Achievements/Honors...

**BAND**

HPHS

- Area band auditions were held on January 11 at Duncanville HS. Congratulations to the three HP band members who made TMEA 5A All-State Band: Zack Shawver – percussion (12), Saif Saleh-French horn (10) and Vincenzo Guandolo – bassoon (9)! This is Zack’s 2nd year, making All-State Band last year! These three participate in the All-State rehearsals at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention in the San Antonio Convention Center on February 12-15, performing on Saturday, February 15 in the Lila Cockrell Theater.

- Congratulations to the other 15 students who also made either 5A or 6A Area: Piccolo- Erin Harper (12); Flute- Michelle Cheng (11), Ava Sims (12); Clarinet- Noah Busbee (12), Krishan Patel (12) Noah Wasserman (11); Alto Sax- Rachel Sobolevitch (11), Robby Tripplett (12); Bari Sax- AJ Mazzucchi (12); Oboe- Matthew Schultz (12); Trumpet- Brandon Luk (10); Trombone- Bradley Harrod (11), Devin Monk (12); Percussion- Maddox Linder (11), Tyler Sharpe (11). These 15 plus Zack, Saif, and Vincenzo made All-Region and performed in the TMEA Region 20 All-Region Band concert on January 17 at Duncanville HS.

- TMEA High School Region 20 Band auditions were held on December 6-7 at Duncanville HS. Congratulations to the following 26 students who also made Region Band: Piccolo- Bryn Hutton (11); Flute- Sally Dai (9), Denise Devkumar (11), Sophie Jejurikar (12), Olivia Kight (9), Jordan Meacham (12), Ava Mitchell (9), Freddy Phillips (11), Hailey Turco (12); Bassoon- Alex Moore (12); Clarinet- Elizabeth Lewis (12); Bass Clarinet- Zoe Lloyd (11); Bari Sax- Henry Lyke (11); Trumpet- Bobby Lyle (12), Matthew Mathison (12), Paris Rutherford (9), Ava White (10); French horn- Spencer Dalton (10), Ainsley Wiseman (10); Trombone- Hank Bishop (11); Bass Trombone- Zach Rhea (10); Euphonium- Jared Hart (10); Tuba- Truman Barden (9), Bonny Schiff (12); Percussion- Andrew Liao (9), Sophie Robertson (11). These students also performed in the TMEA Region 20 Band concert on January 17 in Duncanville.

- Band 101 is February 5 for 8th grade band members in the HPHS Band Hall.

- HPHS Percussion Solo/Ensemble is February 22 at HPHS.

- The HPHS Jazz Band Concert is February 27 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria.

- HS Band Region 20 UIL Solo/Ensemble dates are February 22 at Nimitz HS and February 29 at Midlothian HS.

- HPHS/HPMS Night of Percussion concert is March 2 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium at 7:00 pm.

**HPMS**

- HPHS/HPMS Night of Percussion concert is March 2 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium at 7:00 pm.

- HPMS holds a Solo contest for its 7th & 8th Grade Band students at HPMS on March 7.

**CHOIR**

HPHS

- Area choir auditions were held on January 11 at Midway HS in Waco. Congratulations to Alexander Miller (11) and Karen Shirley (12) for making TMEA All-State Choir! Karen, Soprano 2, placed 7th chair and earned placement in the All-State Treble Choir. Alexander, Bass 1, placed 6th chair, earning placement in the All-State Tenor-Bass Choir. They participate in the All-State rehearsals at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention on February 12-15, performing on Saturday, February 15 in the San Antonio Convention Center Stars at Night Ballroom: All-State Treble Choir at 4:00 pm; All-State Tenor-Bass Choir at 5:30 pm. Congratulations also to alto Leila Gottlieb (11) who competed in the area auditions in Waco. JP Berry (11) and Callie Seabolt (10) were chosen as Area alternates at the Pre-Area auditions held at HPHS.
CHOIR
HPHS, continued
❤ HPHS Choir members attend Region 20 UIL HS Choir Solo/Ensemble competition on February 8 at Townview Magnet School in Dallas. Best of luck!
❤ HPHS Choirs present a mid-winter concert on March 4 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
❤ HPHS Choir traveled to New York City on January 16-20. They participated in a Broadway Workshop and performed in the Cadet Chapel as part of services at West Point. They also explored the Metropolitan Museum of Art & the Natural History Museum and attended two Broadway shows.

HPMS
❤ HPMS Choirs give a Pre-UIL Presentation on February 5 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 27-28 (varsity) at Red Oak HS and March 4-5 (non-varsity) at Irving HS. Best of luck to the HPMS Choirs; their UIL performance days/times have not yet been announced.

HPHS DANCE
❤ After Hopefuls and returning Belles completed a week-long training process culminating in independently judged tryouts, the award-winning Highland Belles have added 25 new team members to the 2020-21 roster. These 25 girls join 38 returning members to make up the 2020-21 line. These new Belles began their workout and off-season training in January alongside the current Belle team. Their first team performance will be featured in late spring. Congratulations to the 25 new Highland Belle team members:

Front row (L to R): Elaine Allison, Hannah Jackson, Maura Maguire, Carley Hutchison, Devyn Schaller, Olivia Jackson, Logan Parette, Kate Perdue.
Back row - Katie Shults, Marin Davenport, Gigi Hagen, Greer Dunston, Lyla Gaubert, Shelby Sides, Kenna McCarter, Anna Cooke.
The 38 returning members are Rae Anne Bradshaw, Sydney Chandler, Elle Compton, Devoney Duclow, Bailey Eubanks, Riley Fainter, Emily Garberding, Kate Hamilton, Hilary Hansford, Faith Harris, Isabella Hughes, Grace Jackson, Lola Jahant, Caroline Jernigan, Emerson Mason, Anna Nye, Annabelle Ogden, Shelby Pettit, Lauren Pettle, Mary Margaret Ramey, Cierra Reed, Catherine Reynolds, Ali Rogers, Lilly Sealy, Meredith Sims, Piper Soetenga, Audrey Stone, Hannah Stone, Alexandra Thomas, Sydney Thomas, Ava Tiffany, Carly Turner, Chloe Walsh, Lauren Welp, Nina Wheat, Sarah Wilshusen, Neely Womble, and Elizabeth Woodley.

❤ Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Highland Belles Lieutenants! They are (left to right) Hannah Stone, Chloe Walsh, Ava Tiffany, Devoney Duclow and Emerson Mason. 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 5 at 6:00 pm in the HPHS Main Gym
**HPHS Debate**

♥ Congratulations to the team of seniors (left to right) Mark Lam and Ethan Muse for capturing 1st Place at the prestigious Montgomery Bell Academy Debate Invitational Tournament on January 4-6 in Nashville! Ethan and Mark compiled a record of 9 victories with only one loss; four of those wins were in elimination rounds with a panel of 3 judges in each round where they won each round with 3-0 unanimous decisions. Not only were they crowned tournament champions, but Ethan was awarded 2nd overall speaker out of 96 in the tournament! This is one of the most competitive national tournaments in the country, second only to the Tournament of Champions national championship hosted at the University of Kentucky in April. There were debate teams from Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas at this tournament. Congratulations on this national accomplishment!

♥ Congratulations to the team of sophomores Isabella Acosta and Evan Wang for winning 1st place in the varsity debate division at the Creekview Speech and Debate tournament on December 7!


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**Elementaries**

**Armstrong Music**

♥ Armstrong’s 3rd Grade Musical Program for PTA and parents is March 5 in the Armstrong Auditorium at 8:15 am.

**Bradfield Art**

♥ Bradfield Open House is March 10 with the Art Show (K-4) from 5:00-6:30 pm.

**Hyer Music**

♥ Hyer’s 1st Grade PTA performance is February 11 at 9:00 am in the Hyer Cafetorium.

**University Park Music**

♥ UP celebrates International Week with student dancing on February 28 in the UP Gym: 1st grade-5:00 pm, 2nd grade-5:15 pm, 3rd grade-5:30 pm, 4th grade-5:45 pm.

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**Orchestra**

**HPHS**

♥ 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 February 1 at MacArthur HS. Students who qualified for UIL State Solo/Ensemble are eligible to compete at UT-Austin in May.


*First Division Rating Solos:* Tristan Brown, Daniel Carrillo, Riley Dittrich, Matt Mattei, Timmy Zhang.


Congratulations to all and best of luck to those going to State!

♥ HPHS Orchestra members attend the HPISD Orchestra Solo/Ensemble on February 8 in the HPMS Fine Arts wing.

♥ HPHS Orchestra spring trip to Nashville is March 26-29.
**MIS/HPMS:**
- HPISD Orchestra Solo/Ensemble is February 8 in the HPMS Fine Arts wing for all MIS/HPMS/HPHS orchestra students.
- Pre-UIL workshops for the HPMS Orchestras from 4:00-6:00 pm are on February 18 for the Philharmonic Orchestra and February 19 for the Honor Orchestra. These are in preparation for the UIL Middle School Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest, scheduled for March 3-5 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 32nd Annual Dallas Branch of the English-Speaking Union’s Shakespeare Competition on March 7 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 Theatre is busy rehearsing the One-Act Play **Woyzeck**, an adaptation of the dramatic unfinished fragment by Georg Büchner. It is regarded as the first truly modern play, even though it was written between 1835-37, in that it argues our lives are determined by social and economic circumstances with themes of poverty, isolation and morality. HPHS travels for clinics at Creekview HS on February 12 and Keller Central HS on February 27 in preparation for the UIL District 11-5A One-Act Play contest on March 21 at The Colony HS. Best of luck!

**HPMS**
- HPMS Honors Drama presents the one-act play **Sarah’s Journal** on March 4 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium. This is in preparation for their UIL performance on March 7 at Grand Prairie HS, time to be announced. Good luck!
- HPMS presents the musical **Mary Poppins Jr.** on April 23-26 in the HPMS Auditorium. More info to come...

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**UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS**

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

**Concerts/Performances**

**February 5**
- HPHS Choir Pre-UIL Presentation – HPMS Auditorium, 6:00 pm
- HPHS Highland Belles Competition Showcase – HPHS Main Gym, 6:00 pm

**February 11**
- Hyer 1st Grade PTA Performance – Hyer Cafetorium, 9:00 am

**February 15**
- TMEA High School All-State Band & Choir concerts – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio
  - Lila Cockrell Theatre: 5A Symphonic Band - 12:30 pm
  - Stars at Night Ballroom: Treble Choir – 4:00 pm, Tenor-Bass Choir – 5:30 pm

**February 27**
- HPHS Jazz Band Concert – HPHS Cafeteria, 7:00 pm

**February 28**
- UP International Week student dancing – UP Gym; 1st – 5:00 pm, 2nd – 5:15 pm, 3rd – 5:30 pm, 4th – 5:45 pm

**March 2**
- HPHS/HPMS Night of Percussion concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**March 4**
- HPHS Choirs Mid-Winter Concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

**March 5**
- Armstrong 3rd Grade musical program for PTA/parents – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:15 am

**March 10**
- Bradfield Open House Art Show – 5:00-6:30 pm
**February 5**
Band 101 - HPHS Band Hall

**February 7-8**
HPHS Debate – Jesuit, Dallas

**February 8**
HPISD Orchestra Solo/Ensemble – HPMS Fine Arts Wing
- UIL Region 20 High School Choir Solo/Ensemble – Townview Magnet School, Dallas

**February 12**
HPHS One-Act Play – Clinic at Creekview HS

**February 15-17**
HPHS Debate – Harvard National Forensics Tournament, Boston

**February 18 & 19**
HPMS Orchestras Pre-UIL Workshops - HPMS Auditorium, 4:00-6:00 pm

**February 22**
UIL Region 20 High School Band Solo/Ensemble contest – Nimitz HS
HPHS Percussion Solo/Ensemble – HPHS

**February 27**
HPHS One-Act Play – Clinic at Keller Central HS, Ft. Worth

**February 27 – 28**
UIL Region 20 Middle School Choir Varsity Concert/Sightreading contest – Red Oak HS, day/time TBA

**February 29**
UIL Region 20 High School Band Solo/Ensemble contest – Midlothian HS

**March 1-2**
HPHS Debate – District National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) hosted at Colleyville-Heritage HS

**March 4-5**
UIL Region 20 Middle School Non-Varsity Orchestra Concert/Sightreading contest – Irving HS; day/time TBA

**March 7**
Dallas Area English-Speaking Union’s Shakespeare competition – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 9 am – Noon
HPMS Middle School UIL One-Act Play *Sarah’s Journal* performance – Grand Prairie HS, time TBA
HPMS Band Solo Contest - HPMS

**March 20-21**
UIL State 5A CX Debate – UT-Austin

**March 21**
HS UIL District 11-5A One-Act Play – The Colony HS, time TBA

**March 26 – 29**
HPHS Orchestra spring trip – Nashville, TN