BAND
HPHS:
◆ Congratulations to the Highlander Band for achieving 2nd Place (silver medal) at the UIL State 5A Marching Contest on November 5 in the Alamodome! They advanced into the Top Twelve Finals in 1st place after performing their UIL marching show “Play!” in the prelims the day before, competing against 32 bands from the nine 5A Marching Band Areas across the state. HPHS Band was named Area Champion at the 5A UIL Area C Marching Contest on October 26, earning them a spot in the UIL 5A State Marching Band Contest in San Antonio. On October 5, the band also brought home the Grand Championship in open class competition at the Midlothian Marching Showcase, placing 1st overall and earning every group caption award: Best Music, Best Marching, Best Percussion, and Best Color Guard. Congratulations on an exceptional marching season!
◆ HP Drum Line competes at 5:00 pm at the Lone Star Classic Competition on November 9 at Marcus HS in Flower Mound. Three members will also compete in solo competitions: Nicholas Chang on snare; Maddox Linder and Zach Zhawver on tenor. Best of luck to all!
◆ Good luck to band members as they audition for TMEA Region Orchestra (winds/percussion) on November 12 at Duncanville HS. Those who make Region Orchestra perform on November 16 at Molina HS.
◆ TMEA Region 20 Jazz concert is November 23 at Waxahachie HS.
◆ HPHS Jazz Band concert is December 3 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria.
◆ Band members audition for TMEA Region 20 HS Band on December 6-7 at Duncanville HS. Students who advance to TMEA Area compete on January 11 in the final auditions for TMEA All-State at Duncanville HS. Best of luck!
◆ HPHS Bands winter concert is Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

HPMS/MIS
◆ The 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. Students making the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band perform on November 23 at Duncanville HS. Best of luck!
◆ The MIS 6th Grade Band winter concert is December 16 at 6:30 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.

CHOIR
HPHS
◆ TMEA Region 20 Choir auditions were held on October 19 at Cedar Hill HS. Congratulations to 33 HPHS choir members who perform on the TMEA Region 20 Choir concert on November 14 at Dallas Baptist University. Congratulations to 6 HPHS students who were ranked 1st through 4th chair, as noted next to their names!
The following 10 students made the top All-Region Choir and are advancing to Pre-Area auditions on November 19, hosted at HPHS. Congratulations to: Soprano 1 – Hope Jin, Elie Harmon–alternate; Soprano 2 – Alie Lavish, Karen Shirley; Alto 1 – Juliet Allan-4th chair; Alto 2 – Leila Gottlieb-3rd chair, Callie Seabolt; Tenor 2 – JP Berry-4th chair, Matthew Winters-alternate; Bass 1 – Alexander Miller-2nd chair. Best of luck at Pre-Area!

Students who advance from Pre-Area compete in the final auditions for TMEA All-State Choir at TMEA Area Choir on January 11 at Midway HS in Waco.

The following 10 students made the Region 9/10 Treble Honor Choir. Congratulations to: Soprano 1 – Cate Gould, Minna Lamprecht, Selena Wang, Gracie Lane; Soprano 2 – Isabel Cali-1st chair, Riya Luthra-2nd chair, Anabelle Sartain, Kieley Stallings; Alto – Sydney Moore, Abby O’Rourke.

These 2 students made the Region 9/10 Tenor-Bass Honor Choir. Congratulations to: Bass – Ethan Corbitt, Zach Feldman.

And 11 students made the All-District Choir: Soprano 1 – Natalie Duvall, Dharma Kikkeri, Alexandra Lahiri; Soprano 2 – Emilie Hong, Meredith Winford; Alto 1 – Yana Spitzer, Mary Grace Eccleston; Alto 2 – Sophia Loter; Tenor 1 – Will Marshall; Tenor 2 – August Ryan, Dylan Woodward.

The HPHS Choirs host their annual Fiesta Fundraiser Friday, Nov. 8 in the HPHS Cafeteria. Dine-in or take-out dinner will be provided by Mattitos, and tickets are $10. The evening will include a Mariachi Band, a photo booth and fun for the whole family. Chances to win a 2019 HP blue Vespa will be sold for $25 each or 5 for $100 plus raffle basket tickets will be $5 each or 6 tickets for $25. Thanks for your support!

Left to right: Jennifer Clementson, Peyton Saylors, Ellie Steindorf.

This is the busy performance season for L&L and Park Version, when they are asked to perform for various organizations and private events throughout the city. Just a few examples: Park Version performs for elementary schools and gives two performances at NorthPark Center; L&L performs at the Snider Plaza Tree Lighting on Dec. 17 and Jackopierce Christmas Concert (some days/times to be announced).

HPHS Choirs holiday concert is Thursday, December 12 at 7:30 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

Congratulations to the following 15 students for making one of the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Choirs! Students auditioned on October 25 & 26 at YWLA-Arnold MS in Grand Prairie.

Congratulations to (in alphabetical order):


Honor Treble Choir (7/8 grade): Lila Jacks.

6th Grade: Caroline Davidson, Madeleine Diltz, Miriam Fender, Caroline Fenton, Madison Furgeson, Kennedy Hayes, Harper Kuhner, Bella Pacholski, Harrison Piering, and Lilly Rodriguez.

All of these students perform at the TMEA Middle School All-Region Choir concert on November 8 at Coleman Junior High in Waxahachie.

MIS/HPMS 6-8 Choirs join in the holiday spirit with performances at NorthPark’s NorthCourt on December 12 at 11:15 am and December 13 at 11:00 am.
**HPHS DANCE**
- Those interested in becoming a part of the 2020-21 Highland Belles must attend a mandatory Belle Candidate and Parent Meeting on November 6 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria.
  - Belle Tryout Clinics are December 2-5 from 6:30 am - 7:45 am in the ASF.
  - Belle Mock Tryouts are December 5 from 3:30 - 9:00 pm in the ASF.
  - Belle Tryouts are December 7 from 7am-7pm. Best of luck!

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**DEBATE HPHS**
- At the Hebron HS tournament on November 1-2, congratulations to the freshman team of Shreya Vishwanath and Cecilia Coale for capturing 2nd place in Novice Policy Debate and congratulations to the sophomore team of Evan Wang and Andrew Lind for taking 3rd place overall in Varsity Policy Debate!
- On October 25-26, the sophomore team of Isabel Acosta and Andrew Lind took 5th place in Varsity Policy Debate at the Plano West Debate Tournament. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to Ethan Muse (12) for being awarded 2nd speaker overall in Policy Debate at the nationally-acclaimed St. Marks Heart of Texas Invitational on October 18-19!
- Upcoming tournaments: Hockaday on Nov. 8-9, UIL Region Congressional Meet on Nov. 11 at Ennis HS; Creekview HS-Carrollton on Dec 6-7; and Berkner HS on Dec. 13-14.

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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 on November 22 for parents in the Armstrong Auditorium at 8:15 am.
- **Bradfield** – 4th Grade presents a Winter Concert on December 17 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
- **Hyer** – 2nd Grade Pilgrim Day PTA performance is at 9:00 am in the Hyer Cafetorium on Nov. 26. 3rd Grade gives a Holiday Performance in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium on December 18 at 6:15 pm.
- **University Park** – Grandest Friends Patriotic Day performances on November 8 in the UP Cafeteria as follows: 4th grade at 8:15 am; 2nd & 3rd grade at 9:05 am; and Kinder & 1st grade at 9:55 am. 3rd Grade Musical Performance is in the UP Cafetorium at 6:00 pm on December 10.

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**ORCHESTRA HPHS**
- The TMEA Region 20 High School Orchestra auditions were held for strings on October 12. 10 students advanced to Area, taping for All-State Orchestra auditions on October 26 at BTW-HSVPA. Congratulations in alphabetical order to: Violin – Mira Aravamuthan (11), Justine Choi (9), Iris Song (9); Emily Zhong (11); Viola – Vivian Lewis (11); Cello – Allison Yang (10), Michele Yang (12), Thomas Zhang (9); Bass – Matthew Mattei (10), Ethan Schwartz (11).
26 students were selected to one of the two Region Orchestras, several with high chair placement.

**Honors Orchestra:**
- **Violin 1:** Mira Aravamuthan, Justine Choi, Ava Crofford-5th chair, Emily Zhong.
- **Violin 2:** James Lu, Iris Song, Timothy Zhang. **Violin alternates:** Daniel Carrillo, Alektra Hammel.
- **Viola:** Zeynep Akdora, Caroline Dalton, Jack Jiang, Vivian Lewis-4th chair, Anjana Rathan, Oliver Miller-alternate.
- **Cello:** Allison Yang, Michele Yang, Thomas Zhang-4th chair. **Bass:** Matthew Mattei-4th chair, Ethan Schwartz-alternate.

**Symphonic Orchestra:**
- **Violin 1:** Alexandra Baroody, Emelia Pagano, Santhiya Rathin.
- **Violin 2:** Elizabeth Chen. **Viola:** Ceci Coale. **Cello:** Casey Hale.

These students perform at the TMEA Region 20 Orchestra concert on November 16 at Molina HS.

- Highlander Strings holiday concert is Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
- HPHS and MIS/HPMS Orchestra students performed their annual Hauntcert in various costumes at NorthPark Mall on October 23rd. [See photos below]

**HPMS/MIS:**

- The TMEA All-Region Middle School Orchestra auditions were on October 12 at Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy. Congratulations to these 32 students for making one of the two MS Region orchestras, several with high placement as noted! Students listed in Philharmonic are in 8th grade, unless otherwise noted in parentheses. Names are listed in alphabetical order in each section.

**Philharmonic Orchestra:**
- **Violin 1:** Zoie Carlile, Neelan Krishna (7), Sofia Patel, Mediha Siddiqui, Alex Stucka, Faith Zhao. **Violin 2:** Jeff Kang, Emerson Piering, Elijah Son, Laura Wiese; **Viola:** Jolie Carlile, David Guo-4th chair (7), Andy Xu-2nd chair (7); **Cello:** Linda Chen-4th chair, Silas Choi-1st chair (7), Govind Kapur (6), Anna Kirsanova-1st alternate (6), Miller Wendorf-2nd chair.

**Concert Orchestra:** (All in 7th grade) **Violin 1:** Kathryn Hale, Audrey Metcalf-4th chair, Paula Valle, Leila Zou-1st chair; **Violin 2:** Nina Del Tufo, Jack Honeyman, Mary Ramos, Elizabeth Steger; **Viola:** Marissa Curry, Matthew Curry, Luke Haglund-2nd chair, Ryan Wright-1st alternate; **Cello:** Myra Glass-2nd chair; **String Bass:** Christopher Del Tufo. These students perform at the TMEA Region 20 Orchestra concert on November 16 at Molina HS. Congratulations!

- MIS/HPMS Orchestra holiday concert is December 4 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS/MIS Auditorium.
A select few of the HPHS *Phantom of the Opera* cast members were chosen to perform on November 1st at the Dallas Summer Musical’s Gala, *The Best of Broadway*, starring Chita Rivera, Amber Riley, Adam Pascal, Cassie Levy, and Kelli O’Hara. What an honor it is to have William Jackman, Christine Schlehuber, Alexander Miller, JP Berry, Ethan Moss, and Karen Shirley asked to perform alongside these outstanding performers! Highland Park Theatre is shining bright!

HPHS Theatre students attend the Texas State Thespian Festival in Grapevine on November 21-23, where they learn, audition, and compete. Best of luck!

HPHS Classic Series presents *The Illusion*, a play by Tony Kushner, adapted from Pierre Corneille’s 17th century comedy, *L’Illusion Comique*. Performances are December 3 and 4 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium, under the direction of Christine Hathcock. Tickets are $5 general admission, on sale 30 minutes before each performance at the HPHS Titus Box Office.

Theatre Arts III class travels to various area pre-schools in December to present short original holiday plays.

**HPMS:**

- HPMS Honors Drama performs the play *Folktales for Fun* for 3rd graders on December 3 and 4 at 1:00 pm. The play is open to the public on December 3 at 7:00 pm; all performances are in the HPMS Auditorium.
- HPMS UIL Theatre presents their Middle School UIL One-Act Play *Lafayette No. 1* by Mandy Conner on December 7 at 11:00 am in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium. Admission is $5.
- HPMS Theatre performs the musical *Fame, Jr.* on January 10 at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.

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**Newsletter by Susan Cruz**

**A QUICK GLANCE AT UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS**

(Red-HS events; Blue-MS/MIS events; Green-Elementary events)

**Concerts/Performances**

**November 6**
HPMS 7/8 Bands Veterans concert – HPMS Auditorium, 6:30 pm

**November 8**
Armstrong 2nd Grade Program for parents & PTA general meeting – Armstrong Large Gym, 8:15 am
UP Grandest Friends Patriotic Day – UP Cafeteria; 4th gd-8:15 am, 2nd/3rd gd-9:05 am, Kinder/1st-9:55 am
TMEA Region 20 Middle School Choir concert – Coleman Jr. High, Waxahachie

**November 16**
TMEA Region 20 High School/Middle School Orchestra concert – Molina HS
November 17
HPHS L&L performs at Snider Tree Lighting – Snider Plaza, time TBD

November 22
Armstrong 1st Grade *Thanksgiving Program* for parents – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:15 am

November 23
TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band concert – Duncanville HS
TMEA Region 20 Jazz Band concert – Waxahachie HS

November 26
Hyer 2nd Grade *Pilgrim Day* PTA performance – Hyer Cafetorium, 9:00 am

December 3
HPHS Jazz Band concert – HPHS Cafeteria, 7:00 pm
HPMS Honors Drama presents *Folktales for Fun* – HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm.

December 3-4
HPHS Classic Series *The Illusion* – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm. Tickets-$5

December 4
HPMS/MIS Orchestra holiday concert – HPMS/MIS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 7
HPMS UIL Theatre performs UIL One-Act Play *Lafayette No. 1* – HPHS Palmer Aud, 11 am; $5 admission.

December 9
HPHS Bands winter concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 10
UP 3rd Grade musical performance – UP Cafetorium, 6:00 pm
HPHS Highlander Strings holiday concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 12
MIS/HPMS Girls Choirs perform at North Court in NorthPark – 11:15 am
HPHS Choirs holiday concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:30 pm

December 13
MIS/HPMS Boys Choirs perform at North Court in NorthPark – 11:00 am

December 16
MIS 6th Grade Band winter concert – HPMS Auditorium, 6:30 pm

December 17
Bradfield 4th Grade *Winter Concert* – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 18
Hyer 3rd Grade *Holiday Performance* – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 6:15 pm

January 10
HPMS Theatre presents *Fame, Jr.* – HPMS Auditorium, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Competitions/Other Events

**November 6**
HPHS Belles Mandatory Belle Candidate and Parent Meeting – HPHS Cafeteria, 6-8 pm

**November 8**
HPHS Choir Fiesta Fundraising Dinner – HPHS Cafeteria, 5-7 pm; take-out beg. 4:30 in front on Emerson
TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band Auditions - Kennemer MS, Duncanville ISD
HPHS Debate – Hockaday tournament

**November 9**
HPHS Drum Line at Lone Star Classic Competition – Marcus HS-Flower Mound, 5:00 pm
TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band Auditions - Kennemer MS, Duncanville ISD
HPHS Debate – Hockaday tournament

**November 11**
HPHS Debate – UIL Region Congressional meet, Ennis HS

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

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

**November 21-23**
HPHS Theatre students at Texas State Thespian Festival – Grapevine

**December 2-5**
HPHS Belles Tryout Clinics – HPHS ASF, 6:30 am – 7:45 am

**December 6-7**
TMEA Region 20 High School Band auditions – Duncanville HS
HPHS Debate – Creekview HS in Carrollton tournament

**December 7**
HPHS Belles Tryouts – HPHS, 7 am–7 pm

**December 13-14**
HPHS Debate – Berkner HS in Richardson tournament

**January 11**
TMEA High School Area Band/Choir auditions (Band – Duncanville HS; Choir – Midway HS, Waco)