upcoming debates: NDCA National Championship in Ogden, Utah – April 8-10; Tournament of Champions at the University of Kentucky – April 29-May 1.

**ELEMENTARY**

**Hyer Music**
- 1st - 4th Grade students perform in the morning on March 24 for Grandfriends’ Day in the Hyer Auditorium.

**University Park Music**
- 1st - 4th Grade students perform International Dances for UP’s annual International Days in the UP Gym on March 24: 6:30 pm-1st Grade; 6:45 pm-2nd Grade; 7:00 pm-3rd Grade; 7:15 pm- 4th Grade.
**HPISD FINE ARTS**

*Every year we highlight each department in our Fine Arts with the **Highlander Festival**...*

- March 29: District Art Show – Linda Raya Stage, HPHS Palmer Auditorium, noon – 3:30 pm
- March 30: District Art Show – Linda Raya Stage, HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 8 am – 3:30 pm
- April 2: HPHS One-Act Play **Peter Pan** – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 2:00 pm
- April 3: HPISD Choral Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm.
- April 4: MIS/HPMS/HPHS Instrumental Concert – HPHS Main Gym, 7:00 pm

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**HPISD ORCHESTRA**

**HPHS:**
- Highlander Strings travel to San Antonio/Corpus Christi (Padre Island) on March 31-April 3.
- Highlander Strings Pre-UIL Concert is April 11 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium at 7:00 pm.
- UIL High School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest is scheduled for April 19-20 at Nimitz HS in Irving; day/time to be announced.

**HPMS:**
- Good luck to the HPMS Orchestras as they compete at UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest at Tasby MS in Dallas: HPMS Concert Orchestra - March 7 at 2:35 pm; HPMS Honor Orchestra - March 9 at 11:55 am.

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**HPISD THEATRE**

**HPHS:**
- Congratulations to Jennings Humphries (11) for winning Best Actor (Peter Pan) in HPHS’ performance of **Peter Pan** by J.M. Barrie at UIL District 15-5A One-Act Play on March 3 at Poteet HS. Congratulations also to Kate Ladd (10) and Christine Schlehuber (9) for receiving Honorable Mention All-Star Cast as well as Kenna Curry (12) for receiving Honor Crew. Congratulations to all of the students participating in One-Act under the direction of Christopher Eastland: Cast--Ryan Douglas, Drew Favors, Lucy Gruber, Jennings Humphries, Kate Ladd, Emma Lindwall, Emily McKeithen, Mela McMinn, Tay Rafferty, Christine Schlehuber, Karen Shirley, Mary Stewart, Allie Touchstone, Ray Tubbs, Jace Tucker; Crew—Kenny Curry, Will Elphingstone, Hannah Genender, Kate Gioldasis; Alternates—Elizabeth Armistead, Wells Weinberg, Sarah Grace Zandstra.

**HPMS:**
- HPMS performs the musical **Beauty and the Beast** on April 20-23. Thursday and Saturday performances are at 7 pm, Friday is at 4 pm, and Sunday is at 2 pm, all in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium. Tickets are $5.

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**UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS**

*(Red-HS events; Blue-MS/MIS events; Green-Elementary events; Pink-Highlander Festival)*

**Concerts/Performances**

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

**March 11**
American Choral Directors Association High School Honor Choir Concert – Minneapolis, Minnesota
Concerts/Performances, continued

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

March 24
Hyer Grandfriends Day (1st-4th Grade perform) – Hyer Auditorium, morning
UP International Day Dances – UP Gym; 1st Grade-6:30 pm, 2nd Grade-6:45 pm, 3rd Grade-7:00 pm, 4th Grade-7:15 pm.

March 29
Highlander Festival District Art Show – Linda Raya Stage in HPHS Palmer Auditorium, noon – 3:30 pm

March 30
Highlander Festival District Art Show – Linda Raya Stage in HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
HPHS Bands Pre-UIL concert – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 6:00 pm

April 2
Highlander Festival One-Act Play Peter Pan – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 2:00 pm

April 3
Highlander Festival Choral Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

April 4
Highlander Festival Instrumental Concert – HPHS Main Gym, 7:00 pm

April 11
HPHS Highlander Strings Pre-UIL concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

April 20
HPHS Senior Art Show – Wall Gallery in Dallas, 5-7 pm

April 20-23
HPMS musical Beauty and the Beast – HPMS Auditorium. $5 admission.
Thursday and Saturday – 7:00 pm; Friday – 4:00 pm; Sunday – 2:00 pm.

Competitions/Other Events

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

March 3-7
HPHS Belles Spring Trip – Orlando, FL

March 7
UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest – Tasby MS; HPMS Concert Orchestra – 2:35 pm

March 9
UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest – Tasby MS; HPMS Honor Orchestra – 11:55 am

March 17-18
HPHS Debate – UIL State CX Debate competition, UT in Austin

March 24-25
UIL District 15-5A Academics (Speech/Debate events) – HPHS

March 29
HPHS Art Auction – HPHS Dressing Room, Noon – 3:30 pm
Competitions/Other Events, continued

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

March 30
HPHS Art Auction – HPHS Dressing Room, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

March 31-April 3
HPHS Highlander Strings Spring Trip – San Antonio/Corpus Christi (Port Aransas)

April 4-7
UIL High School Choir Concert/Sightreading contest – Duncanville HS, day/times TBA

April 7-10
HPHS Band Spring Trip – Corpus Christi/Port Aransas

April 8-10
HPHS Debate – NDCA National Championship in Ogden, Utah

April 11-13
UIL High School Band Concert/Sightreading contest – Waxahachie HS; day/times TBA

April 19-20
UIL High School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest - Nimitz HS; day/time TBA

April 19-21
UIL Middle School Band Non-Varsity Concert/Sightreading contest – Cedar Hill HS; day/times TBA

April 24-26
UIL Middle School Band Varsity Concert/Sightreading contest – Red Oak HS; day/times TBA

April 28-29
HPHS Art students compete at State VASE competition – James Madison HS, San Antonio

April 29 - May 1
HPHS Debate – Tournament of Champions, University of Kentucky