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 CONTENT TO  
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## New for 2010

Greetings and welcome back to another super semester at Harding Fine Arts Academy. Some students will have changes to their schedules for second semester; some will not.. Students will report to their first semester first hour classes on Tuesday, Jan. 5, to receive their new schedules. Ms. Coffey is changing her full-time status to part-time in order to spend more time with her children. Consequently, we have moved her 6th hour English 11 class to 5th hour to consolidate her time here. In most cases, we were able to accomplish this by simply changing the order of classes, thus keeping the preferred electives. Some other students' schedules have been changed to enable them to make up missing classes needed for graduation. Additional schedule changes will not be permitted after January 8th, except by administrative or teacher request.

There have been several opportunities to order school shirts and hoodies, so beginning January 5th, all students must be in school uniform. This means only HFAA shirts and hoodies may be worn inside the school building. Any student out of uniform at any time will be sent to in-school suspension.

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### *School Board Sets New Attendance Policy*

Excessive student absences are the most identified factor affecting school failure and drop outs. At HFAA, we are very concerned that our students and parents realize the importance of consistent and prompt attendance. State law requires that a student be dropped from our rolls if he/she has been absent unexcused for ten consecutive days, but beyond that it is up to the individual districts to determine the attendance policy. Now that the flu season seems to be behind us, the HFAA School Board has issued a new policy regarding attendance that should clear up any confusion. After researching other schools' attendance policies, the Board has decided that:

- A) If a student has more than ten absences per semester, excused and/or unexcused, the student will not receive credit for the class, whether or not the student has a passing grade.
- B) Any student who has been absent for three days or more due to illness must have a doctor's note in order for the absence to be excused.
- C) If a student is absent 4 or more days or parts of days within a 4 week period or 10 or more days or parts of days within a semester, the parents will be notified and a report will be filed with the Oklahoma County District Attorney, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Transportation to revoke the student's drivers license where applicable.
- D) School sponsored absences are not counted as part of the total absences allowed for a semester.
- E) Decisions regarding dismissal or failure to receive credit due to absences may be appealed to the Board Committee on Absences. Notification of the desire to appeal must be made in writing to Dr. Rowan .

Our New Year's Resolution is for all students to be successful at HFAA. Your help in making sure that students are here on time and in uniform will be a tremendous contribution to that worthy goal.

**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:**

Gate Millennium Scholars Program deadline - January 11<sup>th</sup>

\*\*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,

**January SAT Late Registration Deadline Extended**

The January SAT late registration deadline has been extended to 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time), Friday, January 8, 2010, for online and phone registrations. The next regular SAT deadline is February 4 to register for the test on March 13, 2010. The fee for the SAT is \$45. Your student may qualify for a fee waiver. Please see Ms. Stacy for more information.

(New, cont. from page 1) Faded, torn, or ill-fitting jeans are not allowed as part of the school uniform. Please use this time before school resumes on Jan. 5th to make sure that your student will be in the proper uniform for the new semester.

In order to better fit class sizes with room sizes, the math rooms will be switching places with the foreign language rooms. Mr. McAdoo's math classes will meet in Rm 409; Ms. Patchin will be in Rm 407. Spanish will be in Rm 403A, and German/French will be in Rm 403B.



**To the winners of the German Classes' Gingerbread House Contest**

Best in Class

*1<sup>st</sup> hour:*

1. Castle Magic – Taylor Geddie & Maddi Horwitz
2. Raiding after the Earthquake – Sierra Carter, Ausitn Elliott, Jade Elliott, Journey Blaine

*2<sup>nd</sup> hour*

1. Hansel & Gretel's Death Trap – Jaesen Pemberton (assisted by Foster Artingstall)
2. Gingerstein – Tyler Horton, Victor Pozadas, Maria Schubert, Kirtsten McGee

Student Pick

1. Castle Magic – Taylor Geddie & Maddi Horwitz
2. Raiding after the Earthquake – Sierra Carter, Ausitn Elliott, Jade Elliott, Journey Blaine
3. Hansel & Gretel's Death Trap – Jaesen Pemberton (assisted by Foster Artingstall)

Faculty Pick

1. Castle Magic – Taylor Geddie & Maddi Horwitz
2. Raiding after the Earthquake – Sierra Carter, Ausitn Elliott, Jade Elliott, Journey Blaine
3. Hansel & Gretel's Death Trap – Jaesen Pemberton

Best in Show

1. Castle Magic – Taylor Geddie & Maddi Horwitz
2. Raiding after the Earthquake – Sierra Carter, Ausitn Elliott, Jade Elliott, Journey Blaine
3. Hansel & Gretel's Death Trap – Jaesen Pemberton

**Many thanks to the PTO for the delicious luncheon provided to the teachers on Dec. 18. The food was delicious and the desserts were amazing! We appreciate all you do for us at HFAA.**

**Hurry! There are still a few HFAA 2010 Calendars left for Sale**

The Photography Classes are selling calendars until they are all gone. If you'd like to purchase one (or 10!), call or email the school office. \$10 each.

**January Basketball Schedule**

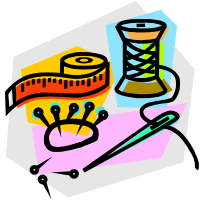
Jan. 7-9— Crooked Oak Tournament: Boys & Girls Teams

Jan. 14— Santa Fe South, Away, Boys & Girls

Jan. 21-23—John Noble Tournament, Moore, Boys

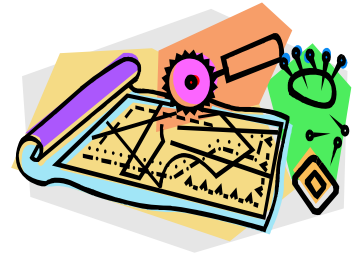
Jan. 29—HOMECOMING game vs. Dove, Boys & Girls..

**Support HFAA B-Ball!**



## Third Quarter Enrichment Classes Provide a Variety of Learning Experiences

Students at HFAA will have the opportunity to choose among an exciting array of special interests courses for their 3rd quarter block enrichment time. The classes run the gamut from arts to science and mathematics. HFAA's Answer to



Design on a Dime, French Cuisine, Portrait Photography, the Physics of Rock Climbing, Landscape Design, the Psychology of Sports, a Myriad of Math Games, Costuming, Bubble Technology, and Ballroom Dancing are among the interesting choices available to students. The classes will begin on Friday, January 15th, and will meet for four sessions through the 3rd quarter. We can still use another two or three classes, so if you have a particular interest or talent that you would like to share with a group of 10-15 students, please contact Dr. Rowan at 702-4322 or [srowan@hardingfinearts.org](mailto:srowan@hardingfinearts.org). The classes meet from 9:24 to 10:42 a.m. on Jan. 15 & 29, Feb. 12 & 26. Some thoughts are quilting, knitting, needlepoint, ceramics, yoga, tai chi, chess, pet care and grooming...????



## What's the Buzz...



- ◆ 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](mailto:bschmelzenbach@hardingfinearts.org).

- ◆ Harding Fine Arts Academy is beginning an Astronomy Club open to all students. One of HFAA's 2010 seniors, Jacob Smith, is pursuing this as his senior capstone project in line with his desire to seek a degree in astral physics. Any parents with expertise or inclination are welcome to come and be a part. Our first meeting will be Monday, January 11th, after school at 3:15 p.m. in the computer lab (room 410) where we will be discussing our first project— raising funds to build a Dobsonian telescope for HFAA's Astronomy Club. If you have any questions or want to help sponsor this club, please contact Mr. Schmelzenbach.



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*Mrs. Petersen & Mr. McAdoo at the ASCD Conference, "Leading and Learning in the 21st Century", Washington, DC*

Congratulations to Mrs. Voyles, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Sievers, Ms. Angelo and Mr. Mitchell and all their students on the excellent winter concerts held last month. The quality of performance and the spirit and enthusiasm displayed were first-rate! Thank you to all who attended in support of our musicians, vocalists, and dancers.

Special thanks, too, to the PTO volunteers, especially Robyn Boswell who coordinated everything, for providing snacks for intermission. It was such a treat and greatly appreciated by administration and faculty as well as the concert attendees.

***Our free tutoring program has been expanded for the 2nd semester. Now students can get help after school three days/week in mathematics in addition to the regularly scheduled tutoring in the library. Please see Ms. Patchin or Mr. McAdoo to sign up. You do not have to be one of their students in order to get tutoring. They can also help with college entrance test prep.***

- ◆ This year we're scheduling three different open house opportunities for prospective students and their parents to come and learn about the exciting program here at Harding Fine Arts Academy. The meeting dates are Tuesday, Jan. 19, Thursday, Jan. 21 and Monday, Jan. 25. All meetings will start at 7:00 p.m.

# Open House

- ◆ An overview of the school's program and philosophy will be given at each meeting and teachers from each of the core curriculum areas will be on hand to answer questions and provide more details about our academic programs. The Jan. 19th program will feature our drama and dance programs. The open house on the 21st will highlight our music program, and the one on the 25th will focus on the visual arts.

*If you know of someone who would thrive in our Arts-enriched atmosphere, please direct them to call or come in to visit and Please be sure to tell your friends about these open houses so that they can find one that works with their schedule.*

***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.*