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 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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Countdown to Graduation!

The Senior Class of 2010 will graduate on Monday, May 24. The date is rapidly approaching! There are many exciting events planned to celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

May 15th – Senior Dinner – 2010 Seniors only, Ingrid's Kitchen
 May 21st: 12:45 pm– Robing Ceremony, HFAA auditorium – This ceremony symbolizes the first time graduates put on their robes. Each graduate will choose someone to help them put on their cap & gown.

May 22nd 6:30 p.m. – Senior Awards Dinner, 50 Penn Place – open to graduates, family members and friends. \$11 per person (reservations must be received by May 12th.)

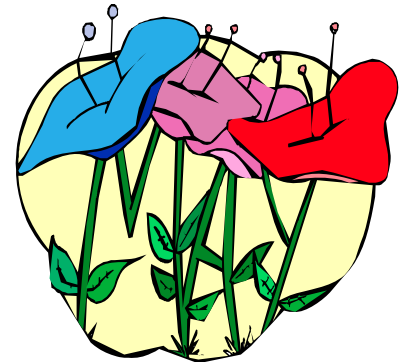
May 23rd 3:00 p.m. – Baccalaureate, Mayflower Congregational Church – This is the blessing of the graduates. This event is open to graduates, family and friends and is an OPTIONAL event.

May 24th – 7 p.m. – Graduation, HFAA auditorium – We have limited seating this year. Each graduating senior may receive up to 10 tickets for friends and family members.

Special congratulations are in order to Kaylan Bright who has won the Dell Scholarship Award. This prestigious award provides Dell Scholars with everything they need to begin and complete college. Dell Scholars receive \$20,000 each to continue their higher education over the course of six years. In addition, the Dell Scholars Program provides its students with technology, a private scholar networking community, resources, and mentoring to ensure they have the support they need to obtain a college degree. The Michael & Susan Dell Foundation believes that funding a significant percentage of their college expenses will enable these students to focus on their college studies and complete their bachelor program.

May Events

Tuesday, May 4: Junior Parent Meeting, 6 pm
 Tuesday, May 4: Guitar/Orchestra Concert, 7 pm
 Thursday, May 6: Dance Recital, 7 pm
 Friday, May 14: Awards Assembly, Time TBA
 Friday, May 14: Student Council Elections
 Saturday, May 15: Video Screening, HFAA, 7 pm
 Saturday, May 15: Senior Dinner, Ingrid's on 36th
 Tuesday, May 18: Percussion Ensemble/Band Concert, 7 pm
 Wednesday, May 19: Improv Club Performance, 7 pm
 Thursday, May 20: Choir Concert—"Love & Romance" 7 pm
 Friday, May 21: 1st, 2nd, 3rd hour Exams
 Friday, May 21: Robing Ceremony, **12:45** p.m.
 Saturday, May 22: Parent/Student Work Day 8-11 am
 Saturday, May 22: Senior Awards Banquet, 50 Penn Place, 6:30 pm
 Sunday, May 23: Baccalaureate, 3 pm, Mayflower Congregational Church
 Monday, May 24: 4th, 5th, 6th hour Exams
 Monday, May 24: Class of 2010 Graduation, Harding Auditorium, 7 pm
 Tuesday, May 25: 7th hour exams, Last day of School: Noon Dismissal



Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be taking their finals on the following schedule:

	Friday, May 21 st	Monday, May 24 th	Tuesday, May 25 th
8:00 – 8:20 am	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
8:30 – 9:35am	1 st period	4 th period	7 th hour
9:45 – 10:50am	2 nd period	5 th period	Dismiss / 1 st make-up
11:00 – 12:05pm	3 rd period	6 th period	Dismiss / 2 nd make-up session
12:05 – 12:35pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:45 - 2:00pm	Senior Robing Ceremony	Dismiss	Dismiss

Senior Exams: 4th, 5th, and 6th period class finals will be taken during class time on Wednesday, May 19th. 7th period classes will test on Thursday, May 20th during class time. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd period class finals will be taken on Friday, May 21st following the schedule written above.

End of Instruction -EOI- Tests-Apr-19-May 21

End of Instruction Testing continues to go smoothly. Many, many thanks to the parents who have volunteered their time to proctor the tests. It has been a tremendous help and money savings to us. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mrs. Petersen at 702-4322.

We are so proud of the effort our students are making on these exams. Please continue to encourage them to do their best and help them succeed by seeing they get plenty of sleep at night and a good breakfast in the morning. We also appreciate it that you've been checking with us before scheduling doctor's and dentist's appointments.

Firehawk Salute

- ◆ To Michael Phillips who will be competing at Tri-State Music Competition on Thursday, April 29.
- ◆ To all the Seniors who have already been accepted to colleges and universities
- ◆ To Alisha Ragon for her acceptance to Quartz Mountain in vocal
- ◆ To Mr. Mitchell who will be featured singing with Sarah Coburn at the Canterbury Season Finale, May 15th, 8 pm. You can purchase tickets at www.canterburyokc.org.
- ◆ To Taylor Reich, Ryan Smith and Ashley Crowe who went with Ms. Williams to an arts festival at Mid/Del High School. They taught 5 classes of 2nd to 5th graders. It was a great success and our school was represented very well.



Seniors!
Please recycle
your Harding

Fine Arts uniform shirts. Donate them to the PTO's Uniform Closet for resale to current and incoming HFAA students. Uniform pants and jeans accepted, too.

**SATURDAY,
MAY 22**

HFAA Work Day

**8:00 am -11 am
Finalize balcony
upgrade
WE NEED YOUR
HELP!**



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Arts Academy**

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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.

National Honor Society News

Congratulations to the following students for being inducted into National Honor Society: Alleah Adkins, Delia Alvarado, Foster Artingstall, David Bradley, Ashlyn Chapman, Brittany Copeland, Lydia Crim, Haiden Davis, Alexis Drumm, Austin Elliott, Laura Hancock, Shante Hayes, Danielle Jackson, Annie Kendrick, Sahara McGirt, Morgan Onmyoji, Jordan Pennon, Daniel Philpot, Victor Pozadas, Meghan Puig, Sarah Shaw, Shelby Staats, Kelsey VanDyke, Danielle Vasquez, Chelsea Vloedman, and Mindy Wood

Student Council News

STUCO elections

Student Council will hold elections for next year on May 14th. All nominations must be turned in no later than Tuesday May 11th, to Ms. Petersen. Offices available are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, 10th grade class representative (2 offices), 11th grade class representative (2 offices), 12th grade class representative (2 offices). Nomination forms will be available in the office on Monday, May 3rd.

A Letter from our School Board President, Sally Bentley

Dear Current and Prospective Students and Parents:

As president of Harding Fine Arts Academy, I want to assure you that Harding Fine Arts Academy will continue as before in the Harding building for the 2010-11 school year and beyond. Both HFAA and HCP have been offered separate leases by the Oklahoma City Public School District for space at Harding. We're in the process of negotiating the lease with the District and plan to finalize it in the very near future.

Planning is well underway for next school year. We already have many new students enrolled for 2010-11, and we will soon celebrate the graduation of 45 seniors in the Class of 2010. We look forward to welcoming back our current and new students and parents and our excellent teaching staff next August. 2009-10 has been in many ways the best year ever for Harding Fine Arts Academy. We completed a rigorous school assessment by AdvancedEd International and have been recommended for accreditation by meeting their high standards of continuous school improvement. Our students continue to learn, grow and achieve in HFAA's creative, arts-focused environment.

Sharing a school building, as we do with Harding Charter Preparatory, requires a high degree of cooperation, coordination and consideration on the part of each school's staff, students and parents. While it is often a challenge, HFAA remains committed to finding ways to work together positively and equitably to create the best school experience for all our students.

If you're visiting our school for the first time, please check in at our office on the 33rd St. entrance, north side of the building. Our principal, Dr. Sherry Rowan or Dir. of Student Recruitment, Barry Schmelzenbach, will be happy to answer your questions and provide information about the school.

Sincerely,

Sally Bentley, President
Harding Fine Arts Academy Board



**HFAA Basketball
Camp-June 21-25**

Girls: . 9 to noon
Boys: ...1 to 4 pm

Interested? Come to
the meeting this
Friday to pick up a

brochure from Coach Montgomery.

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**The Improv Club meets on Tuesday
afternoons in Ms. Williams' Rm.**

**They are preparing for the
Improv Club Performance,
Wednesday, May 19th, 7 pm
Come get your laughs on!**

Be sure to check lockers, under
beds, cars, friends and neighbors'
houses to round up all your text-
books to turn in at the end of the
school year or be prepared to pay an average
of \$60 per book. Thank you!



**HFAA soccer is 1 and 3. We won our first game
by forfeit. We have played three great games
since, scoring a total of 12 points since then.
A little more practice and we should win a
game. Our next game is on Saturday, May 1st
at the Indoor Sports Arena on field 3 at 11:15
am against the AUTOBOTS. Parental support
at the games has been excellent, but more
spectators would be appreciated. Come out
and support the team. The address is 100
North McCormick, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
73127-6627.**



We are pleased to be able to hold our
graduation ceremony at the Harding
Auditorium. Seating is somewhat lim-
ited, however. Each graduate will be
given ten tickets. We ask that any
graduate who needs fewer than ten
tickets please return the information
form to the office. That way if a
family needs MORE than ten tickets,
we'll be able to accommodate them.
Remember, graduation is Monday, May
24, 2010, at 7 pm.

~~PTO POSTINGS~~

Still need to earn Parent Service Hours? Volunteer to help proctor **End of Instruction (EOI) Tests**
for one-and-a-half hours or more each school day from **through May 21st**. For more information, contact
Ms. Michele Petersen at 702-4322, mpetersen@hardingfinearts.org.



May 3 – 9 is Teacher Appreciation Week! Can you bring or send something for faculty and staff to enjoy
at Faculty Lunch on **Friday, May 7?** Contact **Candice Drumm** at candice.drumm@yahoo.com. Drop off items in the Faculty
Lounge by 11:00 a.m. Crock pots can be picked up after 2:00 p.m.

Next PTO Meeting: May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Drama Room – We need PTO Officer Nominations! There are several
open positions for school year 2010-2011. If you are interested in discussing volunteer opportunities, know someone who
would be a great PTO Officer, or have any questions, please contact **Larry Hawkins** at LHawkins@odot.org, or **Tina
Losawyer** at tina_losawyer@hotmail.com. You are the PTO – we can't do what we do without you!

New! Uniform Exchange Closet – HFAA would like to begin a uniform exchange closet. At the end of this school year,
please consider donating your graduating student's **gently used uniform items** to the Closet. For more information, contact
the School Office at 704-4322.