



HIGHLAND PARK FINE ARTS

November 3, 2009

ACHIEVEMENTS/HONORS...

BAND

HPHS:

- ◆ Congratulations to the HPHS Band for receiving first division superior ratings at UIL Region 20 Marching Competition on October 7 in Midlothian! They advanced to UIL Area Marching Competition on October 24 in Mesquite, placing 12th out of 19 bands. Bands advancing to State Marching are Poteet HS, Forney HS and Waxahachie HS, which compete on November 3 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.
- ◆ Good luck to band members as they audition for Region Orchestra (winds and percussion) on November 5 at Duncanville HS. Those who make Region Orchestra will perform on November 14 at Nimitz HS.
- ◆ BBQ with the Band will be on Nov. 6 from 5–7 pm in the HPHS Cafeteria; take-out is also available. Food is Peggy Sue's BBQ; tickets are \$8. This is also the Blue-Out game in Highlander Stadium. For Blue-Out shirt info, contact Frances Templeton frances@batenergy.com at 214-987-3311.
- ◆ Region Jazz concert will be on December 5 at Waxahachie HS, which is free and open to the public.
- ◆ HPHS Band holiday concert will be December 10 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Large Auditorium.
- ◆ HS Region Band auditions will be held on December 11-12 at Duncanville HS. Best of luck!

HPMS/MIS:

- ◆ HPMS 7/8 Bands Veterans Concert will be held on November 10 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.
- ◆ Good luck to the HPHS 7/8 Band members as they audition for Middle School Region Band on November 13-14 at Reed MS in Duncanville.

CHOIR

HPHS:

- ◆ On October 17, HPHS traveled to Waxahachie for the Region Choir auditions. Of the 32 auditioning from HP, the following 19 made the top All-Region Choir and are advancing to Pre-Area on November 17, which will be hosted at HPHS. Congratulations to: **Soprano I** – Mary Ellen Pipkin; **Soprano 2** - Anne Marie Albachiara-2nd chair, Meggie Lynn, Katie McDaniel; **Alto I** – Kristen Bankhead-2nd chair, Laura Deen, Maddie Dial, Laura Rooker, Charlotte Collie; **Alto 2** - Eleanor Aldous, Lauren Pepe, Catherine Fogarty; **Tenor I** – Pearce Illmer; **Tenor 2** - Michael Pipkin; **Bass I** – Matt Dial, Turner Bilodeau, Frank Pirok, Ben Zieman, Baird Gehring. Best of luck at Pre-Area!

In addition, out of the 16 freshmen and sophomore girls auditioning, the following 13 made the Region 9th/10th Treble Honor Choir. Congratulations to: **Soprano I** – Claire Wilgus, Lizzy Hinton, Meredith Ward, Paige Baker-1st alternate; **Soprano 2** – Brilee Baker-3rd chair; and **Alto** – Ellen Anne Murphy-2nd chair, Margot Linton, Adrienne Logan, Piper Vaughn, Farris Groth, Sarah Stiles, Mackensie McGinness, Hailey Moore. Congratulations to everyone! All of the above will perform in the All-Region Choir Concert on November 14 at Grand Prairie HS, which is free and open to the public.

- ◆ HPHS Choirs holiday concert will be held December 7 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Large Auditorium.
- ◆ This is the busy performance season for Park Version and L&L. Starred events signify that parents may attend:
 - *Nov. 4: Park Version/L&L Men/Concert Men – HPMS, 9:30 am
 - *Nov. 10: Park Version – Hyer Elementary, 10:10 am
 - *(Ticket needed) Nov. 13: L&L – National Anthem for Texas Stampede at American Airlines Center
 - *Nov. 19: Park Version - Chi Omega Christmas Market, 6:00 pm
 - *Nov. 24: Park Version – Armstrong Elementary, 10:10 am
 - L&L/Park Version/Select Women's - Dec. 2 & 3 at Women's Club
 - *Dec. 3: L&L/Park Version – Armstrong Tree Lighting, 7:00 pm
 - *(Ticket needed) Dec. 4: Bradfield/Armstrong Home Tour, 9:30 am
 - Park Version – Dec. 8 at Edgemere and Dec. 9 at HP Presbyterian Church
 - *Dec. 11: Park Version – Northcourt at Northpark-6:00 pm; Dillards at Northpark-6:30 pm
 - *(Ticket needed) Dec. 13: Park Version – Arboretum Children's Party, 2:00 pm

CHOIR

HPMS/MIS:

- ◆ The choirs from 6/7/8 grades will give a fall concert on November 5 at 7 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.
- ◆ MS Choir Solo/Ensemble competition will be held on November 7 at Coppel Middle School North. Good luck!
- ◆ The 5th grade music classes invite parents and other guests to a “Music in our World” program on in the 5/6 December 8 and 9 in the 5/6 Assembly Room. This will be a casual demonstration of some of the lessons covered during the quarter. From 10-10:30 am will be 2A on Dec. 9 and 2B on Dec. 8; 2:15-2:45 pm will be 5A on Dec. 9 and 5B on Dec. 8.



COMBINED MIDDLE SCHOOL FINE ARTS

- ◆ The entire middle school Fine Arts Department (consisting of band, choir, drama, and orchestra) will combine to present a Shakespearean Feast on December 3rd and 4th at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Cafeteria.

HPHS DEBATE/DRAMA

- ◆ Upcoming possible debate tournaments: UNT in Denton on Nov. 6-7; Hockaday on Nov. 13-14; Williams HS in Plano on Nov. 20-21; UT-Austin on Dec. 4-5; Creekview HS in Carrollton on Dec. 12.
- ◆ HPMS Classic Series presents A Midsummer Night's Dream, under the direction of J.E. Masters, on Wednesday, November 4 and Saturday through Monday, November 7-9 in the HPMS Large Auditorium. All performances are at 7:00 pm, except for Sunday at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 general admission, on sale 30 minutes before each performance at the HPMS Fine Arts Box Office.
- ◆ Best of luck to Charlotte Collie, Maddie Dial, Breck Gallini, Lauren Luxenberg and Maggie Rummel. These HPMS senior drama students will be attending the North Texas Drama Auditions at Collin College on November 19. There will be almost 50 college representatives in attendance.
- ◆ Theatre Arts II class is hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5 in the HPMS Cafeteria at 10 am. Area school children are invited to eat, see Santa and be entertained with a delightful children's play, all for only \$5 per person. Flyers with more information will be going out soon to each HPISD elementary.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

- ◆ **Armstrong** – 3rd Grade music will present a musical entitled “How Does Your Garden Grow?” on November 6 at 8:30 am for parents and 9:00 am for the school in the Armstrong auditorium. 1st Grade performs a music program on November 20 at 8:30 am for parents and 9:00 am for the school in the Armstrong auditorium.
- ◆ **Bradfield** – 4th Grade will present a Winter Concert on December 15 at 7:00 pm in the Bradfield Auditorium.
- ◆ **Hyer** – 2nd Grade music performs for the PTA on November 24 at 9:30 am in the Hyer Auditorium. 3rd Grade will present outside caroling on the Hyer Front Porch on December 3 at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ **University Park** – 4th Grade music will honor Veterans with a patriotic performance on November 10 at 9:30 am on the UP West Playground. The 3rd Grade Musical “Snowday” will have morning performances at 8:45 am and 9:45 am on December 2 and evening performances at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm on December 3, all in the UP Auditorium.

ORCHESTRA

HPHS:

- ◆ The All-Region Orchestra auditions were held for strings in Grand Prairie on October 10, and 25 HPMS students were selected. Seven students advanced to Area and taped for All-State Orchestra on October 31! Congratulations to: **Violin I** - Flora Hollifield, Paul Wei; **Violin II** – Da Huang; Bass – Trevor Drew, Ian Simpkins, Pete Walsh; and **Harp** – Mary Balough. These seven who taped for state along with the following 12 made the top Honor Orchestra: **Violin I** - Kelly Weckman; **Violin II** – Karson Elmgren, Benjamin Habito, Elizabeth Keckeisen, Sara Kendrick, Preston Luthy; **Viola** – Shannon Guthrie, Geoffrey Morris, Luna Vorster, Lindsey Wilhelm; **Cello** – Celeste Fleming; and **Bass** – Courtney Collins.



Congratulations also to the following freshmen for making the Region Symphonic Orchestra: **Violin I** – Sam Crofford, Diana Wigginton; **Violin II** – Blake Burns, Taylor Horn, Ji Won Kim; and **Cello** – Anthony Vallera. Congrats also to Region alternates Emily Orr – violin and Bill Smylie – bass. The Region Orchestra concert will be November 14 at Nimitz HS, which is free and open to the public.

ORCHESTRA

HPHS, continued:



2009 Region Honor Orchestra

(Left to right) 1st: Courtney Collins, Celeste Fleming, Flora Hollifield, Emily Orr, Lindsey Wilhelm. 2nd: Sara Kendrick, Kelly Weckman, Mary Balough, Elizabeth Keckeisen, Shannon Guthrie.
3rd: Trevor Drew, Karson Elmgren, Geoffrey Morris, Paul Wei.
4th: Preston Luthy, Da Huang, Ian Simpkins, Pete Walsh, Benjamin Habito. (Not present: Luna Vorster, Bill Smylie)



2009 Region Symphonic Orchestra

(Left to right) Diana Wigginton, Taylor Horn, Ji Won Kim, Blake Burns, Anthony Vallera, Sam Crofford.

- ◆ The Highlander Strings will present a holiday concert on December 8 at 7 pm in the HPHS Large Auditorium.

HPMS/MIS:

- ◆ HPMS Orchestra students also attended the All-Region Orchestra auditions in Grand Prairie on October 10. Congratulations to 31 students for making Region! Nine students attained coveted positions as follows: Ryan Callahan – assistant principal; Yingfan Du – principal; Kristi Kway – assistant principal; Lucas Lloyd – principal; Vinaik Sundaresan – principal; Julianna Szuwalski – assistant principal; Nastassia Urnov – assistant principal; James Wang – assistant principal; and Reilly Wren – principal. Congratulations also to: Lauren Beal, Taylor Byxbee, Will Church, Claire Crofford, Hongmin Du, Ru Ding, Erin Files, Lance Hedges, Erin Henschel, Mary Houle–MIS 6th grade student, Maverick Johnson, Emma Marsteller, Lynsey McDaniel, Panse Nakada, Russell Philley, Nathan Roberts, Rodman Steele, Miller Susens, Tatiana Tilley, Joseph Warner, Frances Wendorf, and Katie Wilbur. All of these students will perform at the Region Orchestra Concert on November 14 at Nimitz HS.

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UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS

Red-HS events; Blue-MS/MIS events; Green-Elementary events
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Concerts/Performances

November 4, 7, 8, 9

Classic Series A Midsummer Night's Dream – HPHS Large Aud. 4th, 7th, 9th - 7:00 pm; 8th – 2:00 pm

November 5

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

November 6

**Armstrong 3rd grade musical “How Does Your Garden Grow?” – Armstrong Auditorium,
8:30 am-parents; 9:00 am-school**

November 10

**UP 4th Grade Choir Veterans program – UP West Playground, 9:30 am
HPMS Band Veterans concert – HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm**

November 14

**9th Grade/HS Region Choir concert – Grand Prairie HS
HS/MS Region Orchestra concert – Nimitz HS**

November 20

Armstrong 1st grade music program – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:30 am-parents; 9:00 am-school

November 24

Hyer 2nd grade music performance for PTA – Hyer Auditorium, 9:30 am

December 2

UP 3rd Grade Musical “Snowday” – UP Auditorium, 8:45 am & 9:45 am

December 3

**UP 3rd Grade Musical “Snowday” – UP Auditorium, 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm
Hyer 3rd Grade Music Caroling – Hyer Front Porch, 6:30 pm
Shakespearean Festival – HPMS Cafeteria, 7:00 pm
L&L/Park Version sing at Armstrong Tree Lighting – 7:00 pm**

December 4

Shakespearean Festival – HPMS Cafeteria, 7:00 pm

December 5

**Breakfast with Santa – HPHS Cafeteria, 10:00 am, then Theatre II performs in HPHS Large Auditorium
HPISD Elementary students are invited - \$5 per person
HS Region Jazz concert – Waxahachie HS Aud.**

December 7

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

December 8

**MIS 5th Grade music classes “Music in our World” demonstration program – MIS 5/6 Assembly Room,
(2B) 10–10:30 am & (5B) 2:15–2:45 pm
HPHS Highlander Strings holiday concert – HPHS Large Auditorium, 7:00 pm**



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Concerts/Performances, continued

December 9

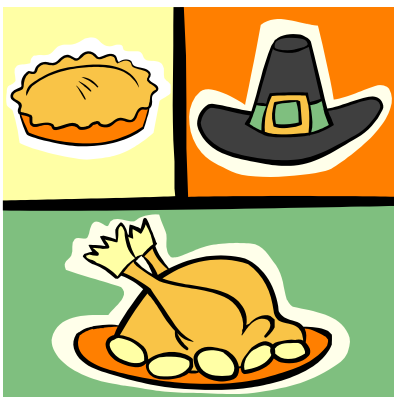
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December 10

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

December 15

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



Competitions/Other Events

November 5

HS Region Orchestra Winds/Percussion auditions – Duncanville HS

November 6

**BBQ with the Band – HPHS Cafeteria, 5-7 pm (Take-out also available)
“Blue-Out” Game – Highlander Stadium, 7:30 pm.**

November 6-7

HPHS Debate – University of North Texas-Denton Tournament

November 7

MS Choir Solo/Ensemble – Coppell Middle School North

November 13-14

**MS Band Region Auditions – Reed MS, Duncanville
HPHS Debate – Hockaday Tournament**

November 17

Pre-Area HS Choir auditions – HPHS, 4-10 pm

November 20-21

HPHS Debate – Williams HS Tournament, Plano

December 4-5

HPHS Debate – University of Texas Tournament, Austin

December 11-12

HS Band Region auditions – Duncanville HS

December 12

HPHS Debate – Creekview HS Tournament, Carrollton

December 14

HS Band Pre-Area auditions – Duncanville HS

