

HIGHLAND PARK FINE ARTS

December 8, 2009



ACHIEVEMENTS/HONORS...

ART

HPHS:

- ❖ Seven HPHS photo students had great success in the Association of Texas Photography Instructors (ATPI) fall competition. There were 17 different categories, each divided into beginning and advanced. Christian Hitzelberger (10) won 1st & 2nd place in Beginning Alternative Process and 3rd place in Beginning Animal; Kylie Hurd (12) won 2nd place in Advanced Architecture; Brent Shafer (11) received 1st Honorable Mention in Beginning Alternative Process. Receiving Honorable Mentions were David Pinedo (10) in Beginning Animal; Justine Tanner (10) in Beginning Animal and Beginning Landscape; Scarlett Davis(12) in Advanced Alternative Process; Travis Hebel (11) in Beginning Open; and Chris Fullwood in the Faculty division. This year there were 7,715 entries from 80 schools with 409 winners. View the gallery of winning work and the list of all winners at www.atpi.org. Congratulations to all!
- ❖ The HPHS Photography Club is raising money for the Lafora Foundation, Chelsea's Hope. Lafora is a debilitating and terminal disease of which a student was diagnosed a few years ago. Students and HPHS art teachers are auctioning their artwork throughout the school year. Visit the auction site at <http://sites.google.com/site/artauctionforlafora/home/current-art-pieces> to help raise money for a great cause and receive wonderful artwork in return. For more info on Lafora, go to www.chelseashope.org.

HPMS:

- ❖ Congratulations to Chloe Duncan, Grant Glover, Melissa Godina, Avery Storms and Gillian Vanderslice whose design has been selected as a Top 8 finalist for the 2nd Annual Vote for the Float competition! These art students of Jeane Clayton created a parade float design based on this year's theme, Celebrate Entertainment. The Top 8 finalists (three from Garland ISD and four from Dallas ISD) will see their designs come to life and then ride in the finished floats in the 2010 Comerica Bank New Year's Parade in Dallas. Go to www.voteforthefloat.com to view the Top 8 float designs, then remember to come back to the website on January 1 to vote for your favorite float – voting begins at 2:30 pm, when the parade begins. \$24,000 in cash prizes from Comerica Bank will be divided among the winning schools. Congratulations and best of luck!
- ❖ Congratulations to 8th grader Lauren Boone, whose artwork was chosen for the 2009 HPISD Holiday Card. Lauren will be honored at the December 8th HPISD School Board meeting.

BAND

HPHS:

- ❖ Congratulations to senior Julia Hosch for making the All-Region Orchestra. She made 1st chair on French Horn and performed in the Region Orchestra concert on November 14 at Nimitz HS.
- ❖ HPHS Band holiday concert will be December 10 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Large Auditorium.
- ❖ HS All-Region Band auditions will be held on December 11 and 12 at Duncanville HS. Those students ranking the highest on their individual instruments will advance to Area on Saturday, January 9 in Waco. Best of luck!

HPMS BAND:

- ❖ The Middle School Band All-Region auditions were held on November 13-14 at Reed MS in Duncanville and 35 HPMS Raider Band members were selected to one of three Region bands! Congratulations to all of the following students...

Making the top Honors Band: Piccolo – Claire Chapel-principal; Flutes – Holly Will-principal, Chris Lanyon-2nd chair, Megan Rodder; Oboe – Preston Deen-2nd chair; French Horn – Rebecca Herring; Trombone – Robert Palmer-2nd chair; Tuba – Benjamin Sadler-2nd chair.

Making the Symphonic Band: Flutes – Brittany Lewandowski, Nicole Ewer, Kathryn Davidson; Bassoon – Stuart Forrester-1st chair; Clarinets – Michael Haskel, Nadia Auchus, Jack Cerverha; Sax – Mary Stimson-2nd chair; French Horns – Caroline Gharis-3rd chair, Naomi Wharton; Trumpets – Sam Schwall, Andriy Grygorenko; Trombones – Steven Emerson, Connor Rambin; Euphonium – Ryan Callahan-1st chair; Percussion – Hunter Lukken-1st chair.

Making the Concert Band: Flutes – Dustin Ferris-1st chair, Sarah Orr-3rd chair, Katherine Keith, Katherine Neely; Oboe – Benjamin Klimko-1st chair; Clarinets – Emma Reppeto-3rd chair, Mallory McMinn; French Horns – Eric Murphy-2nd chair, Charles Harper-3rd chair; Trombone – Loring Dalton; Tuba – Jack Laughlin. There are also four alternates to Concert Band – Rebekah Naylor & Miranda Ledet-flutes; Jacqueline Olness-clarinet; and Mitchell Clarke-sax. Students will perform in the MS Region Bands Concert on January 16 in the Duncanville HS auditorium.

CHOIR

HPHS:

- ❖ Pre-Area Choir Auditions were held at HPHS on November 17. Of the 19 auditioning from HPHS, six are advancing to Area with three alternates! Congratulations to: Soprano 2 – Katie McDaniel-3rd chair and Meggie Lynn-4th chair; Alto I – Kristen Bankhead-4th chair; Tenor I – Pearce Illmer-5th chair; Bass I – Matt Dial-3rd chair and Ben Zieman-5th chair. Lauren Pepe is 1st alternate to Alto 2; Turner Bilodeau is 1st alternate to Bass I; and Maddie Dial is 2nd alternate to Alto I. Area Choir auditions will be held on January 9 in Waco. At Area, students selected for chairs 1-4 will make All-State Mixed Choir; girls/guys selected for chairs 5-10 will make All-State Women's or Men's Choirs. Best of luck!
- ❖ Congratulations to the following for being selected to participate in the Southwestern Division of the American Choral Directors' Honor Choirs. Making the Mixed Honor Choir is Charlotte Collie, Maddie Dial, Erin Roughneen, and Amy Weissler. Making the Women's Honor Choir is Anne Marie Albachiara, Megan Frye, Caroline Hardin, Katie McDaniel, Hailey Moore, Gillian Norris, Maddie White, and Megan Young. Students submitted recordings for admission and will perform on February 27 during the ACDA Southwestern division convention in Denver, Colorado.
- ❖ Upcoming Park Version holiday performances (starred events signify that parents may attend):
 - Dec. 9 - HP Presbyterian Church
 - *Dec. 11 – Northcourt at Northpark-6:00 pm; Dillard's at Northpark-6:30 pm
 - *Dec. 13 (ticket needed) – Arboretum Children's Party-2:00 pm
- ❖ Lads & Lassies will travel to San Francisco on January 14-18. They will have a clinic/workshop with Elena Sharkova, Director of the Silicon Valley Symphony Chorus, then perform at Grace Cathedral.

HPMS/MIS CHOIR:

- ❖ 26 members of the HPMS Choir attended the TMEA Region XX Middle School Choir Solo and Ensemble contest on November 7 in Coppell. Congratulations to the following students for receiving Division I (superior) ratings on their solos:
 - Zoe Besser, Caroline Bowman, Alexandra Brinkley, Gabrielle Crank, Lucy Clancy, Katie Greer, Lindsley Harris, Emily James, Morgan Ladd, Isabella Lindley, Joan Milburn, Lauren Milner, Marielle Moseley, Sophie Norman, Caitlin O'Connor, Justine Patterson, Rachel Pride, Chloe Sarfatis, Joy Schmitz, Kelsey Shipman, and Sara Wolfe.

HPMS/MIS CHOIR, continued:

Congratulations to the following for receiving Division II (excellent) ratings on their solos:
Alexandra Boury, Margaret McGovern, Victoria Restrepo, Kristina Thornhill, and Hunter Weinecke.

HPHS DEBATE

- ❖ On December 4-5, the senior team of Collin Poirot and Rett Young placed 3rd overall out of a field of 110 teams at the University of Texas debate invitational in Austin. Rett earned the distinction of being named 4th overall speaker and Collin was recognized as the 5th overall speaker. Congratulations for a successful weekend!
- ❖ The varsity debate team of Rett Young and Collin Poirot traveled to Chicago on November 20-23 to compete at The Glenbrooks tournaments. Out of a field of 182 teams from 35 states, they finished 9th, receiving their second bid qualifying them for the Tournament of Champions in Kentucky in May. Rett was recognized as the 6th overall speaker! Congratulations!
Following The Glenbrooks, they were invited to compete in the 2009 Clarion Dewitt Hardy Round Robin tournament, hosted by Northwestern University, along with six of the top teams in the country on November 24-25. Rett & Collin finished 4th, with Rett being awarded 2nd overall speaker. Congratulations!
- ❖ Congratulations to the team of James “Tag” Chiles (11) and Tyler Shearer (9) for winning first place in the novice division at the Williams HS tournament in Plano on November 20-21. Tyler was recognized as the top speaker in the novice division!
- ❖ HPHS Debate competed in the Hockaday Invitational on November 13-14. Congratulations to the team of Tyler Shearer & James “Tag” Chiles for earning 2nd place in the novice division; Tyler Webb (11) was awarded top speaker in the novice division! Congrats also to the team of Rett Young and Collin Poirot for placing third overall in the varsity division; Rett was awarded the top speaker in the varsity division. Congratulations to all!
- ❖ Upcoming debate tournaments: January 8-9 at Southern Bell Forum in Nashville, TN and also Coppell HS; January 15-16 at Plano East HS.



DRAMA

HPHS:

- ❖ Theatre Arts III class will travel to various area pre-schools to present short holiday plays on the mornings of December 9-11.
- ❖ Senior Play auditions will be held on January 4 at 4:00 pm in the HPHS Large Auditorium.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

- ❖ Bradfield: 4th Grade will present a Winter Concert on December 15 at 7:00 pm in the Bradfield Auditorium.

HPHS ORCHESTRA

- ❖ Highlander Strings holiday concert is December 8 in the HPHS Large Auditorium at 7:00 pm.

UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS

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



Concerts/Performances

December 8

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

December 10

HPHS Band holiday concert – HPHS Large Auditorium, 7:00 pm

December 15

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

January 16

MS/HS Region Bands Concert – Duncanville HS

Competitions/Other Events



December 12

HPHS Debate – Creekview HS Tournament, Carrollton

January 4

Senior Play auditions – HPHS Large Auditorium, 4:00 pm

January 8-9

**HPHS Debate – Southern Bell Forum, Nashville;
Coppell HS Tournament**

January 9

Area Band/Choir auditions – Waco Best of luck to all auditioning!

January 14-18

HS Choir Trip – Memphis/Nashville, Tennessee

January 15-16

HPHS Debate – Plano East HS Tournament, Plano

