Achievements/Honors:

**ART**

**HPHS:**
- Congratulations to HPHS junior Gretchen Kupferschmid for winning a National Scholastic Gold Arts Award for her design entitled "Music Poster." This is the highest distinction of honor given by Scholastic Arts and Writing. She receives her award in New York City at the national ceremony on June 8 in Carnegie Hall.
- The HPHS Senior Art Show is April 20 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Wall Gallery on 1529 Dragon St. in Dallas.
- Best of luck to our HPHS art students competing at the Texas Art Education Association’s State Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE). Charlotte Bond (10), Zandt Lavish (10), Katie Marshall (11), and Racquel Pacewicz (10) travel to Madison HS in San Antonio on April 28-29. Thanks to all of you who supported the Highlander Art Auction on March 29-31 to help raise travel funds for these state-bound students!

**HPISD:**
- Congratulations to the following students whose artwork was chosen from the 2017 Highlander Festival District Art Show to be displayed in several locations through April of 2018.
  - In the HPISD Administration Building: **Armstrong**—Avan Benbow, Grayson DiCanio, Will Ogle, Dominic Willis.
- In UP Library: **Armstrong**—Catherine Dalton; **Bradfield**—Maddie Isaac; **Hyer**—Sophie Koryl; **UP**—Brynn Barker; **MIS**—Farrah Sophia Tran; **HPMS**—Kiley Calhoun; **HPHS**—Carina Ciolfi.
- In UP City Hall: **Armstrong**—Dean Hemphill; **Bradfield**—Lynn Sallie; **Hyer**—Sallie Sachs; **UP**—Walker Wegman; **MIS**—Genevieve Hart; **HPMS**—Mykaela Scott; **HPHS**—Haley Gatt.

**BAND**

**HPHS:**
- Highlander Band travels to Corpus Christi on April 7-10 for their annual trip. The band performs at Flour Bluff HS in Corpus at the South Coast Band Festival on April 8: Symphonic Band at 8 am and Wind Symphony at 8:30 am. The trip also includes visiting the USS Lexington Museum and staying at the beach in Port Aransas.
- Best of luck to the HPHS Bands as they perform at UIL High School Band Concert/Sightreading at Waxahachie HS: Symphonic Band - April 12 at 4:15 pm; Wind Symphony – April 13 at 5:30 pm.
- HPHS performs at the Majestic Theatre in Dallas on April 22 as a part of the 2017 Big D Classic Music Festival.
- HPHS Band’s Spring Concert is May 19 at 5:30 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium. The band banquet follows the concert in the HPHS Cafeteria.
BAND
MIS/HPMS:
- Best of luck to the HPMS Bands as they compete at UIL Middle School Band Concert/Sightreading contest on two separate days. Symphonic Band performs on April 21 at 2:30 pm at Cedar Hill HS; Honor Band performs on April 26 at 2:30 pm at Red Oak HS.
- HPMS Honor and Symphonic Bands perform at Beach Within Reach Band Festival in Haltom City at Haltom HS on April 28: Symphonic Band at 8:30 am; Honor Band at 9:00 am.
- MIS 6th Grade Band performs at Sandy Lake Band Festival on May 2 in Carrollton.
- MIS/HPMS Bands present a Spring Concert on May 15 at 6:30 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

CHOIR
HPHS:
- Best of luck to the HPHS Choirs as they compete at UIL High School Choir Concert/Sightreading at Duncanville HS:
  - April 5 - Concert Women at 9:20 am; Women's Select at 1:20 pm.
  - April 6 – Lassies at 9:20 am; Lads & Concert Men at 11:40 am; Lads & Lassies at 2:20 pm.
- The HPHS Choirs spring concert is May 5 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium at 6:30 pm. The choir banquet will immediately follow the concert in the HPHS Cafeteria.

MIS/HPMS:
- MIS/HPMS Raider Choirs spring concert is May 3 at 7:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

HPHS DANCE
- The Highland Belles traveled to Orlando, Florida on March 3-7, competing at the Contest of Champions National Competition on March 4 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World. In the Extra-Large Team Category, the Belles were awarded First Place in Pom, Military, and Jazz and Second Place in Kick! In overall team scoring, the Belles placed 12th out of a total of 55 teams, earning the following: 6th place Pom out of 38 entries; 7th place Kick out of 34 entries; 7th place Military out of 10 entries; and 12th place Jazz out of 58 entries. Congratulations on a successful year!
- The 2017-18 Highland Belles Service Officers were announced at the Highland Belles end-of-the-year banquet on March 28. These officers are selected by their peers and directors; their duties are to organize/implement all Belles’ social and outreach activities for the 2017-18 school year. Congratulations to Kaki Glieber-President, Miriam Kazi-Vice President, Margaret Mary Mencke-Secretary, Ellie Gribble-Treasurer, and Destiny Duclow-Chaplain. Other honors announced at the banquet were: Kennedi Fiegl-Most Improved Belle; Kate Kilpatrick-Best Attitude Sophomore; Kaki Glieber-Best Attitude Junior; Meghan Welp-Best Attitude Senior; and Maddie Basso-Best Belle. Congratulations!

Left to Right: Kaki Glieber, Miriam Kazi, Margaret Mary Mencke, Ellie Gribble, Destiny Duclow

HPHS DEBATE/SPEECH
- Congratulations to Ethan Muse (9) for capturing 2nd Place in Informative Speaking at the UIL District 15-5A Academics meet held on March 25 at HPHS and earning advancement to the UIL Region Academics meet.
- Upcoming debates: NDCA National Championship in Ogden, Utah – April 8-10; Tournament of Champions at the University of Kentucky – April 29-May 1.
**ELEMENTARY MUSIC**

*Armstrong*
- Kindergarten performs *Magical Me* at 8:30 am in the Armstrong Auditorium on May 1.
- 4th Grade has a Recognition Program on May 24 at 8:30 am in the Armstrong Auditorium.

*Hyer*
- Hyer 4th Grade Performance is in the Hyer Gym on May 26 at 10:30 am.

**ORCHESTRA**

*HPHS:*
- Highlander Strings traveled to San Antonio/Corpus Christi (Padre Island) on March 31-April 3. They performed in the Alamo Courtyard in San Antonio, had a clinic at Del Mar College in Corpus with Dr. Abel Ramirez, and relaxed at the beach in Port Aransas.
- Highlander Strings Pre-Ul Concert is April 11 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium. Symphionietta Orchestra performs at 4:30 pm then clinic critics on stage from 5-6 pm. Symphony Orchestra performs at 7:00 pm then clinic critics on stage from 7:30-8:30 pm.
- Best of luck to the Highlander Strings as they perform at UIL High School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading at Nimitz HS on April 19: Symphony Orchestra at 9:30 am; Symphionietta Orchestra at 4:30 pm.
- Highlander Strings welcomes all incoming orchestra freshmen with a social the morning of May 13 in the HPHS Orchestra Room.
- Highlander Strings spring concert is May 16 at 6:30 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium. The banquet follows the concert in the HPHS Cafeteria.

*MIS/HPMS:*
- HPMS Honor and Concert Orchestras each received a Sweepstakes trophy at UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest on March 7 and 9 at Tasby MS, with both groups receiving First Division ratings from all six judges. Congratulations!

**THEATRE**

*HPHS:*
- HPHS has received a Best Lighting Design nomination for the 2016 HPHS musical *Grease* in the 2017 Dallas Summer Musicals High School Musical Theatre Awards. Congratulations to three students for receiving Honorable Mention: Will Giese (11)-Supporting Actor *(Kenickie)*; Jake Pruitt (12)-Featured Actor *(Doody)*; and Claire DeJean (10)-Featured Actress *(Patty Simcox)*. The awards ceremony is May 18 at the Fair Park Music Hall. 1997 HPHS alum Stark Sands, a two-time Tony Award nominee, will make a special appearance, not only to perform, but to receive the 2017 Fullinwider Award, honoring him for his roots and educational years in the Dallas theater community.

*HPMS:*
- HPMS performs *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. This 60-minute musical has approximately 98 HPMS cast/crew members. Tickets are $5 and go on sale April 18-21 during lunch in the HPMS Cafeteria or 30 minutes prior to each performance in the school foyer.

*Newsletter by Susan Cruz*
*Final installment for ’16-17 is May 2*
**Upcoming Fine Arts Events**

- **Red-HS events**: Blue-MS/MIS events; Green – Elementary events

**Concerts/Performances**

- **April 11**
  HPHS Orchestra Pre-UIL concert/clinic – HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
  - Symphonietta Orchestra performs at 4:30 pm with clinic on stage 5-6 pm
  - Symphony Orchestra performs at 7:00 pm with clinic on stage 7:30-8:30 pm.

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

- **May 1**
  Armstrong Kindergarten presents *Magical Me* – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:30 am

- **May 3**
  MIS/HPMS Raider Choirs spring concert – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

- **May 5**
  HPHS Choirs Spring concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 6:30 pm. Banquet follows in the HPHS Cafeteria.

- **May 15**
  MIS/HPMS Bands spring concert – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 6:30 pm

- **May 16**
  HPHS Highlander Strings spring concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 6:30 pm.
  - Banquet follows in the HPHS Cafeteria.

- **May 18**
  MIS/HPMS Orchestras spring concert – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

- **May 19**
  HPHS Bands spring concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 5:30 pm.
  - Banquet follows in the HPHS Cafeteria.

- **May 24**
  Armstrong 4th Grade Recognition Program – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:30 am

- **May 26**
  Hyer 4th Grade Performance - Hyer Gym, 10:30 am

**Competitions/Other Events**

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

- **April 8-10**
  HPHS Debate – NDCA National Championship in Ogden, Utah
Competitions/Other Events, continued

April 12-13
UIL High School Band Concert/Sightreading contest – Waxahachie HS.
   HPHS Symphonic Band - 4/12 at 4:15 pm; HPHS Wind Symphony - 4/13 at 5:30 pm

April 19
UIL High School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest – Nimitz HS.
   HPHS Symphony Orchestra – 9:30 am; HPHS Symphonietta Orchestra - 4:30 pm

April 20
HPHS Senior Art Show – Wall Gallery, 5:00-7:00 pm

April 21, 26
UIL Middle School Band Concert/Sightreading contest:
   HPHS Symphonic Band on 4/21 at 2:30 pm – Cedar Hill HS; HPHS Honor Band on 4/26 at 2:30 pm at Red Oak HS.

April 22
HPHS Band – Big D Classic Music Festival, Majestic Theatre in Dallas

April 28
HPMS Bands – Beach Within Reach contest, Haltom City

April 28-29
HPHS Art winners at State VASE contest – James Madison HS, San Antonio

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

May 2
MIS 6th Grade Band – Sandy Lake Band Festival, Carrollton