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 24 at MacArthur HS in Irving!

❤️ Congratulations to HPHS art students for their success at the Southwest Region Scholastic Arts and Writing Competition. Out of the 23 HPHS students who participated, 20 of them received a total of 41 awards, with 13 of those awards being the highest Gold Key award! Gold Key recipients are Karen Chen (2 golds), Ava Jahant, Gretchen Kupferschmid (3 golds), Jack Smith (3 golds), Kristin Wu (2 golds), and Grace Zhao (2 golds). Their Gold Key works automatically advance for national judging in New York, and national results will be announced on March 13.


Karen Chen – Gold Key
“The Flower Girl” (Digital Art)

Ava Jahant – Gold Key
“Fall” (Drawing & Illustration)

Gretchen Kupferschmid – Gold Key
“Lemon drops” (Photography)

Jack Smith – Gold Key
“Sinking Ship” (Painting)

Kristin Wu – Gold Key
“Crushed Water Bottle” (Drawing & Illustration)

Grace Zhao – Gold Key
“Survival of the Fittest” (Drawing & Illus.)
Three HPHS art/photography students’ pieces have been selected into Young American Talent, a juried art competition and exhibition for North Texas high school students! Congratulations to: Gretchen Kupferschmid (12) - “Fried Egg” (colored pencil); Zandt Lavish (11) - “Twisted Metal” (white charcoal); and Elle Meneghetti (12) – “Migration” (citro-solve transfers and digital aspects) and “Dream” (photography, ink, and digital aspects). Their work will be on display from February 26 – March 21 in El Centro College’s H. Paxton Moore Fine Art Gallery in downtown Dallas, 801 S. Main Street. A reception and awards ceremony will be held on March 21 from 6-8 pm at the Gallery.

Area band auditions were held on January 13 at Duncanville HS. Congratulations to the eight HP band members who made the TMEA All-State Band: Sophia Brinkman (10)-flute; Charlie Conner (11)-euphonium; Peter Davies (11)-oboe; Nathan Denman (11)-clarinet; Maisey Martinez (11)-clarinet; Aaron Pathak (12)-bass clarinet; Madison Triplett (11)-bassoon, and Elena Wang (10)-flute! This is the 3rd year for Peter to make All-State Band and the 2nd year for Aaron, Charlie and Madison to make All-State Band! All eight will participate in the All-State rehearsals at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention in the San Antonio Convention Center on February 14-17, performing on Saturday, February 17 in the Lila Cockrell Theater.

The HPHS Jazz Band Concert is February 22 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria.

Good luck at UIL HS Band Solo/Ensemble on March 3 at DeSoto HS.

HPHS/HPMS Night of Percussion concert is March 5 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium at 7:00 pm.

Highlander Band travels to Los Angeles on March 15-19, visiting various sites and participating in a professional studio recording in the Soundstage Instrumental portion of the Disney Workshop in Disneyland.

Seventy-four 7th and 8th grade band members from the HPMS Honor and Symphonic Bands competed against over 1,100 students at the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band auditions at Kennemer MS on November 10-11, and 30 HPMS students made one of the All-Region Bands! Congratulations to the following 12 students for earning a chair in the top All-Region Honor Band:

- **Flute**: Sally Dai, Ava Mitchell; **Bassoon**: Vincenzo Guandolo-2nd chair; **Alto Sax**: Julius Lee-4th chair;
- **Trumpet**: Merrick Ellison-3rd chair, Brandon Luk, Ava White-5th chair; **French Horn**: Spencer Dalton-2nd chair;
- **Euphonium**: Jared Hart-1st chair; **Percussion**: Kate Mader, Ford Manley, Gavin Monk-3rd chair.

Congratulations to these 18 students for making one of the other All-Region Bands:


All of these students performed on the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Bands concert on December 2 at Duncanville High School.

HPMS holds a Solo/Ensemble Festival for its 7th & 8th Grade Band students at HPMS on March 3.

HPMS/HPHS Night of Percussion concert is March 5 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium at 7:00 pm.
Area choir auditions were held on January 13 at Midway HS in Waco. Congratulations to the following five HP Choir members for making one of the TMEA All-State Choirs!

**All-State Mixed Choir**: Gracie Nunneley (12)-Soprano 2, 3rd chair.

**All-State Treble Choir**: Cailin Jordan (12)-Soprano 1, 7th chair; Lily Wu (12)-Alto 2, 4th chair; Apsaline Douglas (11)-Alto 2, 8th chair.

**All-State Tenor-Bass Choir**: Brennan Davis (11)-Tenor 2, 5th chair.

This is the 3rd year for Cailin to make All-State Choir and the 2nd year for Gracie to make All-State Choir! These five will participate in the All-State rehearsals at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention on February 14-17, performing on Saturday, February 17 in the San Antonio Convention Center Stars at Night Ballroom. Concert times are: All-State Mixed Choir at noon; All-State Treble Choir at 3:45 pm.; All-State Tenor-Bass Choir at 5:30 pm.

Mary Berryman (12) and Adam Davidson (12) also competed well at Area choir auditions. Congratulations to all!

HPHS Choir members performed at UIL HS Choir Solo/Ensemble competition on February 3 at Townview HS. 41 members were awarded Superior (1st Division) ratings! Best of luck to those going to State!

Congratulations to the following 30 soloists for achieving Superior Ratings on Class I solos, qualifying for UIL State Solo/Ensemble in Austin in May: **Seniors**- Mary Berryman, Adam Davidson, Claire Hockett, Katie Krasovec, Megan Liu, Sofia McGuire, Riley Stafford, Lily Wu; **Juniors**- Apsaline Douglas, Ryan Douglass, Ashley Eakin, Lucy Gruber, Sophie Hung, Eden Kent, Bryn Klingaman, Emma Lindwall, Emily McKeithen, Abby Ott, Jordan Pierce, Skylar Wilson; **Sophomores**- Bella Gumucio, William Jackman III, Caroline Massey, Peyton Saylor, Karen Shirley, Meg Thornton; **Freshmen**- Jennifer Clementson, Emilie Hong, Meredith Winford, Matthew Winters.

Congratulations to the following 11 soloists for receiving Superior Ratings on Class 2 or 3 solos: **Sophomores**- Emily Berryman, Mary Caffey, Torie Ewer, Hope Jin, Alie Lavish, Cassie McIntosh, Claudia Smith; **Freshmen**- Leila Gottlieb, Ayaha Hariyama, Elie Harmon, Alexander Miller.

HPHS Choirs present a mid-winter concert on March 1 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

Lads & Lassies and Women’s Select choir members traveled to Florida on January 19-22 and participated in Disney Sing, a part of the Disney Performing Arts Workshop in Disneyworld, where they experienced a professional soundtrack recording session. They not only sang but recorded voiceovers for animated characters, and they also learned audition skills and Disney choreography for choral risers.

Congratulations to the following 19 students for making one of the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Choirs! Students auditioned on January 20 at YWLA Arnold MS. Congratulations to:

**Region Mixed Choir (7/8 grade)** – Mia Goldammer, Jed Graham, Evan Huang, Callie Seabolt, Yana Spitzer, Ella Steed.

**Region Treble Choir (7/8 grade)** – Isabella Acosta, Molly Hammond, Savannah Hembree, Meghan McCutchan, Anabelle Sartain.

**6th Grade Honor Choir** – Peony Anand, Jenna Bowen, Ava Grace Daughtery, Keelan Hay, Celia Pedrosa Noguera, Emory Rhodes, Camryn Seabolt, Sophia Westerheide. All of these students perform at the TMEA Middle School All-Region Choir concert on February 10 at Nimitz High School.

HPMS Choir gives a Pre-UIL concert on February 21 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 27-28 (non-varsity) at Midlothian HS and March 1-2 (varsity) at Greiner Arts Academy. Best of luck to the HPMS Choirs; HP’s UIL performance day/time has not yet been announced.
**HPHS DANCE**

- After a rigorous tryout process in December, led by third-party independent judges, 16 new team members were added to the 2018-19 Highland Belles drill team roster. The 2018-19 squad will total 58 members plus any additional managers added by the Directors. The new Highland Belles have begun their workout and off-season training alongside the current Belle team. Their first team performance will be featured in late spring.

  Congratulations to:

  **Front row:** Nina Wheat, Meredith Sims, Annabelle Ogden, Daryn Rowlett, Emerson Mason. **Middle row:** Lauren Pettle, Audrey Stone, Elle Compton, Hilary Hansford, Barrett Groves, Hannah Stone. **Back row:** Bailey Eubanks, Mary Margaret Ramey, Lauren Stevenson, Cierra Reed, Isabella Hughes.

- Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Highland Belles Lieutenants! They are (left to right) Talle Olsen, Brooke Marvel, Grace Dodd, Kate Kilpatrick and Riley Cheek. They will take the field in their white fringe for the first time in August at a Scots football game.

- You’re invited to the Highland Belles Competition Showcase on February 7 at 5:00 pm in the HPHS Main Gym.

**HPHS DEBATE**

- Congratulations to the HPHS Debate team for sweeping 1st, 2nd, and 4th places at the UIL District 15-5A Cross Examination Debate competition on January 11 at North Forney HS: 1st place – Enayat Kapadia (11) and Ethan Muse (10); 2nd place – Jenny Feng (11) and Alexis Mungioli (12); 4th place – Mark Lam (10) and Gary Thomas (12)! Enayat Kapadia was awarded top speaker of the meet! The first and second place teams now advance to the UIL State 5A CX Debate meet on March 16-17 – best of luck!

- Congratulations to the team of Enayat Kapadia and Ethan Muse for securing 3rd place at the Montgomery Bell Academy tournament in Nashville on January 7-9! This is considered one of the most competitive national tournaments of the year and is even more impressive considering that this team is made up of a sophomore and junior, competing against predominately seniors. Congratulations!

- Congratulations to the team of Enayat Kapadia and Ethan Muse for capturing 2nd place at the Colleyville-Heritage HS Winter Invitational tournament on February 2-3. Ethan was awarded 4th overall speaker in the varsity division! By advancing this far, they also earned their 2nd and qualifying bid to the Tournament of Champions in Kentucky on April 28-30. Congratulations!

- The debate team competed at the Creekview Invitational on December 2. In Extemporaneous Speaking, Rowan Hegarty (11) advanced to semifinals. In addition, the public forum team of sophomores Kristin Wu and Anjali Patel placed 9th overall. Congratulations to all!

- Upcoming tournaments: Jesuit College Prep – February 9-10; UIL State CX Debate in Austin – March 16-17; UIL District Academics (LD Debate & Speech events) hosted at HPHS – March 24.

**ELEMENTARIES**

**Bradfield Art/Music**

- Bradfield Open House is March 8: Art Show (K-4) is from 4:30-6:00 pm in the Bradfield Cafeteria, and the Music Composition Showcase (K-4) is from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Bradfield Auditorium.

**Hyer Music**

- Hyer’s 1st Grade PTA Valentine performance is February 13 at 9:00 am in the Hyer Auditorium.
**ORCHESTRA**

**HPHS**

- Congratulations to Richard Luo (11) for making the TMEA All-State String Orchestra! Richard is the first HPHS orchestra member to make an All-State orchestra since 2012 and the first to make All-State on violin since 2007. He travels to San Antonio to participate in the All-State rehearsals at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention in the San Antonio Convention Center on February 14-17. The All-State String Orchestra performs on Saturday, February 17 at 2:00 pm in the Lila Cockrell Theater.

- Congratulations to the following HPHS Orchestra students for achieving a total of 50 First Division (Superior) Rating medals at the UIL HS Orchestra Solo/Ensemble competition on January 27. Students who qualified for UIL State Solo/Ensemble are eligible to compete in May at UT-Austin.

  **First Division Rating Solos that qualified for UIL State S/E:** Violin - Mira Aravamuthan, JP Berry, Madeline Davis, Richard Luo, Angela Wu; Viola - Anjana Rathian; Cello - Justin Liang; Bass - Ben Genender.

  **First Division Rating Solos:** Violin - Patrick Bahr, Lily Derr, Emily Niemeyer, Emelia Pagano, Sarah Schwartz, Grace Teffaha, Marisa Tiscareno, Scotlyn Wells, Raymond Zou; Viola – Jeffrey Copeland, Truman Dolder, Mariyam Siddiqui, Michael Zhan; Cello – Riley Dittrich, Ron Short, Elle Thompson; Bass – Yousef Hashmi.

  **First Division Rating Ensembles that qualified for UIL State S/E:** String Quartet - Mira Aravamuthan, Matteo Cordray, Ava Crofford, Tristan Ryan; String Quartet – Grayson Gale, Anjan Rathian, Michael Tran, Emily Zhong; String Quartet – Justin Liang, Richard Luo, Angela Wu, Michael Zhan.

  **First Division Rating Ensembles:** String Septet – Tristan Brown, Madeline Davis, Lindsey Haag, Addy Kemp, Cameron Laurie, Sophie Terraciano-Spence, Elle Thompson; String Sextet – Angela Chang, Truman Dolder, Ayaha Hariyama, Bella LaCosta, Caroline Turner, Daniel Writer.

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

**THEATRE**

**HPHS**

- PreUIL workshops for the HPMS Orchestras are February 22 (Philharmonic Orchestra) and February 23 (Honor Orchestra) in the HPMS Auditorium, 3:15-6:30 pm. These are in preparation for UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest, scheduled for March 6-8 at Nimitz HS. Best of luck to the HPMS Orchestras; HP’s UIL performance day/time has not yet been announced.

- Congratulations to Will Giese, who represents HPHS at the 30th Annual Dallas Branch of the English-Speaking Union’s Shakespeare Competition on February 24, 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. Best of luck!

- Highland Park travels to Wylie East HS on March 7 for the UIL District 15 Speaking contest. Good luck to our one-act members as they perform a shortened version of **33 Variations**, by Moisés Kaufman. 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 at Sulphur Springs HS. The three advancing plays from Bi-District will then advance to UIL Area One-Act Play on March 30 at Flower Mound HS. Best of luck!

- HPHS attended the State Thespian Festival at the Gaylord Convention Center on November 15-18. Ryan Douglass (11) and Christine Schliehuber (10) received a superior rating for their musical duet and qualified for national competition. Evan Carr (10) received an excellent rating for his musical solo. Ryan Douglass was also selected to the All State Cast and performed with Mamie Paris (currently starring as Grizabella in Cats on Broadway) in the closing ceremony of the festival in front of all 8,000 delegates. Only 25 students were selected for the All State cast from all schools in Texas. And Mr. Stevens was awarded the “Above and Beyond Director” award for his contribution to the State Festival. Congratulations to all!

**HPMS**

- HPMS Honors Drama presents the one-act play **The Struggles** by Kendra Thomas on February 15 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium. This award-winning poignant drama is about coping with dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. Cost is free.
**Upcoming Fine Arts Events**

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

**Concerts/Performances**

- **February 7**
  HPHS Highland Belles Competition Showcase – HPHS Main Gym, 5:00 pm

- **February 8**
  Bradfield Open House: Art Show – Bradfield Cafeteria, 4:30-6:00 pm
  Music Composition Showcase – Bradfield Auditorium, 5:00-6:00 pm

- **February 10**
  TMEA Region 20 MS All-Region Choir Concert – Nimitz HS

- **February 13**
  Hyer 1st Grade PTA Valentines Performance – Hyer Auditorium, 9:00 am

- **February 15**
  HPMS Honors Drama presents *The Struggles* – HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm. No admission cost.

- **February 17**
  TMEA High School All-State concerts – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio

- **February 21**
  HPMS Choir Pre-UIL Concert – HPMS Auditorium, 6:00 pm

- **February 22**
  HPHS Jazz Band Concert – HPHS Cafeteria, 7:00 pm

- **March 1**
  HPHS Choirs Mid-Winter Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

- **March 5**
  HPHS/HPMS Night of Percussion concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**Competitions/Other Events**

- **February 9-10**
  HPHS Debate – Jesuit College Prep

- **February 22 & 23**
  HPMS Orchestras Pre-UIL Workshops - HPMS Auditorium, 3:15-6:30 pm

- **February 24**
  HPHS Art at TAEA’s Regional VASE Art Competition – MacArthur HS
  Dallas Area English-Speaking Union’s Shakespeare competition – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 9 am – Noon

- **February 27-28, March 1-2**
  UIL Middle School Choir Concert/Sightreading contest – Day/time TBA

- **March 3**
  UIL HS Band Solo/Ensemble contest – DeSoto HS

- **March 6-8**
  UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest – Nimitz HS; Day/time TBA

- **March 7**
  UIL District 15-5A One-Act Play – Wylie East HS; HPHS performs *33 Variations* at 10 am