Achievements/Honors…

HPHS ART

15 students of Ms. Bollman and Ms. Draper participated in the Texas Art Education Association's Regional Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) competition on Saturday, February 24 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. All 15 students received the top score of IV on 23 pieces overall! 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 San Marcos HS in San Marcos on April 27-28!

Congratulations and best of luck to these state-bound students: Sophia Chung (9), Gretchen Kupferschmid (12), Zandt Lavish (11), and Grace Zhao (11)! Their artwork is shown below.

Congratulations to all 15 students earning a superior IV rating (“2” signifies two pieces receiving the top IV rating): Grace Adams, Charlotte Bond, Emma Bruner, Sophia Chung, Grace Dodd, Caroline Ellis-2, Ava Jahant-2, Finn Jent-2, Gretchen Kupferschmid-2, Zandt Lavish-2, Kristin Wu-2, Sally Wyma-2, Ashley Xie, Kexin Zhang-2, and Grace Zhao.

“Chemistry” - Sophia Chung
“Drips” - Gretchen Kupferschmid
“Summer Picnic” - Gretchen Kupferschmid

“The Face of Anguish” - Zandt Lavish
“Unstrung” - Zandt Lavish
“Watch Your Step” - Grace Zhao
**HPISD BAND**

**HPHS:**

- Congratulations to Peter Davies (11) for winning first place in the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra (GDYO) concerto competition! He performed his winning selection, Mozart’s “Oboe Concerto in C Major (K.314), 1st movement-Allegro aperto,” with the GDYO orchestra on March 4 at the Meyerson Symphony Center.

- 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.

- HPHS Bands Pre-UIL concert is April 5 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

- UIL High School Band Concert/Sightreading contest is April 17-19 at Waxahachie HS; day/times to be announced.

**HPMS:**

- UIL Middle School Band Concert/Sightreading contest is scheduled for April 18-20 (non-varsity bands) at Cedar Hill HS and April 24-26 (varsity bands) in Red Oak; day/times to be announced.

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**HPISD CHOIR**

**HPHS:**

- The following five HS Choir students were selected through audition to be in one of the Honor Choirs at the Southwestern American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) convention in Oklahoma City, March 7-10. Congratulations to Adam Davidson (12), Bryn Klingaman (11), Skylar Wilson (11) and Lily Wu (12) for making the 11-12 Mixed Honor Choir, and to Emilie Hong (9) for making the 8-10 Women’s Honor Choir! They participate in three days of clinics with renowned clinicians/conductors then have concert performances on March 10.

- UIL High School Choir Concert/Sightreading contest is at Duncanville HS on April 3-6, day/times to be announced.

**HPMS:**

- Congratulations to the HPMS 7th/8th Grade Treble Choir for earning Sweepstakes, receiving a superior rating from all three judges for both concert and sightreading at the UIL Middle School Choir Concert/Sightreading Contest on March 2 at Greiner MS!

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**HPISD DANCE**

**HPHS:**

- 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 17 at Timber Creek High School in Keller! The judges also selected the Belles as Grand Champions within the Super Team Category, winning contemporary, jazz, kick and pom. The Belles were also awarded honors for technique, choreography, precision, and performance quality. Other final results include Showcase Elite Team, Super Sweepstakes Team, High Point Award for Team Kick, Winner in Lieutenant Jazz, Winner of Large Ensemble, three Senior Solo finalists, one Senior Solo semi-finalist, and two Junior Solo finalists.

- The Belles travel to Orlando, Florida on March 2-6. Best of luck as they compete at the Contest of Champions National Competition on March 3 at Disney World.
**HPISD DEBATE/SPEECH**

- Best of luck to the two teams of Enayat Kapadia (11) and Ethan Muse (10) & Jenny Feng (11) and Alexis Mungioli (12) as they compete at UIL State 5A Cross-Examination Debate on March 16-17 at UT-Austin!
- HPHS hosts the UIL District 15-5A Academics meet on March 22-24. Good luck to our students competing in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Informative/Persuasive Speaking, and Poetry/Prose Interpretation on March 24. Students earning 1st–6th places advance to the UIL Region Academics meet on April 13-14 at Prosper HS.
- Possible upcoming debates: National Debate Coaches Association (NDCA) National Championship in Atlanta, GA – April 14-16; Earth Day Debates in the Cotton Bowl, Fair Park – April 21; Tournament of Champions at the University of Kentucky – April 30-May 2.

**ELEMENTARY**

**Armstrong**

- Armstrong 3rd Grade musical public performance is March 8 at 8:30 am in the Armstrong Auditorium. Performances for Armstrong students are: 2nd & 4th grades on March 6 at 2:10 pm; K & 1st grades on March 7 at 8:15 am.

**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.

**HPISD FINE ARTS**

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

- March 25: HPHS One-Act Play *The Actor's Nightmare* and HPHS Fine Arts Dance – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 2:00 pm
- March 26: MIS/HPMS/HPHS Choral Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- March 27: MIS/HPMS/HPHS Instrumental Concert – HPHS Main Gym, 7:00 pm
- March 27: District Art Show – Linda Raya Stage, HPHS Palmer Auditorium, noon – 3:30 pm
- March 28: District Art Show – Linda Raya Stage, HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 8 am – 3:30 pm

**HPISD ORCHESTRA**

**HPHS**

- UIL High School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest is scheduled for April 4-5 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 Nimitz HS: HPMS Philharmonic Orchestra - March 7 at 9:50 am; HPMS Honor Orchestra - March 8 at 3:00 pm.

**HPISD THEATRE**

**HPHS**

- Congratulations to Will Giese (12) for capturing 3rd place in the 30th Annual Dallas Branch of the English-Speaking Union’s Shakespeare Competition that was held on February 24 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
- Highland Park travels to Wylie East HS on March 7 for the UIL District 15-5A One-Act Play contest. Good luck to our one-act members as they perform the comedy *The Actor's Nightmare*, by Christopher Durang. 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 Senior Play is *If Today is the First Day of the Rest of My Life, I’m in Real Trouble*, a comedy by James L. Seay, on April 12-13 at 7:00 pm and April 14-15 at 2:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium. Tickets are $5 general admission, on sale in the HPHS Titus Box Office 30 minutes before each performance.
HPISD THEATRE, continued

HPMS: HPMS performs the musical *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* on April 26-29. 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**
Armstrong 3rd Grade Musical – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:30 am
Bradfield Open House (K-4) – Art Show in Bradfield Cafeteria, 4:30-6:00 pm;
Music Composition Showcase in Bradfield Auditorium, 5:00-6:00 pm

**March 10**
Southwestern ACDA Honor Choir Concerts – Oklahoma City, OK

**March 25**
Highlander Festival HPHS One-Act Play *The Actor’s Nightmare* and HPHS Fine Arts Dance – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 2:00 pm

**March 26**
Highlander Festival Choral Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**March 27**
Highlander Festival District Art Show – Linda Raya Stage in HPHS Palmer Auditorium, Noon-3:30 pm
Highlander Festival Instrumental Concert – HPHS Main Gym, 7:00 pm

**March 28**
Highlander Festival District Art Show – Linda Raya Stage in HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

**April 5**
HPHS Bands Pre-UIL concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**April 12-15**
HPHS Senior Play *If Today is the First Day of the Rest of My Life, I’m in Real Trouble* – HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
$5 admission. Thursday & Friday – 7:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday – 2:00 pm.

**April 26-29**
HPMS musical *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* – 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 2-6**
HPHS Belles Spring Trip – Orlando, FL

**March 7**
UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest – Nimitz HS; HPMS Philharmonic Orchestra at 9:50 am
UIL District 15-5A One-Act Play contest – Wylie East HS, HPHS at 10:00 am

**March 8**
UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest – Nimitz HS; HPMS Honor Orchestra at 3:00 pm

**March 15-19**
HPHS Band Spring Trip – Los Angeles, CA

**March 16-17**
HPHS Debate – UIL State CX Debate competition, UT in Austin

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

**April 3-6**
UIL High School Choir Concert/Sightreading contest – Duncanville HS, day/times TBA

**April 4-5**
UIL High School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest – Nimitz HS, day/times TBA

**April 14-16**
HPHS Debate – NDCA National Championship in Atlanta, GA

**April 17-19**
UIL High School Band Concert/Sightreading contest – Waxahachie HS; day/times TBA

**April 18-20**
UIL Middle School Band Non-Varsity Concert/Sightreading contest – Cedar Hill HS; day/times TBA

**April 21**
HPHS Debate – Earth Day Debates in Cotton Bowl, Fair Park

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

**April 27-28**
HPHS Art students compete at State VASE competition – San Marco HS, San Marcos