Achievements/Honors…

**BAND HPHS**

- Congratulations to Robby Triplett (12) for earning 3rd chair alto saxophone at the TMEA Region 20 Jazz auditions on September 21 in Waxahachie! The TMEA Region 20 Jazz Band concert is November 23 at Waxahachie HS.

![Image of band members](image1.png)

- Congratulations to the HP Drum Line for attaining 2nd Place in the AA Standstill Division II classification at the Plano Drum Line Competition on September 21 at Plano Senior High, receiving Best Front Ensemble and Best Tenors! In the solo competitions, Nick Chang (12) achieved 1st Place on snare drum while Zack Shawver (12) gained 1st Place and Maddox Linder (11) took 4th Place, both on multi-tenor.

- The Highlander Band captured 1st Place overall in the Mansfield Preview of Champions finals on September 28, taking the caption award for Outstanding Visual Effect! In prelims, HP placed first in their Class B division and earned the caption awards for Best Music and Best Visual Presentation. Brandon Luk (10-trumpet) was named Best Soloist. Congratulations to all!

![Image of band members](image2.png)

- Good luck to the Highlander Band as they compete at the following: Midlothian Marching Showcase at the Midlothian Multi-Purpose Stadium on October 5; UIL 5A Region Marching Contest on October 17 at Kincaide Stadium in Dallas at 1:30 pm; UIL 5A Area Marching Contest on Oct. 26 at Mesquite Memorial Stadium, and UIL 5A State Marching Contest on Nov. 4-5 in the Alamodome, San Antonio.

- BBQ with the Band is October 25 from 5–7 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria. Tickets are $12 each and food is Sonny Bryan’s BBQ. Take-out can be picked up from 4:30-6:30 in the front of HPHS on Emerson. Raffle baskets include: Big Green Egg package, $2,000 in North Park Gold, $1,500 Apple gift card, $1,000 Visa gift card, and a "Glad for Plaid" basket valued at $1,500 to be awarded to an HPISD employee of your choice. Raffle tickets are $5 each or six for $25 and may be purchased at the event or via pre-order from any band member. Don’t forget that Oct. 25 is also the Blue Out game in Highlander Stadium so wear your 2019 shirt. For more info, go to hphsband.com.

- Good luck to band members auditioning for TMEA Region 20 Orchestra (winds/percussion) on November 12 at Duncanville HS. Those who make Region Orchestra perform on November 16 at Molina HS.
**BAND HPMS/MIS:**
- MIS 5th Grade Band Showcase for parents is October 10 in the MIS/HPMS Band Hall at 10:00 am and 2:30 pm.
- 7/8 band students attend ExtravaBANDza, a Region Band clinic, the morning of October 19 at HPMS.
- HPMS 7/8 Bands present a Veterans concert on November 6 at 6:30 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.
- TMEA All-Region Middle School Band auditions are November 8-9 at Kennemer MS in Duncanville ISD. Students making the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band perform on November 23 at Duncanville HS. Best of luck!

**CHOIR HPHS:**
- TMEA HS Choir All-District auditions were held on September 28 at Woodrow Wilson HS. 21 HPHS choir students made the District Choir and will be advancing to the TMEA HS Region 20 Choir auditions on October 19 at Cedar Hill HS. Congratulations to 9 HPHS students who were ranked 2nd through 5th chair, as noted next to their names.

**2019 District Choir - Soprano**
1. Natalie Duvall, Elie Harmon, Hope Jin, Dharma Kikkeri, Alexandra Lahiri
2. Emilie Hong-2nd chair, Karen Shirley-3rd chair, Meredith Winford-4th chair, Alie Lavish-5th chair

**Alto**
1. Juliet Allan-4th chair, Yana Spitzer, Mary Grace Eccleston
2. Leila Gottlieb-2nd chair, Cal Seabolt-3rd chair, Sophia Loter

**Tenor**
1. Will Marshall
2. JP Berry-3rd chair, Matthew Winters, August Ryan, Dylan Woodward

**Bass**
1. Alexander Miller-4th chair

Congratulations and good luck at Region! These students perform at the TMEA Region 20 Choir concert on November 14 at Dallas Baptist University.

- HPHS Choir Fiesta Dinner is November 8 from 5-7 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria. Take-out dinner is available from 4:30-6:30 pm. Food is from Mattito’s; dinner tickets are $10. Come join the fun at the Choir’s 18th annual fundraiser with a silent auction plus five raffles: Apple basket (Apple gift card and accessories), Hungry Teenager basket, Night on the Town basket, Pamper Yourself basket, and a chance to win a new Vespa! Raffle basket tickets are $5 each or 6 tickets for $25. Vespa tickets are $25 each or 5 for $100. Tickets are sold by any choir student or use this link for an easy way to choose whatever you would like – please remember to put the name of the choir student you are supporting: https://rafflecreator.com/pages/29564/hphs-choir-18th-annual-fundraiser Dinner tickets are also sold at the door. All donations help fund choir expenses for the year. Thanks for your support!

- The HPHS Choirs fall concert is October 16 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

- HPHS Choir hosts the TMEA Pre-Area Choir auditions at HPHS on November 19.

**HPMS/MIS:**
- MIS 5th Grade Choir Showcase for parents is October 8 in the Black Box Theater (D015) at 10:15 am and 2:45 pm.
- MIS/HPMS Choirs (6-8) Fall Concert is October 30 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.
- TMEA Region 20 Middle School 6th-8th Grade Choir auditions are October 25 (6th Grade & Tenor-Bass) and October 26 (Treble) at YWLA-Arnold MS (Grand Prairie ISD). Best of luck!
- The TMEA Middle School All-Region Choir concert is November 9 at Coleman Jr. High in Waxahachie. Good luck!
- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choir members perform the National Anthem with HPHS Choir on November 8 at the HP vs Timberview varsity football game.
**HPHS DANCE**
- Belles 2019-20 Honor Squads are recognized for their excellence in dance and high kick.

**Left photo:** **All Americans** are (Front row L to R) Sophie Folts, Jamie Wander, Riley Cheek, Kristen Wander, Ellie McFarland. Second row: Olivia Jolas, Olivia McFall, Hannah Stone, Kaki Kennedy, Campbell Willis. Third Row: Shelby Pettit, Devoney Duclow, Chloe Walsh, Ava Tiffany, Lola Jahant, Neely Womble.

**Center photo:** **Miss High Kick** is Sophie Folts.

**Right photo:** **Kick Company** includes (Front row L to R) Sophie Folts, Jamie Wander, Riley Cheek, Kristen Wander, Ellie McFarland, Olivia Jolas, Olivia Pettijohn. Second row: Elisabeth Wiebe, Charlotte Glieber, Margaret Kemp, Sophia Lindley, Campbell Willis, Rebecca Greaves, Bailey Eubanks. Third row: Piper Soetenga, Chloe Walsh, Ava Tiffany, Mary Margaret Ramey, Lauren Welp, Lola Jahant. Congratulations to all!

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**HPHS DEBATE**
- Good luck to the debate teams at these upcoming tournaments: Heart of Texas, St. Mark’s – Oct. 18-19; Plano West – Oct. 25-26; Lindale UIL competition – Nov. 2; Hockaday – Nov. 8-9.

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**ELEMENTARY MUSIC**
- **Armstrong** – 2nd Grade Program for parents and PTA general meeting is November 8 at 8:15 am in the Armstrong Large Gym. 1st Grade presents a Thanksgiving Program for parents on November 22 in the Armstrong Auditorium at 8:15 am.

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**ORCHESTRA**
- **HPHS**:
  - TMEA Region 20 HS Orchestra string auditions are October 12 at Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy – good luck! Those who advance to Area tape for TMEA All-State Orchestra on October 26 at Booker T. Washington HSPVA; state results are announced in early November. The TMEA Region Orchestra concert is November 16 at Molina HS.
  - HPHS Symphony Orchestra TMEA Honor Recording concert is October 8 at 6:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium. The Symphony Orchestra is auditioning for the 5A TMEA Honor Orchestra and one of the requirements is to submit several concert performance recordings.
**ORCHESTRA**

**HPHS, continued**

- Highlander Strings perform a Hauntcert in costume with the MIS/HPMS Orchestras at the NorthCourt in NorthPark Mall on October 23 at 7:00 pm.

**HPMS/MIS:**

- TMEA Middle School Region Orchestra Auditions are October 12 at Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy. Best of luck! Students making the TMEA Region Orchestra perform on November 16 at Molina HS.
- 5th Grade Orchestra Showcase for parents is October 17 at 10:15 am and 2:30 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.
- MIS/HPMS Orchestras perform a Hauntcert in costume with the HPHS Highlander Strings at the NorthCourt in NorthPark Mall on October 23 at 7:00 pm.

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**THEATRE**

**HPHS:**

- HPHS Theatre presents *The Illusion* in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium in mid November. This is a play by Tony Kushner, adapted from Pierre Corneille’s 17th century comedy, *L’Illusion Comique*. It follows a contrite father seeking news of his prodigal son from a sorcerer, who conjures three episodes from the young man’s life. Inexplicably, each scene finds the boy in a slightly different world where names change and only when the strange, funny tale reaches its conclusion does he learn the ultimate truth about his son.
- HPMS presents the fall play *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* on October 24-27. The all student cast and crew of 63 with one student assistant director will bring the spooky fabled story of Ichabod Crane to life with hilarious action and fun. Performances are in the HPMS Auditorium: October 24 at 7:00 pm, October 25 at 4:00 pm, October 26 at 5:00 pm, and October 27 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased beginning Wednesday, October 23 in the HPMS Cafeteria during lunch (10:30-1:00) or in front of the auditorium 30 minutes prior to each show.

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-- Next Fine Arts Newsletter on November 6, 2019 --

Newsletter by Susan Cruz
A Quick Glance at Upcoming Fine Arts Events

(Red-HPHS events; Blue-HPMS/MIS events; Green – Elem events)

Concerts/Performances

October 8
MIS 5th Grade Choir Showcase – MIS/HPMS Black Box Theatre, 10:15 am & 2:45 pm
HPHS Symphony Orchestra TMEA Honor Recording concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 6:00 pm

October 10
MIS 5th Grade Band Showcase – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

October 16
HPHS Choirs Fall Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

October 17
MIS 5th Grade Orchestra Showcase – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 10:15 am & 2:30 pm

October 23
HPHS Highlander Strings & MIS/HPMS Orchestra Hauntcert – NorthPark, 7:00 pm

October 24-27
HPMS presents Legend of Sleepy Hollow – MIS/HPMS Auditorium. Tickets - $5
Oct. 24 – 7:00 pm; Oct. 25 – 4:00 pm; Oct. 26 – 5:00 pm; Oct. 27 – 2:00 pm

October 30
MIS/HPMS Choirs Fall Concert (6-8 gds) – HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

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

November 6
HPMS Bands Veterans concert – HPMS Auditorium, 6:30 pm

November 9
TMEA Middle School Region 20 Choir concert – Coleman Jr. High, Waxahachie

November 14
TMEA High School Region 20 Choir concert – Dallas Baptist University

November 16
TMEA High School/Middle School Region 20 Orchestra concert – Molina HS

November 22
Armstrong 1st Grade Thanksgiving program – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:15 am

November 23
TMEA Middle School Region 20 Band concert – Duncanville HS
TMEA High School Region 20 Jazz Band concert – Waxahachie HS
**Competitions/Other Events**

**October 5**
HPHS Band at Midlothian Marching Showcase – Midlothian Multi-Purpose Stadium

**October 12**
TMEA High School/ Middle School Region 20 Orchestra auditions – Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy

**October 17**
UIL HS Region 20 5A Marching Band Contest – Kincaide Stadium-Dallas; HPHS at 1:30 pm

**October 19**
TMEA High School Region 20 Choir auditions – Cedar Hill HS
HPHS Debate – St. Mark’s Heart of Texas Tournament (Oct. 18-19)

**October 25**
HPHS BBQ with the Band – HPHS Cafeteria, 5-7 pm; take-out 4:30-6:30 pm in front of HPHS
HPHS Blue-Out Game/HPMS Band Night – Highlander Stadium, 7:30 pm
TMEA Middle School Region 20 6th-8th Grade Choir auditions – YWLA-Arnold MS (Oct. 25 & 26)
HPHS Debate – Plano West Tournament (Oct. 25-26)

**October 26**
TMEA High School Region 20 Orchestra Strings All-State Taping – Booker T. Washington HSPVA
HS UIL Area 5A Marching Band Contest – Mesquite Memorial Stadium

**November 2**
HPHS Debate –UIL Tournament, Lindale HS

**November 4-5**
UIL HS State 5A Marching Band Contest – Alamodome, San Antonio

**November 8**
HPHS Choir Fiesta Dinner – HPHS Cafeteria, 5-7 pm; take-out 4:30-6:30 pm in front of HPHS

**November 8-9**
TMEA Middle School Region 20 Band auditions – Kennemer MS
HPHS Debate – Hockaday Debate Tournament

**November 12**
TMEA High School Region 20 Orchestra Winds/Percussion auditions

**November 19**
TMEA High School Pre-Area Choir auditions – HPHS