

## Achievements/Honors...

## HIGHLAND PARK

## Fine Arts

October 7, 2008



### Fine Arts Faculty Recognition...

- Welcome to the new HPISD Fine Arts Faculty: **Armstrong:** Janet Slaughter-Music; **HPMS:** Lauren Long-Choir; **HPHS:** Tamara Steinberg-Choir.
- Michael Obranovich will be one of over 40 artists featured in the White Rock Lake Artists' Studio Tour on October 18 and 19, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Retired HPHS art teacher Nancy Ferro will also be featured. This is a free, self-paced tour where artists open their studios to the public for an up-close look into the tools & processes unique to each artist. There will be potters, painters, sculptors, jewelers, photographers, printmakers, etc. See [www.DallasArtsRevue.com/WhiteRock](http://www.DallasArtsRevue.com/WhiteRock) for info.
- Natalie Waters, new HPHS Head Choral Director, was awarded the Distinguished Young Director Award at the Texas Choral Director Association convention in July. The award was initiated in 2007 for directors with five years or less experience, with consistent UIL sweepstakes. Congrats!
- CBS 11 showcased Linda Raya in a "Texans with Character" segment on the morning of September 19, 2008, describing how she has inspired and shaped the lives of at least two generations of students.

### BAND

#### High School:

- Congratulations to Chris Doubet (12)-5<sup>th</sup> chair trumpet, Max Vilmar (12)-1<sup>st</sup> chair drum set, and Ben Zieman (11)-2<sup>nd</sup> chair trumpet for making the Region Jazz 1<sup>st</sup> Band as well as Jimmy Jenkins (10)-drum set and Michael Rodder (11)-bass guitar for making the Region Jazz 2<sup>nd</sup> Band! Auditions were held on September 20 at Waxahachie HS. Chris, Max & Ben also taped for State Jazz. The Region Jazz concert will be held December 13 at Waxahachie HS.
- HPHS Drum Line placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Class A Standstill division at the Plano Drum Line Competition on September 27. Tenor drums Harrison Smith (11) and Jimmy Jenkins (10) won outstanding tenors in their class. Congratulations!
- HPHS Band competed at the Mesquite Marching Festival on October 4 at 5:15 pm, scoring I – II – II, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> place in 4A and 14<sup>th</sup> overall. Congratulations to the Drum Line for achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class 4A, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, and to the Colorguard for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall!
- Good luck to the HPHS Band as they compete at UIL region marching contest on October 8 at 3:00 pm in Midlothian at Midlothian ISD Stadium.
- This year's "Blue Out" game is October 31 against Rockwall HS. For shirt info, go to [www.hpblueout.com](http://www.hpblueout.com). Oct. 31 is also the annual BBQ with the Band, take-out is available.
- HS Region Orchestra Winds/Percussion auditions will be November 6 at Duncanville HS – good luck!

#### Middle School:

- Good luck to the HPMS 7/8 Band students as they audition for MS Region Band on November 7-8 at Reed MS in Duncanville.
- HPMS 7/8 Bands will present a Veterans concert on November 11 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.

### CHOIR

#### High School:

- HPHS will host the All-Region HS and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir auditions on October 18 at HPHS. Good luck to the 31 HPHS choral students that will be competing! Students making All-Region Choir will perform on November 8 at the All-Region Choir Concert at Grand Prairie HS.
- Park Version sang at the Dallas Country Club on September 23.



### High School Choir, continued:

- HS Choir All-District auditions were held on September 27 at Coppell HS. Out of 61 HPHS choir participants, 31 HPHS choir students will be advancing to the HS Region Choir auditions on October 18, held at HPHS. They are (in chair order): **Soprano 1:** Laura Rooker, Christine Smith, Logan Herod. **Soprano 2:** Emily Hagens-2<sup>nd</sup> chair, Meggie Lynn, Anne Marie Albachiara, Katie McDaniel, Maddie Dial, Catherine Carlile. **Alto 1:** Kristen Bankhead-1<sup>st</sup> chair, Lauren Lengen, Amy Weissler. **Alto 2:** Eleanor Aldous, Megan Turner, Cameron Strong, Leia Tarnasky. **Tenor 2:** Easton Sinclair-2<sup>nd</sup> chair, Tucker Bilodeau, Blake Kingsriter, Pierce Davis, Bishop Laughlin, Turner Bilodeau. **Bass 1:** Frank Pirok, Walter Spradley, Baird Gehring. **Bass 2:** Paul Bass, Charlie Burford, Chap Bernet, Chris Bass, Joshua Volk, Lee Wiley. Congratulations and good luck!
- HPHS Choirs had a successful Choir Fundraiser Dinner on October 3 in the HPHS Cafeteria.
- The HPHS Choirs fall concert is October 7 at 7:00 pm in the HPHS Large Auditorium.

### Middle School Choir:

- The choirs from 6/7/8 grades will give a fall concert on November 6 at 7 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.
- MS Choir Solo/Ensemble competition will be held on November 15 in Coppell. Good luck!
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to be a part of a district-wide choir that will perform during the Highlander Festival Choral concert on March 26. For more info, 5<sup>th</sup> graders contact Mrs. Zukoski at MIS and 4<sup>th</sup> graders contact their elementary's music teacher.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade music classes invite parents and other guests to a "Music in our World" program in the 5/6 Assembly Room. This will be a casual demonstration of some lessons covered during the quarter.

	<u>October 16</u>	<u>October 17</u>
10 - 10:30 am	Vandagriff & ½ Arnold Advisories	Stark & ½ Myers Advisories
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Stager Advisory	Cooper Advisory

### HPHS DEBATE/SPEECH

- The NFL (National Forensic League) Chapter at HPHS has been awarded the Leading Chapter Award in the Lone Star District. Only one school in each district attains this honor yearly and must wait at least five years before being eligible again. It is based upon student participation. This year out of over 2900 NFL member schools nationwide, HPHS is one of only 104 to receive this award. Congratulations!
- The debate team competed at the Newman Smith tournament on September 26-27. Congratulations to the freshman team of Thomas Mylott and Michael Pepe for placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the novice division!
- On September 5-6, the HP Debate Team competed at the Grapevine Classic. Out of the field of 74 teams, juniors Collin Poirot and Rett Young placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Rett was recognized as the 2<sup>nd</sup> overall speaker in the varsity division. Their performance earned them the first of two bids required to qualify for the Tournament of Champions competition held at the University of Kentucky in May. Congratulations!
- HP Debate Club is selling discount movie tickets as a fundraiser. Studio Movie Grill gift cards for 2 admissions are \$10; AMC, Angelika, & Landmark are \$7 each admission. The only restrictions are: AMC – 2-wk waiting period for new releases; Movie Grill expires 9/30/09 with a blackout period from Nov. 14 – Jan. 14. Email [DeeChar@aol.com](mailto:DeeChar@aol.com) to place an order; students may order in B127 Monday – Wednesday with pickup on Friday.
- Upcoming possible debate tournaments: St. Mark's on Oct. 17-19; UT-Dallas on Oct. 24-25; UNT in Denton on Nov. 7-8; Hockaday on Nov. 14-15; Williams HS-Plano on Nov. 21-22.

## DRAMA

### High School:

- There were five sell-out performances of High School Musical, under the direction of Linda Raya with the help of J.E. Masters-tech director and Natalie Waters & Tamara Steinberg-music directors. Thanks to Karen Zukoski-keyboard/rehearsal accompanist. Congratulations to the over 60 students (cast members/crew/band) who performed like professionals!
- HPMS Classic Series presents Richard III on November 13-16 in the HPMS Large Auditorium at 7:00 pm, except for Sunday at 2:00 pm. Performance dates/times may alter, depending on the HPMS football play-off schedule. Tickets are \$5.00 general admission, on sale one hour before each performance at the Fine Arts Box Office.

### Middle School:

- HPMS Playbill presents Seussical, the Musical on October 16-19. Performances are at 7:00 pm on Oct. 16 & 18, Oct. 17 - 4:00 pm, and Oct. 19 - 2:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium. General admission tickets are \$5; contact Angela Bowman at [ajbowman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ajbowman@sbcglobal.net) for reserved seating.

## ELEMENTARY MUSIC

- **Armstrong, Hyer, and UP:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grades will travel to the Meyerson on October 28 to see the Dallas Symphony Orchestra at 10:00 am.
- **Armstrong** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade music will present a musical entitled “Nuts!” on November 5 at 8:30 am for parents and 9:00 am for the school in the Armstrong auditorium. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade performs a music program on November 21 at 8:30 am for parents and 9 am for the school in the auditorium. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade performed a music program on September 15 for the PTA.
- **Hyer** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade music performs for the PTA on November 18 at 9:30 am in the Hyer Auditorium.
- **UP** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade music will honor Veterans with a patriotic performance on November 11 at 8:45 am and 9:45 am in the UP Auditorium.

## ORCHESTRA

### High School:

- HS Region Orchestra Strings Auditions will be held on October 11 at Irving HS. Good luck! Those who advance will tape for All-State Orchestra on November 1 at South Grand Prairie HS. The Region Orchestra concert will be held at Nimitz HS on November 15.
- Highlander Strings will perform a Hauntcert in costume at the NorthCourt (between Nordstrom and Macy’s) in NorthPark Center on October 30 at 7:00 pm.
- HS Orchestra held a successful fundraising dinner, Wings & Things for Strings, on September 12 in the HPMS Cafeteria.

### Middle School:

- MS Region Orchestra Auditions will be held on October 11 at Irving HS. Best of luck!
- MIS/HPMS Orchestra Fall concert will be October 27 at 7:00 pm in the HPMS Auditorium.



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## UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS

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



### Concerts/Performances

#### October 7

HPHS Choirs Fall Concert – HPHS Large Auditorium, 7:00 pm

#### October 16 - 17

MIS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade music classes “Music in our World” demonstration program –  
10–10:30 am & 2:15–2:45 pm

#### October 16 - 19

HPMS Fall musical Seussical – HPMS Auditorium, 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm; 17<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 pm; 19<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 pm

#### October 27

MIS/HPMS Orchestra Fall Concert (6-8 gds) – HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

#### October 30

Highlander Strings Hauntcert – NorthCourt in NorthPark, 7:00 pm

#### November 5

Armstrong 3<sup>rd</sup> grade musical “Nuts!” – Armstrong Auditorium, 8:30 am-parents; 9:00 am-school

#### November 6

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

#### November 8

9<sup>th</sup> Grade/HS Region Choir concert – Grand Prairie HS (Students who made Region Choir will perform)

#### November 11

UP 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir patriotic performance to honor Veterans – UP Auditorium, 8:45 am & 9:45 am  
HPMS Band Veterans concert – HPMS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

#### November 13-16

Classic Series Richard III – HPHS Large Auditorium, 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm; 16<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm  
(Performances may vary depending on HPHS Football playoff schedule)

#### November 15

HS/MS Region Orchestra concert – Nimitz HS (Students who made Region Orchestra will perform)

#### November 18

Hyer 2<sup>nd</sup> grade music performance for PTA – Hyer Auditorium, 9:30 am

#### November 21

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

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### Competitions/Other Events

October 8

UIL Region Marching Competition – Midlothian ISD Stadium, HPHS Band at 3:00 pm

October 11

HS/MS All-Region Orchestra strings auditions – Irving HS

October 17-19

HPHS Debate – St. Marks Tournament



October 18

HPHS hosts the All-Region 9<sup>th</sup> Grade/HS Choir auditions – HPHS

October 24-25

HPHS Debate – University of Texas-Dallas Tournament

October 28

Armstrong, Hyer & UP 4<sup>th</sup> Grades to DSO concert – Meyerson, 10 am

October 31

BBQ with the Band – HPHS Cafeteria, 5-7 pm (Take-out also available)

“Blue Out” Game – Highlander Stadium, 7:30 pm.

November 1

HS Orchestra Strings State Taping – South Grand Prairie HS

November 6

HS Region Orchestra Winds/Percussion auditions – Duncanville HS

November 7-8

MS Band Region Auditions – Reed MS, Duncanville

HPHS Debate – University of North Texas Tournament, Denton

November 11

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

November 14-15

HPHS Debate – Hockaday Tournament

November 15

MS Choir Solo/Ensemble – Coppell

HPHS Debate – University of North Texas Tournament, Denton

November 21-22

HPHS Debate – Williams HS Tournament, Plano

