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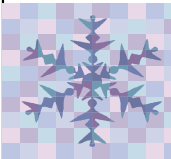
THE MISSION OF HARDING FINE ARTS ACADEMY IS TO PROVIDE AN ARTS ENRICHED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT MERGING CREATIVE AND ACADEMIC CONTENT TO ENHANCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND TO ENCOURAGE ARTS RELATED CAREERS AND LIFELONG ARTS APPRECIATION.

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Oh, the Snow!

School closures and icy roads have kept students and families cooped up inside. Harding Fine Arts Academy closed school on Jan. 29, 20, Feb. 1 & 2, for the safety of our students, parents, and staff. **We have decided to postpone the Winter ArtsFest until Saturday, March 6,** in order to have adequate time to put forth our best! Be sure to mark the date on your calendar as it promises to be a wonderful event!

The 3rd Annual Winter's (End) Arts Fest will feature a juried art show, photography, video, dance, musical and comedy performances by our talented students. There is no entrance charge for this community event which includes a children's art tent, face-painting, and food sales.



Snow Make Up Days to Be Announced

Thus far, we have missed five days due to the weather. When the School Board meets this coming Monday, Feb. 8, we will finalize changes in the school calendar to reflect the snow make up days. This information will be posted on the website, www.hardingfinearts.org after Feb. 9.

Our Talented Ms. Williams

Brenda Williams, Harding Fine Arts' drama instructor will be starring in the Pollard Theatre's production of TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL. The show opens Feb. 5th and runs weekends until the 27th.

*Little Shop of Horrors is cast and begins rehearsals this month. Over 30 kids auditioned - the biggest turnout for a show so far. Heading the cast are seniors Amber Zuniga as Audrey, Corbin Greer as Seymour and Taylor Reich as Mushnik. New HFAA student Ryan Smith takes on the role of The Dentist.

Other cast members are CJ Walker, Jalisa Green, Alexis Ward, Breona Johnson, Foster Artingsall, Sean Kinney, Annie Deveney, Michelle Wicks, McKenzie Gloss, Christa Whetsone, Alisha Ragon, Macy Boswell, Caitlin Daniel, Ashley Crowe, Seth Cranford, Gabe Williams, Devid Tuggle, Lauren Brown, Cori Quinones, Cara Quinones, Danielle Vasquez, and Sharoya Minnis.

Homecoming Basketball Game To be Rescheduled

Another casualty of the winter storm was the Homecoming Basketball game scheduled for Friday, Jan. 29. There are plans to reschedule the game and the Homecoming celebration later this month. As soon as the date can be coordinated with the other team, you will find this information posted on our website.

Please check the website frequently for news and updates. Mr. Schmelzenbach, our website wizard, is doing an excellent job keeping us current. There are several new features to the website...one you may wish to check out is the PTO volunteer sign-up page. You can enter your information online and designate what event you would like to help with and Mrs. Boswell will contact you with the details. .

Counselor's Corner—Due to the weather in Oklahoma the dead line for the PLUS scholarship is extended to the 10th of February. The Presidential Leaders University Scholars recipients receive a tuition waiver covering up to 18 credit hours of enrollment each semester, a single room waiver, an \$800 stipend during the student's first year and a \$500 stipend during their fourth year in the program. Fees and meal plans are not included.

Students eligible for the award must have a minimum ACT composite score of 24 (or SAT equivalent) and a minimum 3.00 un-weighted GPA. Student are awarded the PLUS scholarship on the basis of several qualities: high school academic performance; standardized test scores (ACT or SAT); reference letters; participation in extracurricular and service activities; an essay; and a personal interview. All information provided by the applicant must be accurate and complete for full consideration. Approximately 25 PLUS Scholarships are awarded each year. For more information, contact Nate Todd, Admissions Counselor, Cameron University, 2800 W Gore Blvd., Lawton, OK 73505; PH: 580-581-5760-FAX: 580-581-5416-WEB: www.cameron.edu.

A reminder: This Saturday is the Feb. 6 administration of the ACT. If you have signed up for the test and need identification verification to present at the time of testing, please see Dr. Rowan or Mrs. Petersen! We have a form that is acceptable to the testing service.

Student Council News: Spirit week was cut short two days by the winter storm. When the Homecoming basketball game is rescheduled, students who purchased out of uniform passes for the entire week or the last two days will receive an out of uniform pass for Thursday that week and everyone will get to be out of uniform for Spirit Day on the day of the game. The Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at the upcoming Mardi Gras Dance, scheduled for Feb. 20 from 7-10 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Admission is \$5.00. Costumes may be worn, however students wearing masks must wait until after entering the dance before they can put their masks on. Congratulations to the Homecoming Nominees! They are
 King: Dylan Bates, Corbin Greer, Lee Waltrip
 Queen: Kaylan Bright, Tauheedah Jackson, Karen Martinez, Julie Smith
 Prince: Josh Fields, Devante Parker, Victor Pozadas
 Princess: Taylor Geddie, Abby Ross, Iveth Saucedo
 Sophomore Court: Austin Elliott, Davin Gooch, Titus Lewis, Curtis Treadaway, Tina Nguyen, Alexis Ward, Christiana Younge
 Freshman Court: Jordan Blaine, Sean Kinney, Gabe Oglesby, Lexi Hendrix, Jaesen Pemberton, & Cara Quinones. Congratulations, candidates!


Firehawk Salute

To the very talented Jessica McElroy for her performance Jan. 9 at the CODA band concert at Catlett Hall on the University of Oklahoma campus. Through a highly competitive process, Jessica was chosen to be part of the Central Oklahoma Directors Association's Wind Ensemble. We are so very proud to have had you represent HFAA, Jessica!

To the Advanced Concert Choir for their amazing performance at the Canterbury Choral Society's benefit concert, "Music of Comfort: Haitian Relief Concert." They performed three selections under the expert direction of Mr. Johnny Mitchell and received thunderous applause. The choir's vocal blends and musical knowledge is evident in their singing as is the teaching and directing so ably provided by Mr. Mitchell.

To the cast of "Little Shop of Horrors"- Show dates: April 2 & 3

Many thanks to the PTO volunteers who provided a wonderful supply of cookies, punch, and paper goods for the recruitment Open Houses. Turn out was great! Thank you!



February Basketball Schedule

Jan. 29—Game Canceled due to weather. Check website for re-scheduled date and time.

Feb. 2- vs. Astec. Game canceled due to weather. It has been rescheduled for Feb. 4, at 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 9—Away vs. OKC Knights

Feb. 11— Away vs. Classen SAS

Support HFAA B-Ball!

HFAA Work Day

**SATURDAY,
 FEB. 13
 8-NOON
 WE NEED YOU!**

~~~PTO POSTINGS~~~

It is amazing that this year is already half way over and we are in the second phase of the school year. The executive board met on January 7th to brainstorm ideas for future meetings and is dedicated to PTO's mission: Encouraging parental involvement and supporting the mission of HFAA, it's Board, Faculty, and Staff.

As we glance ahead to February and beyond, there are several areas where you can get involved. No matter what your talents, interests or time allowances may be, there is something for everyone. There is no fee to join PTO and you'll benefit greatly by getting to know school administration, staff members, and establishing camaraderie with other parents and their students.

A flyer was sent home recently asking for advisory room parent volunteers. This position will be fun and simple. It would include communicating with teachers and distributing provided flyers, plus coordinating a few designated PTO room projects that will benefit all. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Robyn Boswell at 640-5081.

We are excited about HFAA's upcoming auction on March 4th, "Here Comes the Sun." PTO is asking each advisory class to donate a "theme" basket. Be looking for information to come home soon.

Thank you to the many parents who donated cookies, paper goods and punch to January's open house for prospective students and their families. You are awesome and appreciated!

Now and throughout the rest of the school year, please feel free to share your suggestions and comments by visiting the "Parent" section of the HFAA website. PTO now has its own link, thanks to Mr. S. and his students.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the PTO general meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is February 11th at 6 p.m. in the school library.

We hope to see many parents come forward and exercise creativity by bringing fresh ideas and helping to accomplish the goals of PTO.

Can You Please Help with this Project?

- ◆ Journalism/Yearbook is planning on building a concession stand to continue raising money for the computer lab and school publications. Donations of the following materials are needed to get this done:

Lumber— (25) 2x4x8' studs, (2) 2x4x16' studs, (8) 7/16 OSB plywood, (4) 1x6x8' boards, 2 1/2' Screws, Exterior Door, Lock Set, White Paint. We will be happy to pick up any of these supplies if you are unable to transport them from either your home or the hardware store. This is not an exhaustive list, so if you have something you think we could use for this project or can volunteer your help, please contact Mr. Schmelzenbach at bschmelzenbach@hardingfinearts.org.



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Harding Fine Arts Academy is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. The new application packet is available on line or in the school office.

Call 702-4322 for information
www.hardingfinearts.org

North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI)

Visit to HFAA on February 18 and 19

After an extensive period of self-study and the submission of a comprehensive report about our school, NCA CASI has accepted our submission and has scheduled the quality assurance review visit. We are extremely excited to receive our visitors and are looking forward to the advice and affirmation that they will give us.

During the visit, the team will review several documents and data and assess our level of compliance with the association's accreditation standards. They will also interview students, teachers, parents, administration, and board members about our school. At the conclusion of the visit, the team will make a recommendation as to whether or not Harding Fine Arts Academy should receive NCA CASI accreditation. NCA CASI is part of an international accrediting agency called Advanc-Ed. If you would like to learn more about the accrediting process and the benefits of national accreditation, please access their website at www.advanc-ed.org.

