Achievements/Honors…

**BAND**

**HPHS:**

- Congratulations to Robby Triplett (11) for earning 1st chair alto saxophone and Ben Olness (12) for making 3rd chair trombone at the TMEA Region 20 Jazz auditions on September 15 in Waxahachie! Both Robby and Ben advanced to Area, recording their auditions for TMEA State Jazz that will be judged later this month. All-State Jazz Band members will be announced in early November. The TMEA Region 20 Jazz Band concert is November 17 in Waxahachie.

- Congratulations to the HP Drum Line for taking 1st place in the A Standstill Division II-White classification at the Plano Drumline Competition on September 22 at Plano Senior High, receiving Best Snares, Best Tenors, and Best Front Ensemble! Juniors Nick Chang (snare drum) and Zack Shawver (multi-tenor) also earned second place for their original solos. HP Drum Line will compete next at the Lone Star Classic Competition on November 10 at Marcus HS Stadium – best of luck!

- Congratulations to the HPHS Band for taking 2nd place in the finals of the Midlothian Marching Showcase on September 29, capturing Best Marching and Best Percussion! The band took first place in the 3A classification prelims.

- Good luck to the Highlander Band as they compete at the following: McKinney Marching Invitational at the new McKinney ISD Stadium on October 13 at 1:30 pm; UIL 5A Region Marching Contest on October 18 at Kincaide Stadium in Dallas at 3:00 pm; and Duncanville Marching Invitational on October 20 at Duncanville’s Panther Stadium (time TBA).

- BBQ with the Band is November 2 from 5–7 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria; take-out can be picked up from 4:30-6:30 in the front of HPHS on Emerson. Tickets are $10 each and food is Sonny Bryan’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-grill and Yeti, and Glad for Plaid. Don’t forget that November 2 is also the Blue Out game in Highlander Stadium, so wear your Blue Out shirt!

- Good luck to band members as they audition for TMEA Region Orchestra (winds/percussion) on November 13. Those who make Region Orchestra will perform on December 1 at Nimitz HS.

**HPMS/MIS:**

- 7/8 band students attend ExtravaBANDza, a Region Band clinic, on October 20 at HPMS, 9 am-12:30.

- HPMS Raider Band performs at the “Blue Out” HPHS/Lancaster football game on November 2 in Highlander Stadium.

- HPMS 7/8 Bands present a Veterans concert on November 7 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.

- TMEA All-Region Middle School Band auditions are November 9-10 at Kennemer MS in Duncanville ISD. Students making the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band perform on December 1 at Duncanville HS. Best of luck!
**BAND**

**HPMS, continued**

- The Mark of Excellence is a national competition, sponsored by the Foundation for Music Education, where HS and MS bands, choirs, and orchestras submit their best recording from the spring semester to be judged and ranked by nationally renowned adjudicators. The top 25% of entrants are recognized as National Winners, with the second 25% named as Commended Winners. 279 musical ensembles from 38 states entered, and congratulations to the HPMS Honor Band for earning the distinction of being named a Commended Winner in Class AA. Congratulations!

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**CHOIR**

**HPHS**

- TMEA HS Choir All-District auditions were held on September 22 at DeSoto HS. 29 HPHS choir students made the District Choir and will be advancing to the TMEA HS Region 20 Choir auditions on October 20 at Waxahachie HS. Congratulations to 9 HPHS students who were ranked 1st through 5th chair, as noted next to their names.

**2018 District Choir - Soprano 1:** Skylar Wilson-1st chair, Sophie Hung-3rd chair, Victoria Cura, Carmen Sarfatis, Abby Ott. **Soprano 2:** Karen Shirley-1st chair, Emilie Hong, Meredith Winford, Meg Thornton, Allie Lavish. **Alto 1:** Bella Giumucio-4th chair, Juliet Allen. **Alto 2:** Apsaline Douglas-1st chair, Leila Gottlieb-3rd chair, Bryn Klingaman-4th chair, Cal Seabolt, Cassie McIntosh, Lilly Nussbaum. **Tenor 1:** Ryan Douglass-5th chair, Carrington Aytes, Colby Hopkins, Andrew Ewing. **Tenor 2:** Brennan Davis-4th chair, Will Marshall, Alexander Miller, Matthew Winters, JP Berry, Yutong Wang. **Bass 2:** Hudson Richey. Congratulations and good luck at Region! These students perform at the TMEA Region 20 Choir concert on November 13 at Dallas Baptist University.

- HPHS Choirs thank everyone for supporting their Pre-Game Fiesta Dinner on September 28. Special thanks to their raffle basket donors: Art Expo Frame Store, AT&T Performing Arts Center, Bandito’s, Bittano, Breadwinners Café and Bakery, Cool Corks, Cotton Island, Cowboy Chicken, Draper James, Eleven Wellness, Guaranteed Fitness, Haggar, Hudson House Restaurant, Larc Salon, Lisa’s Lashes, Luxury on Lovers Day Spa, Meso Maya, Mi Golondrina, Mister Tuxedo, Nonna Restaurant, Pogo’s Wine and Spirit, Prestonwood Country Club, Renew Beauty and Med Spa & Salon, rise, Rodan + Fields Sample House, Sachet Restaurant, Spa810, Susie Cakes, Taco Deli, Tiff’s Treats, and Top Golf.

- The HPHS Choirs fall concert is October 17 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

- HPHS Choir hosts the TMEA Pre-Area Choir auditions at HPHS on November 27.

**HPMS/MIS**

- MIS/HPMS Choirs (6-8) Fall Concert is October 22 at 7:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

- TMEA Region 20 Middle School 6th-8th Grade Choir auditions are November 3 at Irving HS. The TMEA MS All-Region Choir concert is December 8 at Coleman JH, Waxahachie. Good luck!
The Highland Belles Lieutenants recently performed at the Encore Creative Productions Officer Camp in Frisco, Texas. The camp, at the Frisco Convention Center, is designed for the top officers of drill teams and renowned for its instruction on leadership, technique, and custom halftime routines. After a rigorous and rewarding camp, the Highland Belle Lieutenants were awarded a blue (superior) ribbon for their advanced jazz routine to “Bad”. In addition to performing their advanced jazz routine, the girls participated in two master classes, technique workshops, a teaching intensive, a choreography class, and leadership training.

The Highland Belles proudly announce the annual Spaghetti Supper sales winners. Every member sold dinner and raffle tickets and solicited underwriting donations. All funds collected help support the year-round operations of the drill team. The Belles thank the community for its generous support.

(L to R) Lauren Pettle finished first, Kate Kilpatrick second, and Meredith Sims third in sales of Spaghetti Supper and raffle tickets as part of the annual fundraiser. The three top-ranked tickets sales groups are defined by Gold, Silver and Blue Belles.

Gold Belles → (L to R) *Front row*: Arden Rasmussen, Ellie McFarland, Mary Frances McElroy, Lauren Pettle, Meredith Sims, Annabelle Ogden, Ella Ann Miller, Emerson Mason. *Back row*: Sophie Smythe, Carmen Sarfatis, Caroline Thomas, Brooke Marvel, Ava Jahant, Kate Kilpatrick, Barrett Groves, Margaret Groves.

Silver Belles


Blue Belles → (L to R) *Front row*: Talle Olsen, Sabrina Zevallos, Liv Brink, Casey Bowden, Sarah Fielder, Alexandra Whitlock, Avery Penman. *Middle row*: Olivia Jolas, Malena Maese, Riley Cheek, Lily Meneghetti, Mary Kate Addison. *Back row*: Olivia Pettijohn, Elisabeth Wiebe, Elizabeth Woodley, Margaret Kemp, Isabella Hughes, Oliva McFall.
Congratulations to the team of Ethan Muse (11) and Enayat Kapadia (12) for taking 5th place at the Grapevine Classic on September 7-8. This finish secured their first bid for the Tournament of Champions, hosted by the University of Kentucky in the spring semester. Ethan was awarded 8th overall speaker!

The team of Ethan Muse (11) and Mark Lam (11) competed at the Greenhill tournament on September 13-16. The team was one of 16 invited to a round robin contest prior to the tournament, where they finished in 5th place. Ethan was awarded 8th overall speaker! Following the round robin, they went on to compete at the 32nd annual Greenhill Classic. Out of a field of 120 teams, Ethan and Mark finished in 17th place. Ethan was awarded 12th overall speaker. Congratulations!

Good luck to the debate teams at these upcoming tournaments: Heart of Texas, St. Mark’s – Oct. 13-14; Plano West – Oct. 19-20, Hebron – Nov. 2-3, and Hockaday – Nov. 9-10.

Armstrong – 2nd Grade International Dance Program is November 2 at 8:15 am in the Armstrong Large Gym. 1st Grade presents a Thanksgiving Program on November 16 in the Armstrong Auditorium at 8:15 am.

Hyer – 2nd Grade PTA Pilgrim Day performance is at 9:00 am in the Hyer Cafetorium on November 20.

TMEA Region 20 HS Orchestra string auditions are October 13 at Nimitz HS – good luck! Those who advance to Area tape for TMEA All-State Orchestra on October 27 at Booker T. Washington HSPVA; state results are announced in early November. The TMEA Region Orchestra concert is December 1 at Nimitz HS.

Highlander Strings perform a Hauntcert in costume with the MIS/HPMS Orchestras at the NorthCourt in NorthPark Center on October 24 at 7:00 pm.

TMEA Middle School Region Orchestra Auditions are October 20 at MacArthur HS. Best of luck! Students making the TMEA Region Orchestra perform on December 1 at Nimitz HS.

MIS/HPMS Orchestras perform a Hauntcert in costume with the HPHS Highlander Strings at the NorthCourt in NorthPark Center on October 24 at 7:00 pm.

HPHYS Classic Series presents a double feature in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium: Antigone, directed and adapted by Anna Rossini, on November 6 & 9 at 7:00 pm and A Midsummer Night’s Dream, directed and adapted by Christine Hathcock, on November 7 & 10 at 7:00 pm. Possible matinee performances may occur for HPHS English classes, also in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

HPMS presents its fall play Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland. The show, directed by Allie McKenna, consists of 57 cast members, one student director with nine members in the set crew, and runs approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes, including intermission. Adapted by Tim Kelly, the play gives a modern view to an old classic, where nonsense makes quite good sense! Performances are in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium on October 18 and 20 at 7:00 pm; October 19 at 4:00 pm and October 21 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $5.
A QUICK GLANCE AT UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS
(Red-HPHS events; Blue-HPMS/MIS events; Green – Elem events)

Concerts/Performances

**October 17**
HPHS Choirs Fall Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**October 18-21**
HPMS presents *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* – MIS/HPMS Auditorium. Tickets-$5. Oct. 18 & 20 – 7:00 pm; Oct. 19 – 4:00 pm; Oct. 21 – 2:00 pm

**October 22**
MIS/HPMS Choirs Fall Concert (6-8 gds) – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

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

**November 2**
Armstrong 2nd Grade International Dance Program – Armstrong Large Gym, 8:15 am

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

**November 6-7, 9-10**
HPHS Classic Series in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium: *Antigone* - Nov. 6 & 9 at 7:00 pm; *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* - Nov. 7 & 10 at 7:00 pm

**November 13**
TMEA High School Region 20 Choir concert – Dallas Baptist University

**November 16**
Armstrong 1st Grade Thanksgiving program – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:15 am

**November 17**
TMEA High School Region 20 Jazz Band concert – Waxahachie

**November 20**
Hyer 2nd Grade PTA Pilgrim Day performance – Hyer Cafetorium, 9:00 am

Competitions/Other Events

**October 13**
HPHS Band at McKinney Marching Invitational – McKinney ISD Stadium, 1:30 pm
High School TMEA Region 20 Orchestra string auditions – Nimitz HS
HPHS Debate – St. Mark’s Heart of Texas Tournament (Oct. 13-14)

**October 18**
HS UIL Region 20 5A Marching Band Contest – Kincaide Stadium in Dallas, HPHS at 3:00 pm
Competitions/Other Events, continued

October 20
HPMS 7/8 Band ExtravaBANDza – HPMS, 9 am-12:30 pm
HPHS Debate – Plano West Sr. HS Tournament (Oct. 19-20)
Middle School TMEA Region 20 Orchestra string auditions – MacArthur HS
High School TMEA Region 20 Choir auditions – Waxahachie HS
HPHS Band at Duncanville Marching Invitational – Panther Stadium in Duncanville, time TBA

October 27
High School TMEA Region 20 Orchestra Strings All-State Taping – Booker T. Washington HSPVA

November 2
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 – Hebron Debate Tournament (Nov. 2-3)

November 3
Middle School TMEA Region 20 6th-8th Grade Choir auditions – Irving HS

November 9-10
Middle School TMEA Region 20 Band auditions – Kennemer MS
HPHS Debate – Hockaday Debate Tournament

November 10
HPHS Drum Line – Lone Star Classic Competition, Marcus HS Stadium

November 13
High School TMEA Region 20 Orchestra Winds/Percussion auditions

November 27
High School TMEA Pre-Area Choir auditions - HPHS