** Please note that any dates/times in this newsletter could change or be canceled due to the unusual circumstances our students and teachers bravely face - with a mask!  Virtual events could also be added after the printing of this newsletter.  Check with your student’s director or the HPISD Activities Calendar link below to verify if performances/events have been added or canceled/changed: http://hpisd.tandem.co/index.php?type=view&action=month&cur_month=10&cur_year=2020  **

**HIGHLAND PARK FINE ARTS**

**November 4, 2020**

**Achievements/Honors...**

**HPHS Fine Arts**

◆ Several HPHS Fine Arts organizations were featured in the first-ever HPHS Virtual Pep Rally on October 30!  Go to [https://hphs.tv/category/live/](https://hphs.tv/category/live/) or scan this QR code.....If you want to see a specific Fine Arts organization, use these approximate times.  HP Drum Line begins the Pep Rally (41:10) and returns several times throughout; Band (39:05); Choir (36:34); Belles (25:55); and a sneak peek of a rehearsal for *Shrek the Musical* (21:45).

◆ HPHS Jazz Band concert is scheduled for December in the Highlander Band Hall, time TBA.

◆ TMEA Region 20 High School Band students’ Phase 1 audition recording/upload window is November 14-18.  Students advancing to Region Band auditions then record/upload December 5-9.  Students advancing to Area record/upload January 2-9, in the final auditions for TMEA All-State.  Best of luck!

◆ HPHS Bands winter concert is December 8 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

**Band**

◆ Highlander Marching Band welcomes the 7th & 8th grade Raider Band members to sit with them and play stand tunes during the Blue Out game on November 13 in Highlander Stadium!  Don’t forget your 2020 Blue Out shirts and remember that November 13 is also take-out only BBQ with the Band from 4:30-6:30 pm in the front of HPHS on Emerson. Tickets are $12 each so order an extra for a community member in need!  Food is graciously catered by Sonny Bryan’s BBQ.  Amazing raffle baskets, each worth $1,500, include: Gold Rush (NorthPark Gold); Apple of My I (Apple Store gift card); BBQ Bonanza (Large Big Green Egg package); Show me the Money (Visa gift card) and Plaid Gratitude (for an HPISD employee).  Raffle tickets are $5 each or six for $25.  Go to [www.hphsband.com](http://www.hphsband.com) & click on Fundraisers to purchase anything listed here.

◆ The Raider Band’s annual fundraiser “Practice-A-Thon” began October 9 and continues through Nov. 6.  Students ask family and friends to support them and take donations for each minute they have practiced during these three weeks.  Proceeds are used for instrument upkeep, new equipment, music, field trips, lesson scholarships, and for this year, specialized PPE to keep band students safe during COVID.

**Virtual Pep Rally**
The HPMS 7/8 Bands are excited to record during class on November 5 and 6 in order to present their Veterans Day concert digitally on November 11. Streaming link and time to be announced.

TMEA All-Region Middle School Band student’s audition recording/upload window is November 7-11.

HPMS 7th & 8th grade band members attend the Blue Out game, sitting with the HPHS marching band in Highlander Stadium as the Scots face McKinney North HS football.

The MIS 6th Grade Band winter concert is scheduled for December 7 at 6:30 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.

Congratulations to 46 HPHS choir members for making District Choir! These students now prepare the next round of repertoire for the TMEA Region 20 audition recording/upload window, Nov. 28-Dec. 2. Congratulations also to 10 HPHS students who were ranked 1st through 5th chair, as noted next to their names! 


Tenor 1: Vincent Frizell—5th chair, Caelan Rodriguez, August Ryan—2nd chair.

Bass 1 – Charlie Campbell, Jed Graham, Adam Massman, Alexander Miller—3rd chair, Matthew Winford, Matthew Winters.


Students who advance from Region to Area record/upload January 2-6, in the final auditions for TMEA All-State. Best of luck!

HPHS Choir Fiesta Dinner is take-out only this year on November 27 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Swing by the front of HPHS on Emerson to pick up “Take-out Tacos” and sides provided by Taco Joint -- it will be such a treat the day after Thanksgiving turkey!! Tickets are $10 each, sold by any HPHS choir member.

Press your luck with these awesome raffle prizes to help the Choir’s 19th annual fundraiser: 

Retreat in the Texas Hill Country (2 nights at Fredericksburg Inn & Suites; Dinner for 2 at Vaudeville Restaurant, wine tasting, shopping & spending money galore!-$2,250 value); A Techie Lover’s Dream (Apple Store gift card with a technical boost of goodies-$2,000 value); Shop, Sip & Ship (Amazon gift card basket with caffeinated goodies to shop all night!-$1,500 value); and Dinner is Served! (Large variety of local restaurant gift cards that will please everyone in the family-$1,500 value). Raffle basket tickets are $5 each or 6 tickets for $25. Tickets are sold by any choir student.

Proceeds from this event fund UIL competition fees and a much needed new sound system with recording equipment for the new choir room.

HPHS Choirs holiday concert is December 10 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
**HPHS DANCE**
- Those interested in becoming a part of the 2021-22 Highland Belles must attend a mandatory virtual Belle Candidate and Parent Meeting on November 4 from 6:30–8:00 pm in the HPHS Cafetorium. To receive the link, email Mrs. Phillips phillish@hpisd.org or Mrs. Sanchez sanchee@hpisd.org.
- Belle Tryout Clinics are December 7-9 from 6:30 am - 7:45 am in the ASF.
- Belle Mock Tryouts are December 10 from 4:00-7:00 pm in the ASF.
- Belle Tryouts are December 12 from 7am-7pm in the ASF. Best of luck!

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**HPHS DEBATE**
- On October 23-25 at the virtual Plano West Senior HS Texas Forensics Association/Tournament of Champions Qualifier, the junior team of Evan Wang and Andrew Lind captured 5th place in Varsity Cross-Examination Debate and the freshman team of Victoria Branch and Lillian Goetz took 5th place in Novice Cross-Examination Debate. Congratulations to both teams who placed well at a very competitive event!
- Possible upcoming virtual tournaments: Hockaday on Nov. 6-7, UIL District Congressional Meet on Nov. 10; Taylor HS-Katy, TX on Nov. 13-14; and The Glenbrooks-Illinois on Nov. 21-23.

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**ELEMENTARY MUSIC**
- Bradfield – 4th Grade *Winter Concert* is scheduled on December 15 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

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**ORCHESTRA**

**HPHS:**
- Congratulations to 12 orchestra students who were certified as Area Orchestra Candidates from Region 20! These students record/upload October 31-November 4, in the final auditions for TMEA All-State. **Violin** – Mira Aravamuthan (12), Elizabeth Chen (10), Justine Choi (10), Ayaha Hariyama (12), Alexander Stucka (9), Timothy Zhang (10), Haoyu Zhong (12). **Viola** – Vivian Lewis (12). **Cello** – Allison Yang (11), Thomas Zhang (10). **String Bass** – Matthew Mattei (11), Ethan Schwartz (12). Congrats and best of luck!
- HPHS Orchestra holiday concert is December 8 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

**HPMS/MIS:**
- MIS/HPMS Orchestra holiday concert is scheduled for December 9 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS/MIS Auditorium.
HPHS THEATRE

HPHS Fine Arts presents the 2020 musical *Shrek the Musical*, book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire and music by Jeanine Tesori. Performances are Thursday & Saturday, November 19 and 21, at 7:00 pm and Sunday November 22 at 2:00 pm. There will be limited seating in the auditorium to accommodate social distancing guidelines. Streaming will also be available. The public can begin purchasing online November 3. **In person seating is $15-adult, $10-Child/Student. Streaming is $30 (covers entire family).**

You can go to: https://www.showtix4u.com/events/17998 or scan the QR code at the bottom of the poster.

Online ordering for Palmer Auditorium seating closes 2 hours before each performance and reopens the following day: (Nov. 19 & 21 – closes at 5:00 pm; Nov. 22 – closes at noon).

Online ordering for streaming never closes. Whether in-person tickets or streaming, you must select the date(s) wanted.

Who can resist the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue? *Shrek the Musical* is based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig. It was originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions. Two more things…

Did you know that *Shrek the Musical* won the award for best costume design in a musical at the 2009 Tony Awards? And the movie *Shrek* won the first Academy Award for best animated feature.

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Happy Thanksgiving