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MERGING CREATIVE
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ENHANCE STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT AND
TO ENCOURAGE ARTS
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AND LIFELONG ARTS
APPRECIATION.**

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Winter Concerts Galore!

As soon as we return from Thanksgiving break, Nov. 23 through 28, we jump right into the concert season. Beginning on **Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 6:30 p.m., the Piano students will wow us at their recital.** From students who just started studying the piano in August to students who've been playing for several years, Mrs. Easley provides them with great instruction and has seen remarkable progress. Please join us on Tuesday, the 29th, to celebrate their success!

The choir will be very busy on **Thursday, Dec. 1, as they have been invited to participate in the Governor's Tree Lighting Ceremony at the State Capitol. They will be singing there at 3:00 p.m. Harding Fine Arts will also have a Christmas tree on display at the Capitol** thanks to the efforts of Ms. Seabourn and the arts classes. Our tree, entitled "A Fabulous Firebird Christmas", will join 39 other trees decorated by Oklahoma schools throughout the state.

Be sure to hurry back to **HFAA for the choir concert the same night (Dec.1) at 6:30 p.m.** You will not want to miss a single minute of this amazing performance!

But just in case you miss the **choir** that evening, you can catch them playing at **The Gold Dome, corner of NW 23rd and Classes, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4.** They have been invited to perform with the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) 's string ensemble and special guest violinist, Yuval Waldman. Tickets to the **Holiday Concert Under the Dome** are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students/children under 18 and may be purchased from Dr. Rowan in the school office.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6:00 p.m., the Guitar classes will delight you at their concert with a full repertoire of classical and contemporary music. Mr. Hicks and his students have been working hard to develop this delightful evening of music for you.

Monday, Dec. 12, at 6:00 p.m., the Percussion, Wind, and String Ensembles take the stage to present a very rich musical program including some holiday music. Come and get in the spirit with these talented folks! (more...page 2)



Our last performance of the month is on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6:00 p.m. The auditorium will come alive with the graceful and energetic moves of the HFAA Dance students. Always innovative and thought-provoking, Mrs. Voyles and her dancers provide us a wonderful way to start our holiday vacation.



Now that may seem like a busy month, but wait, there's more! Check out page 3 for a schedule of upcoming basketball games! Our Firehawk men and women are really looking good and playing hard. They improve with each game, so we are due a big win! Do come out and support our teams. There will not be a home game until January, but we really need you while the team is "on the road", too. Check the website, www.hardingfinearts.org for game details.

News you can use!

Beginning in December, you will be receiving important messages (i.e., school closures, delayed opening announcements) on your home and/or cell phones or to your email. We are in the process of installing new software that will integrate with PowerSchool and will use the home phone and day-time phone numbers you provided on your enrollment information sheets, as well as your email addresses. To stay informed of all the latest information, please be sure that we have your correct information on file. You may email information changes to Liz Mlekush at lmlekush@hardingfinearts.org or phone the main office, 702-4322.

As we and the system grow, in the future you will be able to substitute a phone call with a text message! We will let you know when that is available! (You may receive test phone calls or emails during the implementation process.)

While you do your holiday shopping....



Remember to **designate Harding Fine Arts Academy** when you shop with your **Target RED card, Homeland One card, and Office Depot.** The PTO has set us up to earn cash or merchandise back from sales at Target, Homeland, Office Depot, and Buy for Less.

Jennifer Allman will be testing for her 1st degree brown belt on Dec. 3rd at noon in the big gym as will her brother and husband. HFAA students Nam Tran and Sergei Trice were invited by her instructor to participate in the sparring part of the exam

2012 Photography Calendars are in and for sale for \$10 each in the main office or from a photography student. The student who sells the most wins \$100.

Harlie Minor is going to have her work displayed in the Harding Hallway at Visions in the Paseo for the month of December, starting with first Friday, Dec 2nd.

HFAA WORK DAY SATURDAY Dec. 10, 9 —NOON WE NEED YOU!

HFAA Work Day is Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. The projects for this workday are:

- * Hang Firehawk banner in gym
- * Hang bulletin board in Mrs. Watson's office
- * Finish stripping the door jam and door in the Teachers' lounge
- * Re-hang door; hang coffee mug racks
- * Replace weatherstripping on front door
- * Move boxes of paper



A BIG congratulations to Brooke Bradley and Luke Wittmann for taking FIRST PLACE at the Warrior Classic Forensics Competition in Okarche (4A Policy Debate). Well said!

Do you like to go caroling? Then come to Harding Fine Arts at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2nd for the 2nd Annual Caroling Crusade to Paseo. We'll carol through the neighborhood and hopefully pick up some more singers along the way. When we reach our destination, we'll invite everyone to join us for a few songs in the center median, then relax with some complimentary hot chocolate and cookies. What a great way to get into the holiday spirit! Song sheets will be provided. Guitars, tambourines, kazoes, and other instruments welcome!

Basketball! Basketball! Support Firehawk Basketball! Go Teams !

HFAA basketball is on! We've had two games thus far and will go to Crescent today (Nov. 22) to play their teams. Both the boys' and girls' teams are playing some great ball and showing good sportsmanship and effort. Come on out and cheer your teams on to victory!

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m. vs. Santa Fe South at Santa Fe South

Monday, Dec. 5, 6-9 p.m. vs. Classen SAS at Classen



COMING SOON! HFAA Annual Auction Fundraiser, this year with an exciting musical review! The event is coming in March, (the exact date will be announced soon) but plans have been underway for months. Now it's time to let us know if you can help make this an amazing night that will bring the maximum benefit to HFAA. We will need help with setting up and decorating the facility, getting out invitations, and of course, acquisitions for the auction. There are committee leaders in place for these areas but we need motivated volunteers to make this event a success. Please email Jana Orr if you can help, or have any questions. janaorr@axishealthcare.net

Winter Formal Dance sponsored by HFAA Student Council
Friday, Dec. 9th, 7-10 p.m. At HFAA
Dress up and come celebrate the holidays and the end of the semester.
\$5.00 Admission...buy your ticket now!

Semester Finals will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on December 13, 14 , and 15.

Students who have passing grades in all their classes may leave at noon. All other students need to stay until 3 p.m. to do make up work.

There will be a meeting of the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 4 p.m. in Rm 401. All interested students, parents, or faculty are invited to attend.

Let's get on board and support **Toys for Tots!** This great program has been around for many years and provides a happy holiday for so many disadvantaged children. Beginning December 1st, HFAA students should bring new, unwrapped toys to their advisors. The class with the most donations will receive a pizza party, compliments of Student Council.

Alternatively, you may take your donation directly to our main collection point, Visions Gallery on Paseo Drive. Mr. Glen Filmore, the owner of the gallery, hopes that the Harding Fine Arts students will help him and the good people on the Paseo share the love this holiday season.

Ms. Joann Torres, mom of 9th grader Julian Torres, invites us to participate in the **Infant Crisis Center's** holiday program to provide baby items for the little ones who are helped through this excellent program. We will have "ornaments" on our tree in the lobby after Thanksgiving. Each ornament will list an item that the Center needs for the babies. Please help!

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