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Upcoming Events

Feb 2- Prospective Student Information Night; 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Feb 3- No School (Professional Development)
Feb 7- Youth for Christ Meeting; 7:15 - 7:50 am in the Media Center
Feb 7- Oklahoma Christian Academy (Home/Spirit Day); JVB-4:30 pm, VG-6:00 pm, VB-7:30 pm
Feb 7- HFAA Day at S & B's Burger Joint on 9th Street
Feb 9- Destiny Christian School (Home/Spirit Day); JVB-4:30 pm, VG-6:00 pm, VB-7:30 pm
Feb 10- P&E (Black History Month); 11:18 - 11:55 am
Feb 10- Toilet Bowl "Fun"Faiser; Cafeteria 4:00 pm
Feb 10 & 11- HFAA Speech & Debate Tournament in Fairview
Feb 11 - OKC Knights @TBD (Away @ Western Oaks MS): VG-3:00 pm, VB-4:30 pm
Feb 14- Youth for Christ Meeting; 7:15 - 7:50 am in the Media Center
Feb 14- Perkins (AWAY); JVB 5:00, VG 6:30; VB 8:00
Feb 16-18 3A Basketball Playoffs Begin
Feb 17- 20 No School
Feb 18- KC Challenge - HFAA Martial Arts
Feb 21- Youth for Christ Meeting; 7:15 - 7:50 am in the Media Center
Feb 21- HFAA Guitar Fundraising Night @ Raising Cane's on NW 23rd Street
Feb 23 - HFAA Blood Drive
Feb 24- Parent / Teacher Conferences (No School)
Feb 25 & 26- HFAA Speech & Debate Tournament - SWOSU
Feb 28- Youth for Christ Meeting; 7:15 - 7:50 am in the Media Center

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How Can I Help Prepare My Student for College?

Our school counselors and teachers often talk about college readiness. Beginning their 9th grade year, we begin preparing students for the next step: university, junior college, or technical school. The biggest question our guidance counseling office gets from parents is, "What can I be doing to help my student prepare for college?" HFAA does a lot to prepare your student and arm him or her with ideas to consider and questions to ask when college and career planning, but the first and most rudimentary step is your **student's grades**. Without good grades your child's choices are limited in two major ways: what type of schools they are eligible to apply to and for what kind of scholarships may they apply.

What are ways that you can do this?

- If your child is in need of extra help take advantage of the free tutoring that we offer after school. If this is not enough, contact Ms. Stacy or Ms. Reed about setting up some one-on-one time with a teacher.
- There are centers in the community that do intensive tutoring with students as well. For example, places like Sylvan learning center or School Tutoring Academy offer tutoring, just to name a couple.
- Also, students need time to study, and where and how long they study is critical to learning. Students need a quiet, distraction-free environment either at home or at a library, maybe even book store. Additionally, while we want our children to have responsibilities around the house, such as chores, or be involved in other activities, we all only have so many hours in a day and children need sleep. So, if you have to occasionally cleanup something around the house for them or remove a household responsibility to allow them time to do Ms. Crismyre's U.S. homework, do it.

Also, it's never too soon to begin preparing for the college admissions exams! Having a high ACT / SAT score is another key factors of getting into a college of their choice. Students shouldn't wait until their senior or even junior year to start their preparation (See ACT prep classes on page 3 of this newsletter.) In addition, Sylvan Learning Center offers a free practice test at their Belle Isle center every 3rd Saturday of each month. For more information email at tisha.clay@sylvanlearning.com.

The HFAA Guidance Counseling office will be hosting College Readiness Informational Meetings on Feb. 10th: 3:30-4; 4:15-4:55 and Feb. 24th : 2-2:30; 3- 3:30; 4-4:30 and 4:35-4:55. Watch for sign up information soon!

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Preparing students
for college in an
academically
challenging,
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Accepting the Challenge Award

HFAA Senior, Aanika Gillett, has been selected to receive the Exchange Club of Oklahoma City, A.C.E AWARD.



Each Year the Exchange Club of Oklahoma City Awards a \$2000 A.C.E scholarship to a local Oklahoma City metro high school student. A.C.E. stands for Accepting the Challenge of Excellence. She will be receiving her award at a luncheon held at the Greens Country Club. Winners at the district level then have an opportunity to compete for the National A.C.E. Award and a chance to win a \$10,000 scholarship! Congratulations, Aanika!

HFAA Student Participates in Oklahoma All-State Orchestra

HFAA's very own Chris Maxwell had the honor of playing with the Oklahoma All-State Orchestra!



Chris has spent 3 days in Tulsa with the rest of the ensemble, rehearsing and preparing for his clarinet performance! Chris also made the CODA Wind Ensemble, a regional honors ensemble with the top students from the central Oklahoma area. He and HFAA clarinetist Etta

Braden both represented HFAA at the Oklahoma City All-City Band Event held at John Marshall High School on January 27th and 28th. Congrats Chris and Etta!

S&B's Burger Joint to Support HFAA- February 7th!

Through its "Pay It Forward" program, S & B's Burger Joint will be donating to the HFAA drama program. Dine at their N.W. 9th street location **the first Tuesday of every month** and HFAA will receive 20% of receipts. Diners just need to drop their receipts in the provided box!



This offer is valid between the hours of 11:00 a and 10:00 p and includes dine-in or carry-out. **So far S&B has donated over \$1000 through this program. Thank you S&B's Burger Joint!**



HFAA Parent / Teacher Conferences

Conferences will take place on Friday, February 24th. (There will be no school for students that day.) Use the Sign Up Genius below to sign up to meet with some or all of your student's teachers.

<http://hardingfinearts.org/parents/conferences-parent-teacher-february-24th-2017/>

Ever wondered what it would be like to TP the school?
Harding Fine Arts Academy
Toilet Bowl
"Fun"raiser
for the Bathroom Renovation
Friday, February 10th, 4-7p.m.
Cafeteria

<p>\$8/ticket in advance \$10/ticket at the door</p> <p>*Tickets include 1 slice of pizza, drink, dessert and unlimited games *Additional pizza and drinks available for minimal additional cost</p> <p>Prizes, service hours earned for attendance and Toilet Bowl Royalty anointed</p> <p>Sponsored by: Treats Solutions Whole Foods HFAA PTO Parents</p>	<p>TP Tailor Shop and Fashion Show Paper Towel Bowling TP Pyramid Throw Paper Skyscrapers TP Streamer Toss Selfie Station Poop Hoop TP B-ball</p> 
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Traffic Reminder

If using 33rd street to drop off and pick up your students, **please approach the school from west to east to help keep your student safe and avoid traffic jams.** Thank you!

International Thespian Association Induction

On Monday January 9th HFAA's first ever International Thespian Society Induction was held. Drama students inducted this year were:

Sean Smith, Aaron Traylor, Whitney Clear, Tyler King, Zoey Ishcomer, Chloe Woods, Bella Wright, Jamin Rose, Hanna Jackson, Elaina Price, Lexi Hurley, William Day and Madalyn Wetmore. Troupe officers were also elected:

President: Sean Smith
Vice President: Chloe Woods
Secretary: Hanna Jackson
Historian: Lexi Hurley
Liaison: Zoey Ishcomer

HFAA Thespian Troupe 8378 will attend the Oklahoma Thespian Festival in Tulsa February 3rd & 4th. Students will attend workshops, have the chance to meet with college theatre departments as well as audition and competition opportunities

The HFAA Troupe Directors are Drama Instructor Brenda Williams and Parent Liaison Misty Reed.



Ignite Arts Festival

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4th! HFAA will be hosting our annual Ignite Arts Festival. The Ignite Arts Festival is a gathering of HFAA student and professional visual, musical, and performing artists featuring family-friendly works in various media and styles and a food booths. It is held in conjunction with HFAA's Art Spark Youth Art Competition, a contest for students from area elementary and middle schools



Introducing New HFAA Teachers

Preston Pettigrew is HFAA's new Studio Art Instructor. He will be teaching Art I-IV and Advanced Placement Art. Mr. Pettigrew earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Central Oklahoma. In addition to being an art educator he is also a local artist who shows his work at exhibits around Oklahoma throughout the year.



Teresa Holleman will be teaching the Graphic Design, Media Productions and Yearbook classes. Ms. Holleman earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Oklahoma. She is also a local artist with a passion for story telling through graphic design, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics.



Free ACT Exam for Juniors

HFAA will be participating in the State's Free ACT on March 21st. This will be offered to all juniors. It will be at HFAA starting at 8:00 AM. (No sign up is necessary as all juniors are scheduled to take the exam.) This will be an approved ACT that students may use on college applications.

Here is the ACT website. Please look at the website and see what resources are available to help your child study.: www.actstudent.org

Other options for ACT study guides are the local library and bookstores. All have materials that you can buy or check out to help you study for the exam.

OCCC is offering ACT Prep classes for \$20 for any students:

- OCCC's Main Campus 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. February 4th
- Capitol Hill Center 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. February 4th
- OCCC's Main Campus 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. April 1st
- Capitol Hill Center 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. April 1st