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ACADEMY IS TO
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ENHANCE STUDENT
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AND LIFELONG ARTS
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December's Must Attend Events

Friends, families, faculty and students of Harding Fine Arts have the opportunity to enjoy the talents of HFAA students each week in December until we dismiss for winter break. The Dance Concert is this Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Guitar/Strings Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7:00 p.m., and ending with the Choir and Band Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will take a couple of hours out of your busy schedule to support our talented musicians and dancers. An appreciative audience is the best gift any performer can receive, so get in the holiday spirit and enjoy these free performances.

The Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive December 7th through 11th. For every seven cans of food donated, the student receives an out of uniform pass. The advisory with the most cans collected receives a pizza party. A boxed food item (such as macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc) counts as a can of food. Food donations need to be brought to the school office where a STUCO officer will count them, issue the out of uniform pass if warranted, and credit the items to the correct advisory.



*Wishing you and yours a Joyous
Holiday Season!*
*The Harding Fine Arts Academy
Faculty, Staff, and School Board*

Firehawks Basketball & Movie Night

December is also a busy month for Firehawk Basketball. The Firehawk Boys and Girls Basketball Teams will face off against Classen School of Advanced Studies for our first HOME game on Friday, Dec. 11th.

The girls' game starts at 6:30, so the Student Council is hosting a movie and pizza dinner in the school cafeteria from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Come and watch "Space Jam" and chow down on tasty pizza and pop for \$2.00 per slice and \$.75 per soda, then head over to the big gym to cheer on the Firehawks to victory.

The following week, the Firehawks are home again against Santa Fe South on Monday, Dec. 14, and on Thursday, Dec. 17, against OKC Knights. The games start at 6:30 p.m. **Go Firehawks!!**

Counselor's Corner— Freshmen Parent/Student Meeting, Tuesday, January 12, 7 pm in HFAA Library. Important information about OK Promise scholarship and preparing for college. It's never too early!

Seniors need to be aware of the following dates and deadlines: UCO Saturday Tour-December 5th

OCCF Scholarship Applications to Ms. Petersen by Dec. 4th.

Gate Millennium Scholars Program deadline - January 11th

Hispanic College Scholarship Fund deadline – December 15th

**If you need more information or wish to sign up for a college visit, see Mrs. Petersen in the school office after 3rd hour.

ACT fee waivers can be obtained from Ms. Stacy in Room 405.

The next ACT deadline is January 5th to register for the test on Saturday, Feb. 6,

Time to Dig Through Your Closets and Garage....

Our PE teacher, Mr. Montgomery, has some great ideas for new activities in his PE classes for next semester, but we are short some equipment. If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to donate, please bring them to the school office. Donations do count for service hours, too!

Milk crates —Jump ropes— Rope ladder —Tennis rackets— Golf clubs —
Golf balls —Baseball bats—Small and large Whiffle balls—yoga mats—weights—
Barbells—Dumbbells—Yoga, jazzercise tapes or DVD's—CD player—horseshoes—
Croquet sets—Pedometers—Stopwatch Thank you for your help!

**Many thanks to the PTO
for the delicious breakfast
provided to the teachers
on Nov. 20th. We are so
appreciative of all
you do
for us!**



To all the parents and students who worked so hard at last month's HFAA Work Day. We got so many things done. The next work day is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30.

To Jessica McElroy who earned a chair in the Central Oklahoma Directors Association (CODA) Wind Ensemble. CODA is a regional honor band and the selection of members is very competitive. They will perform on Jan. 9th, 2010 at OU.

To the cast and director of "Harvey". The play was hilarious and very well done.

To the Academic Team who has advanced to Area Competition in the OS-SAA Academic Bowl.

To the Band and director Corbin Greer for the rousing military medley at the Veterans' Day Assembly.

To Kirkpatrick Foundation for the \$20,000 grant they awarded us to build another Mac lab for the 4th floor!

HFAA Calendars for Sale

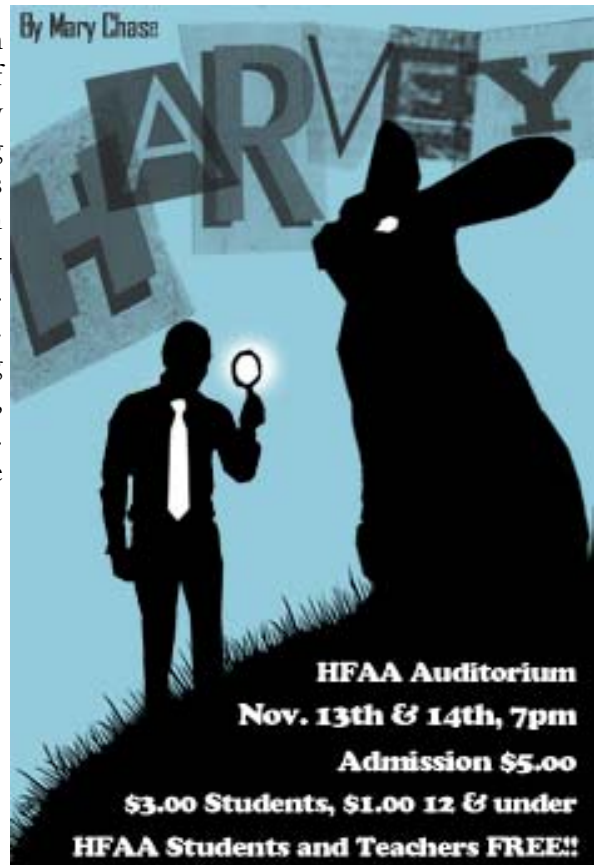
The Photography Classes are selling calendars until they are all gone. Photography students competed to have their photos included in the black and white 2010 calendar. The result is a great-looking publication that makes a wonderful gift at just \$10 each. If you'd like to purchase one (or 10!), call or email the school office.

With the weather cooling, the photo classes will be going on fewer outdoor fieldtrips. Mrs. Allman is hoping to get some other things going for fieldtrips, maybe Myriad Gardens, or the Art Museum.

HFAA COMPUTER STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

HFAA computer classes have begun accepting outside clients in graphics and webpage design. In addition to taking on many of HFAA's in-school student promotional needs, some of our very talented students, Sherridan Edwards and Abby Ross, are putting together marketing material and helping with webpage updates and layout for the Touchstone Youth Project, a non-profit youth initiative focused on teaching adventure-based education, mentoring and life-skills cultivation through technical rock climbing. Touchstone currently supports HFAA's rock climbing program. HFAA students not only have the opportunity to learn cutting edge software, but are developing skills in dealing with clients, deadlines and gaining important feedback from the marketplace. Students are then able to build a valuable portfolio they can take with them as they pursue an advanced degree and their careers.

The graphic at right is an original poster Sherridan Edwards created for the school production of *Harvey*. The entire cast signed a copy and it was auctioned to raise money for the drama department.



What's the Buzz...



- ◆ The Band will take a field trip to perform at Manor Care Nursing Home and St. John's School on Fri, Dec. 11. (students will leave at about 12:00 p.m.)
- ◆ The Band will also be playing at the Basketball Game on Dec. 11 and the Drum Line will play on the 14th.
- ◆ December 10th, the piano and guitar departments are joining together and performing a Christmas P&E. (Performance and Exhibition) at 12:45 p.m.
- ◆ The Percussion Ensemble will also perform at the Dec. 10th P & E.
- ◆ Mr. Bayer's art students have painted seven panels that will go in the fence surrounding Devon's construction site downtown. Be sure to look on the website to see photos of the panels. They are really fantastic!
- ◆ After School film screening for December 2009
- ◆ This month is Christmas month so we are going to show a few of the classic animations films of all time: How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Twas the night before Christmas & Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol. Screening of these Christmas films will be after school Wednesday on December 9th at 3:15pm in room 412 For More information contact Mr. Smith
- ◆ Chesapeake Energy Corporation will have an open house...actually auditorium...for its employees here on Dec. 14th. The beautiful auditorium should be totally finished by then and we want to show it off! Entertainment will be provided by HCP and HFAA music students.



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Harding Fine Arts Academy is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

The new application packet is available on line or in the school office. If you know of someone who would thrive in our Arts-enriched atmosphere, please direct them to call or come in to visit. We've had two successful recruiting visits at Belle Isle Enterprise School and Independence Charter Middle School. For some added fun, if a prospective student mentions your name as the person who referred them to HEAA, we'll put your name in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Iron Starr Restaurant! We're serious about growing our program and creating even more opportunities for our students. Let's share the good news about HEAA!

Spirit Week

- ◆ The Prom Committee is coordinating Spirit Week Dec. 7-11 to raise money for the 2010 PROM. Students may purchase an OUT OF UNIFORM PASS to participate in the Spirit Day Activities for **\$7 for the week or \$2/day**. Uniform Pass Sales end on Friday, Dec. 4. You may not come out of uniform during Spirit Week if you did not purchase your pass on or before Dec. 4. If you do, you will be sent to ISS. The teachers need the list of participants ahead of time, so please cooperate with this requirement.
- ◆ Monday is Sports Day! Wear your favorite team's jersey!
- ◆ Tuesday is PJ Day! Come comfy, but modest! No spaghetti straps or boxer shorts. No slippers.
- ◆ Wednesday is Character Day! Who's your favorite character?
- ◆ Thursday is a Free Day—just your regular clothes (OCKPS Dress Code)
- ◆ Friday is Spirit Day—Show your school spirit in red, black, and white! Go Firehawks!