Achievements/Honors…

**BAND**

**HPHS:**
- Congratulations to the HPHS Band for capturing 2nd place in the finals of the Mansfield Preview of Champions marching contest on September 30! In their classification in the prelims, the band secured best music performance, best visual performance, best percussion, and best colorguard.
- Congratulations to Benjamin Olness (11) for making the top Jazz Band on tenor trombone at the TMEA Region 20 Jazz auditions on September 16 in Waxahachie! He also qualified for Area Jazz. The Region 20 Jazz concert is December 2 at Waxahachie HS.
- Good luck to the Highlander Band as they compete at the following: Midlothian Marching Showcase on October 7, UIL 5A Region Marching Contest on October 19 at Jesse Owens Athletic Complex in Dallas, and UIL 5A Area Marching Contest on October 28 at Mesquite Memorial Stadium; times not available as of this printing. If HPHS advances from Area, the band competes at the UIL State 5A Marching Band contest on November 8 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.
- BBQ with the Band is October 27 from 5–7 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria; take-out can be picked up from 4:30-6:30 in the parking lot off Douglas. Tickets are $10 each and food is Peggy Sue’s BBQ. You can also try your luck at the auction or there are five raffle baskets ($5 each or 6 for $25): Gold Rush-NorthPark Gold, Apple of My I-Apple gift card, Show Me the Money-bank debit card, BBQ Bonanza-Big Green Egg, and Glad for Plaid.
- Oct. 27 is also the Blue Out game in Highlander Stadium. Email blueoutshirts@gmail.com if you have questions regarding shirts. (Short-sleeve=$17; Long-sleeve=$22). Polo shirts are also available. For more info regarding BBQ tickets/auction items/raffle tickets, go to www.hphsband.com and click on the Blue Out button at the top of the home page.
- The HPHS Percussion concert is October 30 at 7:00 pm in the Palmer Auditorium. This performance is in preparation for their 50-minute concert at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) at 11:00 am on November 11 in the Indianapolis, IN Convention Center. Congratulations and best of luck!
- Good luck to band members as they audition for TMEA Region Orchestra (winds/percussion) on November 14 at Duncanville HS. Those who make Region Orchestra will perform on November 18 at Conrad HS in Dallas.

**HPMS/MIS:**
- 7/8 band students attend ExtravaBANDza, a Region Band clinic, on October 21 at HPMS, 9 am–2 pm.
- HPMS Raider Band pairs with the Highlander Band at the “Blue Out” HPHS/Forney football game on October 27 in Highlander Stadium.
- HPMS 7/8 Bands present a Veterans concert on November 2 at 7:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.
- TMEA All-Region Middle School Band auditions are November 10-11 at Kennemer MS in Duncanville ISD. Best of luck!
The HPHS Choirs fall concert is October 11 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

TMEA HS Choir All-District auditions were held on September 23 at South Grand Prairie HS. 34 HPHS choir students made the District Choir and will be advancing to the TMEA HS Region 20 Choir auditions on October 21 at Midlothian HS. Congratulations to 10 HPHS students who were ranked 1st through 5th, as noted next to their names.


HPHS Choir hosts the TMEA Pre-Area Choir auditions at HPHS on November 14.

MIS/HPMS Choirs (6-8) Fall Concert is October 25 at 7:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

TMEA Region 20 Middle School Choir Solo/Ensemble competition is November 4 at Red Oak MS. Best of luck!

The Highland Belles are proud to announce the annual Spaghetti Supper sales winners. All 70 members sold tickets, raffle tickets and solicited underwriting donations. Madison Peppard finished first, Berkley Mason second, and Eleanor Gambrell third in sales of spaghetti supper/raffle tickets as part of the annual fundraiser. All funds from the Highland Belles Spaghetti Supper/Auction help support the year round operations of the drill team. The Belles thank the community for its support!

Gold Belles (LtoR-Front) Destiny Duclow, Hunter Hart, Eleanor Gambrell, Elizabeth Ann Meier, Caitlyn Staunton, Madison Peppard. (Middle) Barrett Groves, Arden Rasmussen, Mary Frances McElroy, Caroline Conway, Catherine Magee. (Back) Margaret Groves, Sabrina Zevallos, Kate Kilpatrick, Kennedi Feigl, Berkley Mason, Campbell Willis.

Silver Belles (LtoR-Front) Caroline Thomas, Jillian Ellis, Talle Olsen, Claire Lake, Sarah Fielder. (Back) Sophie Folts, Ava Jahant, Lauren Stevenson, Casey Bowden, Riley Cheek.

And the **Seniors** raised more than $1,000 in each of their years as Highland Belles. (LtoR-Front) Caitlyn Staunton, Maggie Thompson, Claire Lake, Catherine Magee, Cameron Kenyon. (Middle) Jillian Ellis, Camille Sockwell, Hunter Hart, Elizabeth Ann Meier, Madison Peppard, Jenni Phillips. (Back) Destiny Duclow, Jenna Peck, Eleanor Gambrell, Natalie Ward, Kaki Glieber.

- **Belles 2016-17 Honor Squads** are recognized for their excellence in dance and high kick.

**Left photo:** All Americans are (front row L to R) Caroline Thomas, Catherine Magee, Jillian Ellis, Claire Lake, Anna Cimorelli, Kaki Kennedy. Second row: Campbell Willis, Alexandra Whitlock, Berkley Mason, Sophie Folts, Talle Olsen. Third Row: Emily Mahmalji, Jenna Peck, Brooke Marvel, Grace Dodd, Casey Bowden, Liv Brink. **Center photo:** Miss High Kick – Catherine Magee. **Right photo:** Kick Company includes (front row L to R) Rebecca Greaves, Olivia Pettijohn, Olivia Jolas, Jillian Ellis, Claire Lake, Cameron Kenyon, Anna Cimorelli. Second row: Catherine Magee, Campbell Willis, Sophie Folts, Berkley Mason, Miriam Kazi, Elizabeth Ann Meier, Talle Olsen. Third row: Emily Mahmalji, Brooke Marvel, Ava Jahant, Eleanor Gambrell, Grace Dodd, Casey Bowden, Kennedi Feigl. Congratulations to all!

**HPHS Debate**

- HPHS Debate competed at the Newman Smith Invitational on September 29-30. In varsity debate, the team of Alexis Mungioli (12) and Jenny Fang (11) advanced to elimination rounds and placed 5th overall. Congratulations!
- At the Greenhill Classic on September 16-17, the team of Ethan Muse (10) and Enayat Kapadia (11) advanced to the elimination rounds and placed 17th overall out of a field of 116 teams. Congratulations!
- Good luck at these possible upcoming tournaments: Heart of Texas at St. Mark’s – Oct. 13-14; Plano West – Oct. 20-21; University of North Texas – Oct. 27-28; Hebron or Keller – Nov. 3-4; Hockaday – Nov. 10-11.

**Elementary Music**

- **Armstrong** – 1st Grade presents a Thanksgiving Program on November 17 in the Armstrong Auditorium at 8:30 am.
- **Bradfield** – Kindergarten through 4th grade performances celebrate Great Friends Day on November 21 in the Bradfield Gym, 8:00 am - Noon.
- **Hyer** – 2nd Grade PTA Pilgrim Day performance is at 9:00 am in the Hyer Auditorium on November 21.
ELEMENTARY MUSIC, continued
- University Park – Performances of Kindergarten through 4th grade celebrate Grandest Friends Day on November 10, 8:30 am - 11:30 am in the UP Gym.

ORCHESTRA
HPHS:
- HPHS Orchestra quartet of Mira Aravamuthan (9), Samuel Brown (10), Parker Lake (11), and Vivian Lewis (9) plays for the National Merit Semi-Finalist Lunch at the Dallas Country Club on October 3.
- The Highlander Strings’ raffle drawing of a 13” Macbook Pro takes place at the Homecoming game on October 13 in Highlander Stadium. Tickets are $5 or 5 for $20 and can be purchased from any Highlander Strings member. For further information, contact Tara Cesario at 214-780-4831.
- TMEA Region 20 HS Orchestra string auditions are October 14 at Midlothian HS – good luck! Those who advance tape for All-State Orchestra on October 28 at Booker T. Washington HSPVA; state results are announced in November. The TMEA Region Orchestra concert is November 18 at Conrad HS in Dallas.
- Highlander Strings perform a Hauntcert in costume with the MIS/HPMS Orchestra at the NorthCourt (between Nordstrom and Macy’s) in NorthPark Center on October 24 at 7:00 pm.
- HPHS Senior Orchestra members perform in the Black Light Pep Rally for parents on October 26 and for the student body pep rally on October 27.
- HPHS Orchestra students (Left to right: senior Michael Walsh and juniors Justin Liang, Michael Zhan, Richard Luo, and Angela Wu) aided in a STEAM collaboration on reading fluency in Ms. de Marrais’ 2nd grade class on September 18 at Armstrong Elementary. Ms. de Marrais wanted her 2nd graders to realize and understand how fluency in reading and one’s inflection and speed of speech correlates to the articulation and speed of music and one’s ability to recognize a song.

HPMS/MIS:
- TMEA MS Region Orchestra Auditions are October 21 at Nimitz HS. Best of luck! Students making the TMEA Region Orchestra perform on November 18 at Conrad HS in Dallas.
- MIS/HPMS Orchestras perform a Hauntcert in costume with the HPHS Highlander Strings at the NorthCourt (between Nordstrom and Macy’s) in NorthPark Center on October 24 at 7:00 pm.
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THEATRE
HPHS:
- HPHS Classic Series presents Hamlet, under the direction of Ben Stevens. Performances are November 11 at 7:00 pm and November 12 at 2:00 pm, with a November 9 matinee performance only for HPHS senior English classes, all in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium. Tickets are $5 general admission, on sale 30 minutes before each performance at the HPHS Titus Box Office.
HEATRE
HPMS:

- HPMS Playbill presents the fall play, *The Tale of Snow White*. Performances are in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium on October 19 and 21 at 7:00 pm, October 20 at 4:00 pm and October 22 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $5.

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A QUICK GLANCE AT UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS
(Read-HPHS events; Blue-HPMS/MIS events; Green – Elem events)

Concerts/Performances

**October 11**
HPHS Choirs Fall Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**October 19-22**
Oct. 19 & 21 – 7:00 pm; Oct. 20 – 4:00 pm; Oct. 22 – 2:00 pm

**October 24**
HPHS Highlander Strings & MIS/HPMS Orchestra Hauntcert – NorthCourt in NorthPark, 7:00 pm

**October 25**
MIS/HPMS Choirs Fall Concert (6-8 gds) – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**October 30**
HPHS Percussion concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm.

**November 2**
HPMS Bands Veterans concert – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**November 7**
TMEA High School Region 20 Choir concert – Dallas Baptist University

**November 10**
UP K-4th grades Grandest Friends Day performances – UP Gym, 8:30-11:30 am

**November 11**
HPHS Percussion PASIC Concert – Indianapolis, IN Convention Center, 11:00 am

**November 11 & 12**
HPHS Classic Series *Hamlet* – HPHS Palmer Auditorium (11th – 7:00 pm; 12th – 2:00 pm); Tickets-$5.

**November 17**
Armstrong 1st Grade Thanksgiving program – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:30 am
Concerts/Performances, continued  (Red-HPHS; Blue-HPMS/MIS; Green – Elementary)

**November 18**
TMEA High School/ Middle School Region 20 Orchestra concert – Conrad HS, Dallas

**November 21**
Bradfield K-4th grades Great Friends Day performances – Bradfield Gym, 8:00 am - Noon
Hyer 2nd Grade PTA Pilgrim Day performance – Hyer Auditorium, 9:00 am

Competitions/Other Events

**October 7**
HPHS Band at Midlothian Marching Showcase – Midlothian ISD Multi-Purpose Stadium

**October 14**
HS TMEA Region 20 Orchestra string auditions – Midlothian HS
HPHS Debate – St. Mark’s Heart of Texas Tournament, Dallas (Oct. 13-14)

**October 19**
HS UIL Region 20 5A Marching Band Contest – Jesse Owens Athletic Complex, Dallas

**October 21**
HPMS 7/8 Band ExtravaBANDza – HPMS, 9 am-2 pm
MS TMEA Region 20 Orchestra string auditions – Nimitz HS
HS TMEA Region 20 Choir auditions – Midlothian HS
HPHS Debate – Plano West HS tournament, Plano (Oct. 20-21)

**October 27**
HPHS BBQ with the Band – HPHS Cafeteria, 5-7 pm; take-out 4:30-6:30 pm
HPHS Blue-Out Game/HPMS Band Night – Highlander Stadium, 7:30 pm
HPHS Debate – University of North Texas, Denton (Oct. 27-28)

**October 28**
HS UIL 5A Area Marching Band Contest – Mesquite Memorial Stadium
HS TMEA Region 20 Orchestra Strings All-State Taping – Booker T. Washington HSPVA

**November 4**
MS TMEA Region 20 Choir Solo/Ensemble – Red Oak MS

**November 8**
HS UIL 5A State Marching Band Contest – Alamodome, San Antonio

**November 10-11**
Middle School TMEA Region 20 Band auditions – Kennemer MS
HPHS Debate – Hockaday Tournament

**November 14**
High School TMEA Region 20 Orchestra Winds/Percussion auditions – Duncanville HS