

# HIGHLAND PARK FINE ARTS

September 5, 2017



## Achievements/Events...

### FACULTY NEWS

- ✓ Welcome to the new HPISD Fine Arts Faculty... *HPHS*: Laura Draper, Terry Letterman – Art; Tara Cesario – Orchestra; Ben Stevens – Theatre.

### BAND

#### *HPHS*

- ✓ Congratulations to the following for earning First Division ratings (gold medals) at UIL State Solo/Ensemble in Austin on May 29: Sophia Brinkman, Peter Davies, Nathan Denman, and the flute choir consisting of Erin Harper, Sophie Jejurikar, Caroline Kibby, Jordan Meacham, Katelyn Porter, Ava Sims, Hailey Turco, and Elena Wang. Congrats also to these members for receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> Division (silver medal) ratings: Noah Busbee, Bobby Lyle, Gillian Owsley, Allison Walters, Grace Zhao, plus a brass quintet of Christina Bambach, William Cerny, Sydney McDuffie, Jackson Smith, and Allison Walters and a sax quartet of Julie Herrick, Jinghan Yuan, Adam Davidson, and PJ Egenes. Special congratulations to Sophia Brinkman and Peter Davies for earning Outstanding Performer Awards.
- ✓ In early June, the 2016-17 Wind Symphony recording placed first in the 2017 Area D Honor Band Competition, earning advancement to 5A State Honor Band judging where they placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Congratulations!
- ✓ Congratulations to the *HPHS* Percussion for being one of three high school percussion ensembles selected to perform at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) in Indianapolis in November 2017, based on the recording they submitted to be judged last spring.
- ✓ TMEA Region 20 Jazz auditions are September 16 at Waxahachie HS. Good luck!
- ✓ Good luck to HP at the Plano Drum Line Competition on September 23 at Clark Stadium.
- ✓ Upcoming marching competitions are September 30 at Mansfield ISD Vernon Newsom Stadium, Midlothian Marching Showcase on October 7, and UIL 5A Region Marching Contest on October 19 at Jesse Owens Athletic Complex in Dallas; times not available as of this printing. Best of luck!

#### *HPMS*

- ✓ 7/8 band students attend ExtravaBANDza, a Region Band clinic, on October 21 at HPMS, 9 am-2 pm.

### CHOIR.

#### *HPHS*

- ✓ Congratulations to Sophie Hung, Cailin Jordan, Gable Hea and Lily Wu for earning First Division (gold medal) ratings at UIL State Solo/Ensemble in May in Austin. Congratulations also to Adam Davidson and Skylar Wilson for receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> Division (silver medal) ratings and to Kate Lambert for receiving a 3<sup>rd</sup> Division (bronze medal) rating.
- ✓ TMEA Region 20 District Choir auditions are September 23 at South Grand Prairie HS. Students who make the District Choir advance to the Region Choir auditions on October 21 at Midlothian HS. Best of luck!
- ✓ *HPHS* Choirs Fall Concert is October 11 at 7:00 pm in the *HPHS* Palmer Auditorium.

HPHS Choir, continued:

- ✓ HPHS Choir Department's Pre-Game Fiesta Dinner is September 29 in the HPHS Cafeteria from 5-7 pm. Drive-thru take-out is from 4:30-6:00 pm in the teacher parking lot off Douglas. Food is from Blue Mesa Grill; tickets are \$10. Raffle tickets are available for a 2018 Vespa Primavera 50cc (\$25 each or 5 for \$100) as well as a raffle basket for her, for him, for a date night on the town or for your home sweet home (\$5 each or 6 for \$25.) Tickets are sold by any choir student, and dinner tickets are also sold at the door.



Come help support one of the oldest and largest student organizations in the district. All dollars raised help to fund the choir expenses for the year, including competition at the District, Regional and UIL levels, choral music, concert expenses and scholarships.

- ✓ This school year's Lads & Lassies and Park Version choirs/officers are pictured as follows:



2017-18 Lads and Lassies Officers:

**1<sup>st</sup> row**, from left: Jenni Phillips (*Historian*), Trinity Ngo (*Historian*), Cailin Jordan (*President*), Sofia Lara (*Librarian*)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> row**: Claire Hockett (*Secretary*), Adam Davidson (*Equipment Manager*), Jennings Humphries (*Vice President*), Megan Liu (*Librarian*)



2017-18 Park Version Officers:  
Gracie Nunneley (*Vice President*),  
Katie Krasovec (*President*), and  
Mary Berryman (*Secretary*)

2017-18 Park Version:

**Seated**, from left: Apsaline Douglas, Brennan Davis, Will Giese, Morgan Gerlach, Cailin Jordan, Katie Krasovec (*President*), Gracie Nunneley (*Vice President*), Luke Sobolevitch

**Standing**: Skylar Wilson, Sophie Hung, Mary Berryman (*Secretary*), Jennings Humphries, Adam Davidson, Matthew McDaniel, Jordan Pierce, Bryn Klingaman, Ryan Douglass, Claire DeJean, Jace Tucker



### HPHS Choir, continued:



2017-18 Lads and Lassies:

**1<sup>st</sup> row**, from left: Mary Berryman, Claire Hockett, Sofia Lara, Jenni Phillips, Olivia Korte, Megan Liu, Cailin Jordan. **2<sup>nd</sup> row**: Riley Stafford, Tori Klein, Lily Wu, Gable Hea, Bhavana Thota. **3<sup>rd</sup> row**: Chandler Barksdale, Trinity Ngo, Greer Crump, Gracie Nunneley, Sofia McGuire. **4<sup>th</sup> row**: Wells Weinberg, Mary Margaret Deering, Lucy Collins, Emma Lindwall, Katie Krasovec. **5<sup>th</sup> row**: Cece Grosz, Apsaline Douglas, Abby Ott, Skylar Wilson, Julia Helton. **6<sup>th</sup> row**: Carmen Sarfatis, Emily McKeithen, Ellie Orr, Alexandra Yeager, Lucy Gruber. **7<sup>th</sup> row**: Sophie Hung, Ashley Turner, Claire DeJean, Caroline Thomas, Emily Mahmalji. **8<sup>th</sup> row**: Cullen Ciolfi, Jennings Humphries, Ryan

Rapuzzi, Jack Puckett, Brennan Davis, Carter Puckett. **9<sup>th</sup> row**: Jace Tucker, Ryan Douglass, Carrington Aytes, Sterling Sutcliffe, John Moss, Yutong Wang. **10<sup>th</sup> row**: Beck Lucas, Colby Hopkins, Andrew Ewing, Hudson Richey. **11<sup>th</sup> row**: Jordan Pierce, Will Giese, Adam Davidson, William Jackman, Charlie Craft, Augustus Vidal. **12<sup>th</sup> row**: Will Marshall, Preston Lane, Luke Sobolevitch, Matthew McDaniel. **Not pictured**: Morgan Gerlach, Cole Johnson, Bryn Klingaman, Alexis Munglioli, Diego Valle, Catherine Zogg.

### HPMS/MIS Choir:

- ✓ Members of the HPMS/MIS Choir performed for the HPISD Superintendent's Convocation on August 21 in the HP HS Palmer Auditorium.
- ✓ HPMS/MIS Choirs (6-8) Fall Concert is October 25 at 7:00 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.

### HPHS DANCE

- ✓ Highland Belles Spaghetti Supper and Auction is September 8. For the 22<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, the Belles are grateful to partner with Amore Italian Restaurant and honored to announce their presenting sponsor "MiTek." This year's theme "We're All in Fringe Together" builds on the team's 34 year spaghetti supper tradition, which is the Belles only fundraiser for bus transportation, props & equipment for performances, choreography, sound systems and competition expenses. Dinner is in the HP HS Cafeteria from 5-7 pm with take-out orders from 4:30-6:30 pm in the parking lot south of the stadium on Douglas. If you have not already done so, dinner tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 each; raffle chances are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. "The Big Apple" basket is back, with a \$2,500 Apple Store gift card, while the new "Shop Til You Drop" basket features a \$2,500 Plains Capital Bank debit card. The silent auction features more than 500 items, including gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, services, fashion, jewelry, fitness, home and gift items, etc. \*Photo features Amore Italian Restaurant manager Ted Levenson with Highland Belles Ava Jahant, Camille Sockwell, Catherine Magee, Brooke Marvel and Caroline Thomas.



## HPHS Dance, continued:



✓ In June, the Highland Belles Lieutenants performed at the Encore Creative Productions Officer Camp in Frisco and earned the “All-Around Award” and a blue (superior) ribbon for their advanced jazz routine to “Dangerous.” This award is given to groups exhibiting the top level of technique, precision and showmanship. They also took two Master classes, a lyrical routine, three technique intensives and numerous leadership workshops. Lieutenants from left to right: Jillian Ellis, Claire Lake, Talle Olsen, Catherine Magee and Grace Dodd.

- ✓ Specialty group auditions were held and 53 girls auditioned for both groups. These two honor squads are intentionally kept at ensemble size, but the judges had a difficult time this year narrowing the field due to the excellent competition. Hence these squads are the largest in the Belles’ 35-year history. Congratulations to Catherine Magee for winning Miss High Kick. Members are listed below in height order.

2017-18 Kick Company: Anna Cimorelli, Campbell Willis, Rebecca Greaves, Olivia Pettijohn, Jillian Ellis, Olivia Jolas, Claire Lake, Emily Mahmalji, Sophie Folts, Catherine Magee, Talle Olsen, Elizabeth Ann Meier, Berkley Mason, Miriam Kazi, Brooke Marvel, Ava Jahant, Casey Bowden, Grace Dodd, Kennedy Feigl, and Eleanor Gambrell.

2017-18 All-Americans: Anna Cimorelli, Kaki Kennedy, Campbell Willis, Jillian Ellis, Alexandra Whitlock, Claire Lake, Emily Mahmalji, Sophie Folts, Caroline Thomas, Catherine Magee, Talle Olsen, Berkley Mason, Liv Brink, Jenna Peck, Brooke Marvel, Casey Bowden, Grace Dodd.

The Kick Company performs at the pep rally on September 14. The All-Americans perform at the pep rally on November 3 and will compete at the Regional Contest in February. Congratulations to all!

## HPHS DEBATE

- ✓ Best of luck to the debate teams in their possible upcoming debate tournaments: Grapevine HS – Sept. 8-9; Greenhill Fall Classic – Sept. 16-18; Newman Smith HS – Sept. 29-30; Heart of Texas at St. Mark’s – Oct. 13-14; Plano West – Oct. 20-21; University of North Texas – Oct. 27-28.

## ORCHESTRA

### HPHS:

- ✓ Congratulations to Adelle Crofford for earning a First Division (gold medal) rating at UIL State Solo/Ensemble in May in Austin.
- ✓ Congratulations to senior violinist Matteo Cordray for being accepted to West Point!
- ✓ The Highlander Strings’ raffle drawing takes place at the Homecoming game on October 13 in Highlander Stadium. Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20 and can be purchased from any Highlander Strings member. For further information, contact Tara Cesario at 214-780-4831.
- ✓ TMEA Region 20 HS Orchestra string auditions are October 14 – good luck!
- ✓ Highlander Strings perform a Hauntcert in costume with the MIS/HPMS Orchestras at the NorthCourt (between Nordstrom and Macy’s) in NorthPark Center on October 24 at 7:00 pm.

### HPMS/MIS:

- ✓ MIS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra presents a demo concert on Sept. 27 at 5:30 pm in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium.
- ✓ TMEA Region 20 Middle School Orchestra auditions are October 21 at Nimitz HS in Irving. Good luck!
- ✓ HPMS/MIS Orchestras perform a Hauntcert in costume with the HPHS Highlander Strings on October 24 at 7:00 pm at the NorthCourt (between Nordstrom and Macy’s) in NorthPark Center.

## THEATRE

### HPHS:

- ✓ HPHS Fine Arts Department presents the 2017 musical *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, book by Lawrence Kasha and David Landay; lyrics by Johnny Mercer, music by Gene de Paul, and new songs by Al Kasha and Joel Hirschhorn. This 2007 revised version is a rollicking adventure full of fun, energetic dancing, featuring Dance Music Arrangements by Sam Davis. Four performances are Saturdays, Sept. 9 & Sept. 16 at 7 pm and Sundays, Sept. 10 & 17 at 2 pm. Tickets are on sale September 5-8 and Sept. 11-15 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm as well as one hour before each performance at the HPMS Titus Box Office. Reserved seating is \$10 and general admission seats in the balcony are \$8. Cash or checks only; no reservations by phone accepted.
- ✓ HPMS International Thespian Society is running concessions at each performance of *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. Thanks for your support!



### HPMS:

- ✓ HPMS Playbill presents the fall play, *The Tale of Snow White*. Performances are in the MIS/HPMS Auditorium on October 19 and 21 at 7:00 pm, October 20 at 4:00 pm and October 22 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.

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## A QUICK GLANCE AT UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS

### Concerts/Performances

*Red-HPHS events; Blue-HPMS/MIS events*

#### September 9, 10, 16, 17

HPHS musical *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* – HPMS Palmer Auditorium.

September 9 & 16 at 7:00 pm; September 10 & 17 at 2:00 pm

Reserved - \$10; Balcony general admission - \$8. Tickets at HPMS Titus Box Office.

#### September 27

MIS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra demo concert – HPMS Cafeteria, 5:30 pm

#### October 11

HPHS Choirs Fall Concert – HPMS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

#### October 19-22

HPMS Playbill *The Tale of Snow White* – MIS/HPMS Auditorium

October 19 & 21 at 7:00 pm; October 20 at 4:00 pm; October 22 at 2:00 pm. Tickets-\$5.

#### October 24

HPHS Highlander Strings & MIS/HPMS Orchestra Hauntcert – NorthCourt in NorthPark, 7:00 pm

#### October 25

HPMS/MIS Choir (6-8) fall concert – MIS/HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm



## Competitions/Other Events

### September 8

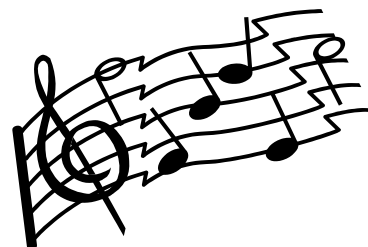
HPHS Belles Spaghetti Supper – HPHS Cafeteria, 5-7 pm; Take-out 4:30-6:30  
HPHS Debate – Grapevine HS (Sept. 8-9)

### September 14

HPHS Highlander Belles Kick Company – HPHS Pep Rally

### September 16

TMEA HS Region 20 Jazz Auditions – Waxahachie HS  
HPHS Debate – Greenhill Fall Classic (Sept. 16-18)



### September 23

HPHS Drum Line – Plano Drum Line Competition, Clark Stadium in Plano  
TMEA Region 20 HS District Choir Auditions – South Grand Prairie HS

### September 29

HPHS Choir Pre-Game Fiesta Dinner – HPHS Cafeteria, 5-7 pm; drive-thru service 4:30-6 pm  
HPHS Debate – Newman Smith HS (Sept. 29-30)

### September 30

HPHS Band at Marching Competition – Mansfield ISD Vernon Newsom Stadium

### October 7

HPHS Band at Midlothian Marching Showcase – Midlothian ISD Multi-Purpose Stadium

### October 13

HPHS Highlander Strings Raffle Drawing – HPHS Highlander Stadium  
HPHS Debate – Heart of Texas at St. Mark's (Oct. 13-14)

### October 14

HS TMEA All-Region Orchestra String auditions

### October 19

HS UIL Region 20 5A Marching Band Contest – Jesse Owens Athletic Complex, Dallas

### October 20-21

HPHS Debate – Plano West HS

### October 21

HPMS 7/8 Band ExtravaBANDza – HPMS, 9 am – 2 pm  
MS TMEA All-Region Strings auditions – Nimitz HS, Irving  
TMEA Region 20 HS Region Choir Auditions – Midlothian HS