



HIGHLAND PARK FINE ARTS

November 3, 2021
Achievements/Events...



****Please note: Dates/times/venues in this newsletter could change due to Covid****

BAND HPHS

- ◆ Congratulations to the Highlander Band for capturing 5th Place in the UIL 5A State Marching Band Contest in the Alamodome in San Antonio on November 2! In the prelims on November 1, out of a total of 33 competing bands from throughout Texas, HP advanced into the Top 12 Finals with their UIL *Sugar Rush* performance.



Here's a quick recap of the band's successful journey: **Sept. 18** – Drum Line took 1st Place in the 5A Advanced Division at the HEB Drumline Contest at Pennington Field in Bedford; **Sept. 25** - Band captured 2nd Place in the Mansfield Preview of Champions, earning Outstanding captions for Percussion, Music Execution, & Visual Execution in their division; **Oct. 9** - Band won the Grand Champion Award at the McKinney Marching Invitational, receiving Outstanding captions in both prelims and finals for Musical & Visual Performance, Percussion, and Colorguard; **Oct. 18** - Band received 1st Division Ratings at UIL HS Region 20 Marching Band contest in Ennis and advanced to Area; **Oct. 23** – Band achieved Area Champion, capturing 1st place in the UIL 5A Area C Marching Finals in Mesquite, and the top 3 Area C bands (1st-HP, 2nd-Forney, & 3rd-Poteet) advanced to UIL State Marching Contest on **November 1-2**.



Highlander Marching Band at UIL Region 20 Marching Contest



Drum Majors (LtoR) Jackson Holmes, Brandon Luk, and Luke Mattox at the McKinney Marching Invitational

- ◆ Highlander Band thanks everyone for their support for BBQ with the Band and Blue Out. For the 2nd year, supporters had the opportunity to purchase meals for community members in need and due to you, Sonny Bryan's will provide 150 meals to homeless groups, front line health care workers, vulnerable families, and isolated seniors. Thanks so much!!
- ◆ Good luck to band members auditioning for TMEA Region Orchestra (winds/percussion) on Nov. 16 at Duncanville HS. Those who make Region 20 Orchestra perform on Dec. 4 at Richardson HS.



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- ◆ Best of luck to the HP Drum Line at the Lone Star Classic Drumline Contest in Marcus HS Stadium on November 20.
- ◆ HPHS Jazz Band concert is scheduled for December 2 at 6:30 pm in the HPHS Band Hall.
- ◆ HPHS Bands winter concert is December 8 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
- ◆ TMEA HS Band Region 20 auditions are December 10-11 at Duncanville HS. Students who advance to TMEA Area compete on January 8 in Duncanville HS for the final auditions for TMEA All-State.

HPMS/MIS

- ◆ TMEA All-Region Middle School Band auditions are November 12-13 at Kennemer MS. Students making the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band perform on December 4 at Duncanville HS. Best of luck!
- ◆ The MIS/HPMS Bands winter concert is December 7 at 5:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium!

CHOIR

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- ◆ TMEA HS Region 20 Region and 9/10 Choir auditions were held on October 16 at Lake Highlands HS. A total of **61** HPHS choir students placed and will perform within 4 different choirs at the Region 20 Clinic/Concert on November 9 at Dallas Baptist University!

Congratulations to these **12** students who are advancing to **Pre-Area** on Nov. 16, hosted at HPHS: Juliet Allen, Olivia Carroll, Vincent Frizell, Jed Graham, Zaina Khan, Trent Kinder, Sydney Moore, Abby O'Rourke, August Ryan, Callie Seabolt, Matthew Winford, and Dylan Woodward. Good luck!



Congratulations to **4** students for making 1st chair in their section: Juliet Allen, Nola Carroll, Elizabeth Kerr, and John Sartain! Congratulations to the members in each of the following choirs:

2021 Region Choir

Soprano 2: Zaina Khan, Annabelle Sartain-alternate. **Alto 1:** Juliet Allen-1st chair; Sydney Moore. **Alto 2:** Callie Seabolt-2nd chair; Abby O'Rourke, Olivia Carroll. **Tenor 1:** Vincent Frizell, Grayson Houghton-alternate; August Ryan-4th chair. **Tenor 2:** Zachary Feldman-Alternate; Dylan Woodward-3rd chair. **Bass 1:** Jed Graham. **Bass 2:** Trent Kinder, Matthew Winford.

2021 9/10 Treble Choir

Soprano 1: Camryn Seabolt, Shania Vasquez-4th chair; Claire Vaughn-3rd chair. **Soprano 2:** Nelle Blaylock-3rd chair; Kate Denton, Annika Ghai-5th chair; Audrey Johnson, Elizabeth Kerr-1st chair; August Lazzaro, McKinley Meece-4th chair; Ashley Moore. **Alto:** Adalyn Booth, Nola Carroll-1st chair; Julia Leonard-3rd chair; Maya Lowenberg, Katelyn Richard-4th chair; Emory Rhodes-2nd chair.

2021 9/10 Tenor/Bass Choir

Tenor 1: Harrison Bradford-3rd chair; Rikhil Katuri-4th chair. **Tenor 2:** Matthew Berhanu, Noah Morse-4th chair. **Bass 1:** Conner Richardson-3rd chair; John Sartain-1st chair.

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2021 9/10 District Choir

Soprano 1: Cate Gould, Piper Holdridge, Alexandra Lahiri, Minna Lamprecht, Gracie Lane, Cristina Macias, Megan McCutchan, Kate Swayze, Selina Wang. **Soprano 2:** Ana Gonzalez, Lizzie Griswold, Audrey Hoff. **Alto 1:** Julia Smartt, Yana Spitzer, Kielely Stallings. **Alto 2:** Tess Stanford. **Tenor 1:** Caelan Rodriguez. **Tenor 2:** JD Copeland, Ethan Corbitt, Coley Farley, Morgan Martinez. **Bass 2:** Joshua Feng.



- ◆ The 20th annual HPHS Choir Fiesta Dinner and Raffle is November 5 from 5-7 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria. Drive thru is 4:30-6:30 pm. Online raffle and dinner ticket sales ended October 27. Thanks to all who purchased raffle and dinner tickets! All donations help fund choir expenses for the year – your support is greatly appreciated!
- ◆ After the Fiesta dinner, come to the final regular season home football game against Wylie East in Highlander Stadium where the choirs will sing The National Anthem!
- ◆ HPHS Choir hosts the TMEA Pre-Area Choir auditions at HPHS on November 16.
- ◆ L&L performs at the Snider Tree Plaza Tree Lighting on November 21.
- ◆ L&L performs at the Armstrong Tree Lighting on December 2.
- ◆ HPHS Choirs holiday concert is December 9 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

HPMS/MIS

- ◆ The Raider Pop Choir performed for students at Bradfield Elementary on the morning of October 21st. The 15 members are: 7th Grade – Jackson Edwards, McKenna Kate Houghton, Grace Johnson, Trey Lander, Easley Mann, Sage Rockow, Reed Rothermel; and 8th Grade – Luka Anderson, Caroline Davidson, Madison Furgeson, Nick Kinder, Isaac Moon, Bella Pacholski, Jaron Pierce, Harrison Piering.
- ◆ The TMEA 7th/8th grade Choir Solo & Ensemble on October 30 was canceled and has not yet been rescheduled.
- ◆ HPMS Choirs Holiday NorthPark concerts are December 2 and 3 at 10:45 am, in the NorthCourt by the large orange/red artwork.

HPHS DANCE

- ◆ Each member of the Highland Belles sold supper & raffle tickets and solicited underwriting donations. All funds from the annual Highland Belles Spaghetti Supper and Auction help support the year-round operations of the drill team, and every Belle gratefully thanks the community for its support of the annual event! Congratulations to the top three 2021 Spaghetti Supper sellers (left to right) Shelby Sides-2nd place, Devoney Duclow-1st place, and Ryan Fainter-3rd place!



HPHS DANCE, continued

- ◆ There is a required virtual meeting on November 3 for freshmen, sophomore or junior students wishing to be a 2022-23 Highland Belle at 6:00 pm. Students do not have to be currently enrolled in Belles Prep in order to try out.



- ◆ The Highland Belles Mock Tryouts are December 2 at 5:30 pm in the ASF Gym.
- ◆ The Highland Belles Tryouts are December 3 from 7 am-7 pm in the ASF Gym. Best of luck to all!

DEBATE

- ◆ A big congratulations to freshman Lillian Goetz for her success in the JW Patterson Invitational, hosted virtually by the Heritage Hall School in Oklahoma City on October 8-10. She won the Silver Division Championship in the Novice Policy Division! Lillian had the unique opportunity to debate solo at this event, winning 5 out of 6 rounds. This tournament had 49 schools from 17 states competing in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum debates in novice, junior varsity, and varsity categories. Great job, Lillian!



J. W. Patterson Foundation
for Academic Excellence in Speech and Debate
Novice Policy Silver Division Champion



- ◆ Good luck to Debate at these upcoming tournaments:
Hebron HS – November 5-6; Notre Dame HS – November 6-8; Hockaday – November 12-13; Glenbrooks – November 20-22; and Berkner HS – December 10-11.

ELEMENTARY

- ◆ **Armstrong** – 1st Grade Music Performances in the Armstrong Auditorium: November 17 at 12:55 for K & 2nd, November 18 at 1:25 for 3rd & 4th, and November 19 at 8 am for PTA.
4th Grade presents **Wizard of Oz** in the Armstrong Auditorium: December 14 at 2 pm for K & 1st, December 15 at 2 pm for 2nd & 3rd, and December 16 at 8 am.
- ◆ **Bradfield** – 4th Grade presents a **Winter Concert** on December 14 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
- ◆ **Hyer** – 2nd Grade Performance at 9:00 am in the Hyer Cafetorium on November 18.
3rd Grade gives a **Holiday Performance** in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium on December 15 at 6:15 pm.
- ◆ **University Park** – 3rd Grade musical **Lemonade** is in the UP Cafetorium at 6:00 pm on December 9 in the UP Cafetorium.





ORCHESTRA HPHS

- ◆ Congratulations to 23 students for making the TMEA Region 20 High School Orchestra! Auditions were held on October 16. 6 students also advanced to Area and taped for All-State Orchestra on October 30 at Booker T. Washington-HSVPA. Congratulations to these six students who taped for All-State Orchestra: **Violin** – Justine Choi, Iris Song, Timothy Zhang; **Cello** – Simon Stout, Thomas Zhang; **Double Bass** – Matthew Mattei. State results are announced in November.

Congratulations to the following students who have high chair placement in their respective orchestra:

Honors Orchestra: Matthew Mattei – 2nd chair bass; Thomas Zhang – 3rd chair cello; Simon Stout – 4th chair cello; and Justine Choi – 5th chair violin.

Symphonic Orchestra: Quentin Balestri – 1st chair (principal) bass; Richard Li – 2nd chair cello; Marissa Curry – 3rd chair viola; and Luke Hagland – 5th chair viola.

Congratulations to all 23 Region Orchestra members:

Violin – Elizabeth Chen, Justine Choi, Kathryn Hale, Sofia Patel, Emerson Piering, Madelyn Robertson, Mediha Siddiqui, Iris Song, Alexander Stucka, Timothy Zhang, Faith Zhao.

Viola – Zeynep Akdora, Cecilia Coale, Marissa Curry, Luke Haglund, Ryan Wright.

Cello – Linda Chen, Neelan Krishna, Richard Li, Simon Stout, Thomas Zhang.

Double Bass – Quentin Balestri, Matthew Mattei.

These students perform at the TMEA Region 20 Orchestra concert on December 4 at Richardson HS.

- ◆ The following students performed at the National Merit Semi-Finalist Luncheon on October 21: Dalton Burford, Elizabeth Chen, Justine Choi, Ryan Nguyen, Oleksii Samkov, Iris Sons, and Alexander Stucka.
- ◆ HPHS Orchestra Winter Concert is December 7 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.

HPMS/MIS

- ◆ Congratulations to 12 HPMS orchestra students for making the TMEA Middle School Region 20 All-Region Orchestra! Auditions were held on October 16.

All-Region members are:

Violin – Bryce Chua, Deniz Dogan, Alec Fang, Dominic Hamill, Lillian Williams, and Dominic Willis.

Viola – Lucy Henrich, Cameron Liu, and Eric Weinberg.

Cello – Angela Gonzalez and Alexander Liu.

Bass – Montana Wulff.

These students perform at the TMEA Middle School Region 20 All-Region Orchestra concert on December 4 at Richardson HS.

- ◆ The MIS/HPMS Orchestras Winter Concert is December 8 at 7:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

THEATRE HPHS

- ◆ HPHS Theatre presents the Classics - William Golding's *Lord of the Flies* in the HPHS Orchestra Ensemble Room on November 13 at 2:00 pm and November 14 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are purchased at the door (Orchestra Ensemble Room-NW106) for \$5 each. Enter off of Douglas Avenue. Not suitable for children under 13 due to violent content.



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WILLIAM GOLDING'S
LORD OF
THE FLIES

Saturday, November 13th - 2:00pm
Sunday, November 14th - 2:00 pm
HPHS orchestra Ensemble Room NW 106
Enter off of Douglas

Limited Seating
Tickets \$5 - Purchase At The Door
Not appropriate for children under 13 due to violent
content.

MIS/HPMS

- ◆ The HPMS Honors Drama performs a Children's Play at 7:00 pm on November 30 in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium. The Children's Play is also presented for the Third Grades on November 30 and December 1, both days at 1:00 pm.
- ◆ The 1st Semester 6th Grade Parent Plays are performed December 10 during the 6th Grade Theater class time.



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