Achievements/Honors

ART

Congratulations to HPHS senior Gretchen Kupferschmid for winning a National Gold Medal for “Drips,” in the Drawing & Illustration category! 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 7 in Carnegie Hall.

Congratulations to Ben Reynolds (9) for winning 2nd place in the 9th-12th grade category of DART’s annual art contest! There were 1,157 total individual entries this year.

The HPHS Senior Art Show is April 12 from 6:45-8:30 pm at the Zhen Music & Art Institute on 4901 West Lovers Lane in Dallas.

Best of luck to our HPHS art students competing at Texas Education Association’s State Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VAE). Sophia Chung (9), Gretchen Kupferschmid (12), Zandt Lavish (11), and Grace Zhao (11) travel to San Marcos HS in San Marcos on April 27-28.

HPISD:

Congratulations to the following students whose artwork was chosen from the 2018 Highlander Festival District Art Show to be displayed in several locations through April of 2019.


In UP Library: Armstrong — Gracie Kong; Bradfield — Charlotte Gerstle; Hyer — Nora Jennings; UP — Luke Roberts; MIS — Charlotte McCoy; HPMS — Lauren Lee; HPHS — Tabor Blake.

In UP City Hall: Armstrong — David Xiao; Bradfield — Harrison Barden; Hyer — Hooper Cullison; UP — Woolf Lewin; MIS — Sona Foley; HPMS — Alison Zou; HPHS — Caroline Morton.

BAND

HPHS:

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

Best of luck to the HPHS Bands as they perform at UIL High School Band Concert/Sightreading on April 18 at Duncanville HS: Symphonic Band - 2:00 pm; Wind Symphony – 5:15 pm.

HPHS Band’s Spring Concert is May 18 at 5:30 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium. The band banquet follows the concert in the HPHS Cafeteria.

MIS/HPMS:

Best of luck to the HPMS Bands as they compete at UIL Middle School Band Concert/Sightreading contest as follows: Symphonic Band - April 19 at 4:30 pm at Cedar Hill HS; Honor Band - April 26 at 10:00 am at Red Oak HS.

MIS/HPMS Bands present a Spring Concert on May 14 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 3 - Concert Women at 9:00 am; Women’s Select at 10:40 am. April 5 – Lads & Concert Men at 9:00 am; Lassies at 10:40 am; Lads & Lassies at 12:00 pm. The HPHS Choirs spring concert is May 11 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 9 at 7:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

**HPHS DANCE**

The Highland Belles traveled to Orlando, Florida on March 2-6, competing at the Contest of Champions National Competition on March 3 at Walt Disney World. In the Extra-Large Team Category, the Belles were awarded National Grand Champion as well as First Place in Pom, Jazz, Kick, and Contemporary! In the overall scoring of teams, the Belles placed 12th out of a total of 88 teams, earning the following: 6th place Pom out of 36 entries; 6th place Kick out of 17 entries; 19th place Contemporary out of 43 entries; 16th place Jazz out of 59 entries; and the Choreography Award for Pom. Congratulations on a successful year!

Grab your friends and join the Highland Belles for four fun-filled days of dance! Camp is open to dancers entering K-9th grades. Practice technique, learn dances, and prepare for a special performance on the last day. No prior dance training is required.

When: June 4-7, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Where: HPHS Gyms
Cost: $185
Register at: highlandbelles.org
Early registration pricing is available through May 1.

**HPHS DEBATE/SPEECH**

Congratulations to the team of Enayat Kapadia (11) and Ethan Muse (10) for capturing 3rd place & the team of Jenny Feng (11) and Alexis Mungioli (12) for taking 6th place at UIL State 5A Cross-Examination Debate on March 16-17 at UT-Austin! Ethan Muse was awarded 3rd speaker overall! This is a major feat for HPHS in a very competitive field at State. It is seldom that two teams from the same school capture two of the coveted six places at CX State – congratulations!

Congratulations to Kristin Wu (10) for placing 4th in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Ray Tubbs (12) for taking 6th place in Prose Interpretation at the UIL District 15-5A Academics meet held on March 24 at HPHS!

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 MUSIC**

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

**Bradfield**
- 2nd Grade gives a Fine Arts presentation at the Spring PTA meeting on April 17 at 8:15 am in the Bradfield Auditorium.

**Hyer**
- Hyer celebrates Grandfriends Day on April 13 from 8:15-noon in the Hyer Auditorium.
- 4th Grade musical performance is on May 25 at 10:30 am in the Hyer Gym.

**University Park**
- UP International Day features student dancing in the UP Gym on April 20:
  - 1st grade - 6:30 pm;
  - 2nd grade - 6:45 pm;
  - 3rd grade - 7:00 pm; and
  - 4th grade - 7:15 pm.

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**ORCHESTRA**

**HPHS:**
- Best of luck to the Highlander Strings as they perform at UIL High School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading at Nimitz HS: April 4 - Symphonietta Orchestra at 10:30 am; April 5 - Symphony Orchestra at 11:00 am.
- Highlander Strings welcomes all incoming orchestra freshmen with a social the morning of May 12 in the HPHS Orchestra Room.
- Highlander Strings spring concert is May 22 at 6:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium. The banquet follows the concert in the HPHS Cafeteria.

**MIS/HPMS:**
- MIS/HPMS Honor and Philharmonic Orchestras each received a Sweepstakes trophy at UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest on March 7 and 8 at Nimitz HS, with both groups receiving First Division ratings from all six judges. Congratulations!
- MIS/HPMS Orchestras spring concert is May 17 at 7:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

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**THEATRE**

**HPHS:**
- Congratulations to seniors Jennings Humphries and Sydney Favors for making All-Star Cast in HPHS’ performance of *The Actor’s Nightmare* at UIL District 15-5A One-Act Play on March 7 at Wylie East HS. Cast and crew of the HPHS’ 2018 one-act play: Sydney Favors, Jennings Humphries, Olivia McDonagh (11), Emily McKeithen (11), Sarah McNeely (9), Christine Schlehuber (10), Karen Shirley (10), Luke Sobolevitch (11), and Jace Tucker (12).

**MIS/HPMS:**
- MIS/HPMS performs *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.* on April 26-29. Timothy Allen McDonald wrote the musical adaptation of a story by Roald Dahl, with music and lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. This adventurous musical about courage and self-discovery is being directed by special guest director Megan Kelly Bates while under the music direction of Katie McDaniel. This 75-minute musical includes 116 MIS/HPMS cast/crew members. 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 and go on sale beginning April 24 during lunch (10:30 am-1:00 pm) in the HPMS Cafeteria or 30 minutes prior to each performance in the auditorium foyer.

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Newsletter by Susan Cruz

Final installment for '17-'18 is May 1
**Upcoming Fine Arts Events**

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

**Concerts/Performances**

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

**April 13**
Hyer celebrates *Grandfriends Day* – Hyer Auditorium, 8:15 am - noon

**April 17**
Bradfield 2nd Grade presents *Fine Arts Presentation* at Spring PTA meeting – Bradfield Auditorium, 8:15 am

**April 20**
UP International Day student dancing – UP Gym.  1st gd-6:30 pm; 2nd gd-6:45 pm; 3rd gd-7:00 pm; 4th gd-7:15 pm

**April 26-29**
MIS/HPMS musical *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.* – MIS/HPMS Auditorium.  $5 admission.  
   Thursday – 7:00 pm; Friday – 4:00 pm; Saturday – 7:00 pm; Sunday – 2:00 pm

**May 4**
Armstrong Kindergarten *musical program* – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:30 am

**May 9**
MIS/HPMS Raider Choirs spring concert – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**May 11**
HPHS Choirs Spring concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 6:30 pm. Banquet follows in the HPHS Cafeteria.

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MIS/HPMS Bands spring concert – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 6:30 pm

**May 17**
MIS/HPMS Orchestras spring concert – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**May 18**
HPHS Bands spring concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 5:30 pm. Banquet follows in the HPHS Cafeteria.

**May 22**
HPHS Highlander Strings spring concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 6:30 pm. Banquet follows in the HPHS Cafeteria.

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

**May 25**
Hyer 4th Grade musical performance – Hyer Gym, 10:30 am
Competitions/Other Events

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UIL High School Choir Concert/Sightreading contest – Duncanville HS.
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   April 5: Lads & Concert Men - 9:00 am; Lassies - 10:40 am; Lads & Lassies - 12:00 pm.

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   HPHS Symphonietta Orchestra – April 4 at 10:30 am; HPHS Symphony Orchestra – April 5 at 11:00 am.

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   HPHS Symphonic Band - 2:00 pm; HPHS Wind Symphony - 5:15 pm.

April 19, 26
UIL Middle School Band Concert/Sightreading contest:
   HPM Symphonic Band on 4/19 at 4:30 pm – Cedar Hill HS; HPM Honor Band on 4/26 at 10:00 am - Red Oak HS.

April 27-28
HPHS Art winners at State VASE contest – San Marcos HS, San Marcos

April 30-May 2
HPHS Debate – Tournament of Champions at University of Kentucky

June 4 - 7
HPHS Belles Junior Belle Summer Dance Camp for K-9th gds - HPHS Gyms, 1:00-4:00 pm each day (must register)