

HIGHLAND PARK FINE ARTS

December 5, 2018



ACHIEVEMENTS/HONORS...

BAND

HPHS:

- ❖ Congratulations to the HPHS Drum Line for capturing the Caldwell Cup for Best Percussion Performance at the Lone Star Classic Drum Line Competition on November 10 at Marcus HS for their show “Sea-ductress!” They also received 1st place in their Standstill 1-Red Division, earning Best Front Ensemble and Best Tenor Line. Three students also earned awards in the solo competitions: Zach Shawver (11)-2nd place tenor; Nicholas Chang (11)-3rd place snare; and Reed Smoot (12)-7th place keyboard. Congrats to all!
- ❖ Band members audition for TMEA Region 20 HS Band on December 7-8 at Duncanville HS. Students who advance to TMEA Area compete on January 12 in the final auditions for All-State - best of luck! The TMEA Region 20 Band concert is January 20 at Duncanville HS.
- ❖ The HPHS Bands winter concert is Monday, December 10 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.



HPMS/MIS:

- ❖ 7th and 8th grade band members from the HPMS Honor and Symphonic Bands competed against over 1,300 students at the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Band auditions at Kennemer MS on November 9-10. Congratulations to the following 36 students for making one of the All-Region Middle School Bands!



Names listed in alphabetical order (*not in picture): Michelle Bi, Julia Bixby, Will Blankenship, Zach Bowers, Daniel Brame, Connor Carew, Sally Dai, Sawyer Dalton, *Jackson Dean, *Marshall Engel, Lorelei Freling, Lauren Friguletto, Emma Graham, Hannah Grauel, Vincenzo Guandolo, Paige Hogan, Olivia Kight, *Mia Lee, Adam Leybovich-Glikin, Andrew Liao, George Lyke, Kate Mader, Wolfie Michel, Ava Mitchell, Cooper Moore, Carter Moreland, Paige Pietruszewski, David Pike, Eli Raphael, Ava Robertson, *Brian Rosen, Paris Rutherford, Stephen Struthers, Artesa Swords, Gage Swords, and Eric Wang. These students performed at the TMEA Region 20 Middle School Bands concert on December 1.

- ❖ MIS 6th Grade Band presents a winter concert on December 17 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.

CHOIR

HPHS:

- ❖ TMEA Pre-Area Choir Auditions were held on November 27, hosted at HPHS. Congratulations to these five HPHS choir students that are advancing to Area, which is the last audition in the hopes of achieving the TMEA Texas All-State Choir: **Soprano 1** – Sophie Hung (12) - 1st chair; **Soprano 2** – Karen Shirley (12) - 1st alternate; **Alto 1** – Juliet Allan (9) - 2nd alternate; **Alto 2** – Apsaline Douglas (12) - 2nd chair; and **Tenor 2** – Brennan Davis (12) - 3rd chair. TMEA Area Choir auditions are January 12 at Midway HS in Waco. Best of luck!

CHOIR, *continued*

HPHS:

- ❖ L&L and Park Version have been busy performing for various organizations and private events. Park Version, pictured below, performed for the State Board of Education in Austin on November 16 at



the request of District 12 Board member Geraldine “Tincy” Miller to celebrate her retirement at her last full Board meeting. Mrs. Miller has represented Dallas and Collin Counties on the State Board for 38 years. Before leaving Austin, Park Version also had the opportunity to tour the State Capitol and perform an impromptu song in the rotunda.

Park Version members are Carrington

Aytes, JP Berry, Brennan Davis, Apsaline Douglas, Ryan Douglass, Bella Gumucio, Colby Hopkins, Sophie Hung, Bryn Klingaman, Emma Lindwall, Emily Mahmalji, Will Marshall, Alexander Miller, Ellie Orr, Abby Ott, Jordan Pierce, Karen Shirley, Luke Sobolevitch, Skylar Wilson, and Brian Zacharias.

Remaining December public performances include the following:

Dec. 6: L&L – Armstrong Tree Lighting at Armstrong Parkway - 7:00 pm. **Dec. 8:** L&L and Park Version featured on Jackopierce Holiday Concert – SMU McFarlin Auditorium - 7:00 pm.

Dec. 14: Park Version – NorthCourt at NorthPark – 6 pm; Dillard’s Court at NorthPark – 6:30 pm.

- ❖ HPHS Choirs holiday concert is December 13 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
- ❖ The HPHS Choir Tour is January 18-21 to Santa Fe, New Mexico by way of Lubbock, where they will clinic with professors at Texas Tech University.

HPMS/MIS:

- ❖ MIS/HPMS Choirs join in the holiday spirit with performances at NorthPark’s NorthCourt: All girls perform on December 6 at 11:00 am and all boys perform on December 7 at 10:45 am.
- ❖ The TMEA Region 20 Middle School Choir concert is December 8 at Coleman JH in Waxahachie. Congratulations to the 19 MIS/HPMS Choir students that are performing (their names were listed in the November Fine Arts News.)

DANCE

HPHS

- ❖ The Highland Belles Tryout Clinics are in full swing this week. The actual tryouts are Saturday, December 8 – best of luck!

DEBATE

HPHS:



- ❖ The Hockaday School hosted a debate tournament on November 9-10. Congratulations to Evan Wang (9) and Shreya Vishwanath for placing 3rd overall in the novice division. Evan was awarded second speaker overall! Congratulations!
- ❖ Congratulations to the freshman team of Evan Wang and Andrew Lind for capturing 2nd place in the novice division at the Hebron HS debate tournament on November 2-3!
- ❖ Upcoming tournaments: Berkner HS on Dec. 7-8; UIL District 11-5A CX Debate at The Colony HS - Jan. 15; Coppell HS – Jan. 18-19; Flower Mound HS – Jan. 25-26.

ELEMENTARIES

MUSIC

- ❖ **Bradfield** – 4th Grade presents a *Winter Concert* on December 18 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
- ❖ **Hyer** – 3rd Grade gives a *Holiday Performance* in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium on December 19 at 6:15 pm.
- ❖ **University Park** – 3rd Grade *Musical Performance* in the UP Cafetorium was given for UP Kindergarten and 2nd Grade on December 4 and is on December 5 for UP 1st and 4th Grades. Performance for parents is December 6 at 6:00 pm in the UP Cafetorium.

ORCHESTRA

HPHS:

- ❖ Highlander Strings holiday concert is December 11 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Palmer Auditorium.
- ❖ Highlander Strings present an informal Chamber Music “Coffee House” concert on January 23 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria, with refreshments served. Students perform in preparation for UIL Region 20 Orchestra Solo/Ensemble on January 26 at Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy. Best of luck!

MIS/HPMS:

- ❖ MIS/HPMS Orchestra winter concert is December 5 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.
- ❖ The community is invited to come support the HPMS Orchestra as they perform various holiday songs from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at Barnes & Noble, 7700 W. Northwest Hwy. Students are performing throughout the day on the second floor of the bookstore. Please mention the Raider Orchestra Booster Club at checkout so that a portion of proceeds will benefit the HPMS Orchestra.

THEATRE

HPHS:

- ❖ Theatre Arts II class is hosting **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 8 in the HPHS Cafeteria at 10 am. Area elementary school children are invited to eat, see Santa, participate in fun holiday arts & crafts activities, and be entertained with the play *A Seussified Christmas Carol*, all for only \$5 per person.
- ❖ Six HPHS seniors qualified for the national Thespians competition after performing at the Texas Thespians State Competition in November. Congratulations to JP Berry, Rebecca Lembcke, Emma Lindwall, Emily McKeithen, Karen Shirley, and Luke Sobolevitch. Out of 4,000 competing students, Rebecca Lembcke earned 5th place in state with a perfect score, and all the HP auditioning seniors received a total of 126 callbacks to universities, most with full scholarship offers. Only twenty Thespian scholarships are awarded and Emma Lindwall received a \$1,000 Thespian scholarship. Congratulations to everyone who attended!



THEATRE, *continued*

HPMS:

- ❖ HPMS Honors Drama performs *Storyville* by Lorraine Thompson for Armstrong and UP 3rd graders on December 6 at 1:00 pm. Performances were given on December 4 in the afternoon for Bradfield and Hyer 3rd graders and that evening for the public.
- ❖ HPMS Musical Theatre class presents a Musical Theatre Showcase on January 11 at 4:00 pm and January 12 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.

Newsletter by Susan Cruz

A QUICK GLANCE AT UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS

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

Concerts/Performances

December 5

MIS/HPMS Orchestra winter concert – HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 6

MIS/HPMS Girls Choirs perform at North Court in NorthPark – 11:00 am

HPMS Honors Drama performs *Storyville* for Armstrong/UP 3rd graders – HPMS Auditorium, 1:00 pm

UP 3rd Grade musical – UP Cafetorium, 6:00 pm

HPHS L&L performs at Armstrong Tree Lighting – Armstrong Parkway, 7:00 pm

December 7

MIS/HPMS Boys Choirs perform at North Court in NorthPark – 10:45 am

December 8

HPHS Theatre hosts **Breakfast with Santa** – HPHS Cafeteria, 10:00 am. \$5 per person

HPMS Orchestra students perform holiday songs – Barnes & Noble on Northwest Hwy, 11 am - 7 pm

Middle School TMEA Region 20 Choir concert – Coleman JH, Waxahachie

HPHS L&L performs – Jackopierce Christmas Show at SMU McFarlin Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 10

HPHS Bands winter concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 11

HPHS Highlander Strings holiday concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 13

HPHS Choirs holiday concert – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 14

HPHS Park Version performs at NorthPark – 6:00 pm at NorthCourt; 6:30 pm at Dillard's Court

December 17

MIS 6th Grade Band winter concert – HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 18

Bradfield 4th Grade *Winter Concert* – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 19

Hyer 3rd Grade *Holiday Performance* – HPHS Palmer Auditorium, 6:15 pm



Concerts/Performances, continued

January 11-12

HPMS Musical Theatre class presents *Musical Theatre Showcase* – HPMS Auditorium,
January 11 - 4:00 pm; January 12 – 7:00 pm

January 20

High School TMEA Region 20 Band concert – Duncanville HS

January 23

HPHS Highlander Strings Chamber Music Coffee House – HPMS Cafeteria, 7:00 pm

Competitions/Other Events



December 7-8

High School TMEA Region 20 Band auditions – Duncanville HS
HPHS Debate – Berkner HS tournament

December 8

HPHS Belles Tryouts – HPMS ASF

January 12

High School TMEA Area Band/Choir auditions

January 15

HPHS Debate – UIL District 11-5A CX Debate contest, The Colony HS

January 18-19

HPHS Debate – Coppell HS tournament

January 18-21

HPHS Choir Tour – Santa Fe, New Mexico

January 25-26

HPHS Debate – Flower Mound HS tournament

January 26

High School UIL Orchestra Solo/Ensemble – Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy

