Achievements/Honors...

**BAND**

**HPHS**
- Area band auditions were held on January 12 at Duncanville HS. Congratulations to the eight HP band members who made TMEA All-State Band! Seniors: Charlie Conner - euphonium, Nathan Denman - E-flat clarinet, Kristina Richter - contra-bass clarinet, Madison Triplett - bassoon, Jinghan Yuan - alto sax; Juniors: Ava Sims - flute, Zack Shawver - percussion; and freshman Brandon Luk - trumpet. This is the 3rd year for Charlie and Madison to make All-State Band and the 2nd year for Nathan! 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 13-16, performing on Saturday, February 16 in the Lila Cockrell Theater. Congratulations to the other 12 students who competed at Area: Seniors-Campbell Cooke, Reece Dorn; Juniors-Sophia Brinkman, Noah Busbee, Erin Harper, Aj Mazzuzchi, Krishan Patel, Matthew Schultz; and Sophomores-Michelle Cheng, Sophie Robertson, Saif Saleh, Rachel Sobolevitch.


- The HPHS Jazz Band Concert is February 28 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria.

- HS Band Region 20 UIL Solo/Ensemble dates are February 23 at Nimitz HS and March 2 at Midlothian HS. Best of luck!

- HPHS/HPMS Night of Percussion concert is March 4 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium at 7:00 pm.

**HPMS**
- HPMS holds a Solo/Ensemble Festival for its 7th & 8th Grade Band students at HPMS on March 2.
- HPMS/HPHS Night of Percussion concert is March 4 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium at 7:00 pm.

**CHOIR**

**HPHS**
- Area choir auditions were held on January 12 at Midway HS in Waco. Congratulations to the following three senior HP Choir members for making one of the TMEA All-State Choirs!

  - **All-State Mixed Choir**: Sophie Hung - Soprano 1, 1st chair and Brennan Davis - Tenor 2, 3rd chair. **All-State Treble Choir**: Apsaline Douglas - Alto 2, 6th chair. This is the 2nd year for Apsaline and Brennan to make All-State Choir! These three participate in the All-State rehearsals at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention on February 13-16, performing on Saturday, February 16 in the San Antonio Convention Center Stars at Night Ballroom: All-State Mixed Choir at 12:30 pm; All-State Treble Choir at 4:00 pm.

(Left to right): Sophie Hung, Brennan Davis, Apsaline Douglas
**CHOIR**

**HPHS, continued**

♥ HPHS Choir members attend Region 20 UIL HS Choir Solo/Ensemble competition on February 9 at Townview Magnet School in Dallas. Best of luck!

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

**HPMS**

♥ HPMS Choirs give a Pre-UIL Presentation on February 6 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 26-27 (non-varsity) at Greiner MS in Dallas and February 28-March 1 (varsity) at Midlothian HS in Midlothian. Best of luck to the HPMS Choirs; their UIL performance days/times have not yet been announced.

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**HPHS DANCE**

♥ After a rigorous week-long training process in December for hopefuls and returning Belles, independent judges were brought in for the Belle tryouts on December 8. 25 new team members were added to the 2019-20 Highland Belles drill team roster. The 2019-20 squad totals 66 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 (L to R):** Neely Womble, Lilly Sealy, Catherine Reynolds, Riley Fainter, Chloe Walsh, Sydney Thomas, Ali Rogers, Shelby Pettit.

**Middle row** - Piper Soetenga, Devoney Duclow, Kate Hamilton, Lola Jahant, Sarah Wilshusen, Lauren Welp, RaeAnne Bradshaw, Ava Tiffany, Caroline Jernigan.

**Back row** - Faith Harris, Anna Nye, Elizabeth Woodley, Alexandra Thomas, Sydney Chandler, Grace Jackson, Emily Garberding, Carly Turner.

♥ Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Highland Belles Lieutenants! They are (left to right) Sophie Folts, Jamie Wander, Riley Cheek, Kristen Wander and Ellie McFarland. 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 6 at 6:00 pm in the HPHS Main Gym.

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**HPHS DEBATE**

♥ Congratulations to the HPHS Debate team for sweeping 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places at the UIL District 11-5A Cross Examination Debate competition on January 15 at The Colony HS! 1st place – Mark Lam (11) and Ethan Muse (11); 2nd place – Isabella Acosta (9) and Enayat Kapadia (12); 3rd place – Andrew Lind (9) and Evan Wang (9)! Enayat Kapadia was awarded top speaker of the meet! The first and second place teams now advance to the UIL State 5A CX Debate Competition on March 22-23 at UT-Austin. Best of luck!

♥ Congratulations to the team of juniors Ethan Muse and Mark Lam for capturing 1st place at the Colleyville-Heritage HS Winter Invitational Tournament on February 1-2! Out of a field of 70 teams, they finished with a perfect record of 9 wins and zero losses. This big win ensures their qualification to the 48th Annual Tournament of Champions hosted at the University of Kentucky in Lexington on April 27-29. Congrats!
**HPHS DEBATE, continued**

- Great gains were obtained in the Novice Division at the Berkner Invitational on December 7-8. Congratulations to the team of Evan Wang (9) and Shreya Vishwanath (8) for securing 2nd place and the team of Isabella Acosta (9) and Ben Cruickshank (10) for earning 3rd place!
- Upcoming tournaments: District National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) hosted at Colleyville-Heritage – March 1-2; UIL State CX Debate in Austin – March 22-23; UIL District Academics Lincoln-Douglas (LD) Debate & Speech (Informative/Persuasive Speaking and Poetry/Prose Interpretation) hosted at HPHS – March 30.

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**ELEMENTARIES**

**Bradfield Art**
- Bradfield Open House is March 7 with the Art Show (K-4) from 5:00-7:00 pm.

**Hyer Music**
- Hyer’s 1st Grade PTA performance is February 12 at 9:00 am in the Hyer Cafetorium.

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**HPISD FINE ARTS**

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

- March 24: HPHS Theatre and Fine Arts Dance Performances – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 2:00 pm
- March 26: District Art Show (K-12) – Linda Raya Stage, HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 11:00 am – 3:30 pm
- March 26: MIS/HPMS/HPHS Instrumental Concert – HPHS Main Gym, 7:00 pm
- March 27: MIS/HPMS/HPHS Choral Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

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**ORCHESTRA**

**HPHS**

- Once again, congratulations to two senior violinists for making one of the TMEA All-State Orchestras. Angela Wu made the top Symphony Orchestra – Violin I, chair 20; she is the 20th best violinist in the state! Richard Luo is a 2nd year All-State student, making the Philharmonic Orchestra, Violin II, chair 72! They both travel 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 13-16. The All-State Orchestra performances are February 16 in the Lila Cockrell Theater: Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 5:00 pm; Symphony Orchestra performs at 8:00 pm.

- Congratulations to the following HPHS Orchestra students for achieving a total of 20 First Division (Superior) Rating medals at the UIL HS Orchestra Solo/Ensemble competition on January 26 at Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy. Students who qualified for UIL State Solo/Ensemble are eligible to compete at UT-Austin in May over the Memorial Day weekend.

**First Division Rating Solos that qualified for UIL State S/E:**

- **Violin** – Ellie Ahn, Mira Aravamuthan, Daniel Carrillo, Madeline Davis, Alexka Hammel, James Lu, Emily Zhong; **Viola** – Anjana Rathan; **Cello** – Michele Yang.

**First Division Rating Solos:**

- **Cello** – Riley Dittrich; **Bass** – Matthew Mattei.

**First Division Rating Ensembles that qualified for UIL State S/E:**

- **String Quartet** – Ava Crofford, Ava Miranda, Anjana Rathan, Michele Yang; **String Quintet** – Tristan Brown, Madeline Davis, Addy Kemp, Cameron Laurie, Ryan Nguyen.

Congratulations to all and best of luck to those going to State!
**ORCHESTRA, continued**

HPMS

- The annual Raider Orchestra Winter Concert (comprised of 6th Grade, Philharmonic and Honor Orchestras) on December 5th featured the first-ever harp trio, with Daisy Murphy, Elizabeth Kerr and Noemi Tsai debuting a medley of holiday music.

- Barnes and Noble hosted an all-day fundraising event for the Highland Park Raider Orchestra on December 8. HPMS Orchestra students performed in various ensembles throughout the day.

- Pre-UIL workshops for the HPMS Orchestras from 4:00-6:00 pm are on February 20 for the Philharmonic Orchestra and February 21 for the Honor Orchestra. These are in preparation for the UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest, scheduled for March 5-7 at Nimitz HS in Irving. Best of luck to the HPMS Orchestras; their UIL performance days/times have not yet been announced.

**THEATRE**

HPHS

- HPHS hosts the 31st Annual Dallas Branch of the English-Speaking Union’s Shakespeare Competition on February 23 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. HPHS’ competitor for this event will be chosen soon.

- Highland Park travels to The Colony HS on March 26 for the UIL District 11-5A One-Act Play contest. Good luck to our UIL one-act members as they perform an adaptation of *Marat/Sade*, based on the 1963 play within a play written by Peter Weiss. It is a dramatic depiction of class struggle and human suffering that asks whether true revolution comes from changing society or changing oneself. Performance time for HPHS begins between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. The three advancing plays from district will compete at UIL Bi-District One-Act Play on March 27, also at The Colony HS. The three advancing plays from Bi-District will then advance to UIL Area One-Act Play on April 6 at Flower Mound HS. Best of luck!

HPMS

- HPMS Honors Drama presents the one-act play *Sarah’s Journal* on February 13 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium. Cost is free.

- HPMS Musical Theatre class gave two performances of *A Musical Theatre Showcase* on January 14 in the HPMS Auditorium. *(Photo: Musical Theatre students rehearsing for the Showcase performance.)*

**Upcoming Fine Arts Events**

(Upcoming events; Blue-MS/MIS events; Green-Elementary events; Pink-Highlander Festival)

**Concerts/Performances**

**February 6**

- HPMS Choir Pre-UIL Presentation – HPMS Auditorium, 6:00 pm
- HPHS Highland Belles Competition Showcase – HPHS Main Gym, 6:00 pm
Concerts/Performances, continued

February 12
Hyer 1st Grade PTA Performance – Hyer Cafetorium, 9:00 am

February 13
HPMS Honors Drama presents *Sarah’s Journal* – HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm. No admission cost.

February 16
TMEA High School All-State Band, Choir, Orchestra concerts – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio

February 28
HPHS Jazz Band Concert – HPHS Cafeteria, 7:00 pm

March 4
HPHS/HPMS Night of Percussion concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

March 7
Bradfield Open House Art Show – 5:00-7:00 pm
HPHS Choirs Mid-Winter Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

March 24
Highlander Festival HPHS Theatre and Fine Arts Dance Performances – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 2:00 pm

March 26
Highlander Festival District Art Show – HPHS Palmer Auditorium Linda Raya Stage, 11:00 am – 3:30 pm
Highlander Festival Instrumental Concert – HPHS Main Gym, 7:00 pm

March 27
Highlander Festival Choral Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00

Competitions/Other Events

February 9
UIL Region 20 High School Choir Solo/Ensemble – Townview Magnet School, Dallas

February 20 & 21
HPMS Orchestras Pre-UIL Workshops - HPMS Auditorium, 4:00-6:00 pm

February 23
Dallas Area English-Speaking Union’s Shakespeare competition – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 9 am – Noon
UIL Region 20 High School Band Solo/Ensemble contest – Nimitz HS

February 26 – March 1
UIL Region 20 Middle School Choir Concert/Sightreading contest – Greiner MS & Midlothian HS, days/times TBA
HPHS Debate – District NSDA at Colleyville-Heritage HS (March 1-2)

March 2
HPMS Solo/Ensemble Festival – HPMS
UIL Region 20 HS Band Solo/Ensemble contest – Midlothian HS

March 5-7
UIL Region 20 Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest – Nimitz HS; days/times TBA

March 22-23
UIL State 5A CX Debate – UT-Austin

March 26
UIL District 11-5A One-Act Play – The Colony HS; HPHS performance begins between 5:30 – 6 pm

March 30
UIL District 11-5A Academics (LD Debate/Speech Events) Meet – Hosted at HPHS