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

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**HPHS ART**

- Congratulations to Claire Cochran (12), whose artwork was selected for inclusion in the ‘20-21 AP Art and Design Digital Exhibit! The AP Art and Design Readers felt her work (submitted as an 11th grader in Alex Sharp’s AP Drawing class) was some of the top work submitted in the 2020 AP Reading, which is an enormous art achievement! Ms. Sharp and Claire had to submit recorded interviews, which are very informative. Claire states, “My art is based on my experience working with orphaned and vulnerable children in Zambia over the last two summers. Children I deeply love & have spent time with personally.”

Claire does mission work with children in Zambia each summer, but continues to work year round to raise funds for those children, planning events that benefit their education as well as their basic needs. Ms. Sharp notes, “When Claire started her portfolio, she made it clear that she wanted it to be more than a 'pretty picture’ of the kids she works with. She wanted to show every facet of who these people are, their essence, and provide a voice to those who normally do not have one. When Claire was selected for her work to be shown on this bigger platform, it was a HUGE deal. She was now sharing their stories and allowing them to be seen and heard on a very large scale. She learned art is such a powerful tool to advocate for others, to communicate, to provide understanding and acceptance of all types of people. I am very proud of her accomplishments, but more than that, I am proud of her heart.” Congratulations!

View Claire’s actual exhibit page on the College Board website at:

https://2020artanddesignexhibit.collegeboard.org/claire-cochran

**BAND**

**HPHS**

- Congratulations to the HPHS Drum Line for capturing 1st Place in the Standstill I-Red Division at the virtual Lone Star Classic Drum Line Competition on November 7, hosted by Marcus HS! Maddox Linder (12) took 1st place in the solo competition on tenor drums. Congrats to all!

- TMEA Region Band record/upload is December 5-9. Students who advance to Area record/upload January 2-9, in the final auditions for TMEA All-State. Best of luck!

- HPHS Bands winter concert site has changed to the HPHS Cafeteria on December 8, with Symphonic Band first at 6:30 pm; the Wind Ensemble performs at 7:30 pm. Performances are 30 minutes each.
**HPHS Band, continued**

- The Jazz Band concert has moved to February 23, location and time to be announced.

**MIS/HPMS Band**

- HPMS 7/8 Bands Virtual Veterans Concert is at [https://hpraiderband.org/hp-veteran](https://hpraiderband.org/hp-veteran)
- The MIS 6th Grade Band winter concert will be recorded and online December 7. Link to be announced.
- The HPMS 7/8 Bands record their Winter Concert during band classes on December 14-18. Link to be announced.
- Congratulations to the **60** Raider Band members listed below who made TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band! **5** members made 1st chair in the Region! Congrats to Amy Xu-1st chair oboe; Reuben Obel-1st chair alto sax; Luke Bowden-1st chair tenor sax; Jack Teeter-1st chair tuba; and Christian Lerma-1st chair percussion!

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*Denotes First Chair in the Region*
Congratulations to 23 HPHS choir members for making the TMEA Region XX 9th/10th Grade Honor Choir! Congrats also to the 3 students who made 1st chair: Selina Wang - Soprano 1; Lidia Piermartiri - Soprano 2; and Cole Farley - Tenor 1!! 13 students made 1st - 5th chairs!


The student Region 20 audition submission window is November 28-December 2. Good luck! Students who advance from Region to Area record/upload January 2-6, in the final auditions for TMEA All-State. Best of luck!

If you missed the HPHS Choir Virtual Fall Concert, here is the link to the performance: [https://hphs.tv/1189/live/hphs-2020-fall-choir-concert/](https://hphs.tv/1189/live/hphs-2020-fall-choir-concert/)

The HPHS Choirs Holiday Concert is December 10 at 5:30 pm in the Highlander Stadium, or possibly the 11th, depending on the Football Playoff game. If there is inclement weather, it will move to the HPISD Indoor Athletic Facility.

**MIS/HPMS**

In case you missed it, the MIS/HPMS Choirs Fall 2020 Virtual Concert is at [http://raidermedia.net/](http://raidermedia.net/); the password is raiders. It is audio only. Here is the program:

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**tonight's program**

6TH GRADE BOYS

*Come Sail Away With Me* .......... Patterson
*Give Me Wings* ....................... arr. Patterson

**POP CHOIR**

*Shallow* .......... arr. Billingsley

6TH GRADE GIRLS

*Danny Boy* .......... arr. Knowles
*Songs of a Disney Princess* .......... arr. Huff
Soloists: Harrison Piering and Matt Ferguson

7TH/8TH TENOR BASS CHOIR

*Lonesome Road* .......... arr. Schram
*The Erie Canal* .......... arr. Schram
*I'm Bound Away* .......... arr. Patterson

Soloists: Raleigh Jewell

7TH/8TH TREBLE CHOIR

*Follow the Drinking Gourd* .......... arr. Althouse
Soloists: Harper Kuehn

O Magnum Mysterium .......... Ramos

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+ Choir Officer
* Raider Pop Choir Member
**HPHS DANCE**

- Tryouts for the 2021-22 Highland Belles are as follows:
  - 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**

- The team of juniors Evan Wang and Andrew Lind captured 2nd Place in Varsity Policy Debate at the Ed Long Virtual Invitational hosted by Hockaday on November 6-7! This high placement secured enough points to qualify them for the Texas Forensic Association State Championship in March – congratulations!!
- Congratulations to freshman Tracy Gong for placing 8th at the 5A Region UIL Congress virtual tournament on November 10!
- Upcoming tournaments: University of Texas Longhorn Classic Online on Dec. 4-6; UIL District 13-5A CX Debate on January 14. Best of luck!

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**ELEMENTARY MUSIC**

- Bradfield – 4th Grade Winter Concert, scheduled for December 15 in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium, will now be virtual in January; date to be announced.

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**ORCHESTRA**

**HPHS**

- HPHS Orchestra holiday concert is December 8 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

**HPMS/MIS**

- MIS/HPMS Orchestra holiday concert scheduled for December 9 is now virtual; link to be announced.

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**THEATRE**

**HPHS**

- UIL One-Act Play auditions are after school on December 7 and 8 with callbacks on December 9. Students need to check the flyers for specific details.

**HPMS/MIS**

- HPMS 7/8 Honors Drama presents a play virtually to all of the HPISD 3rd graders for viewing in the classroom on December 1.

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*Newsletter by Susan Cruz*

Happy Holidays