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Upcoming Events

5/1- AP Psychology Test
5/2- AP Spanish Language Test
5/2- HFAA Day at S & B's Burger Joint on 9th Street
5/2- Science Club with Dr. Schuerch after School
5/2- Choir Music Auditions; 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
5/3- AP English Lit Test
5/3- HFAA Student Dance Spring Performance; 7:00 pm
5/4- HFAA Student Guitar & Piano Concert; 7:00 pm
5/4- AP Government Test
5/5- AP US History Test
5/5- Spring Fling Dance; 7:00 in the Cafeteria
5/6- Sr. Baccalaureate Ceremony; 4:00 St. John's Episcopal
5/6- Senior Dinner; 50 Penn Place @ 5:00 pm (Students Only)
5/8- AP Biology Test
5/9 - 5/11 Final Exams
5/9- AP French Test
5/9- AP Calculus AB Test
5/9- HFAA PTO Meeting; 5:00 in the Media Center
5/10- AP Language and Comp AP Test
5/11- HFAA Robing Ceremony; 10:30 in the Auditorium
5/11- AP Statistics Test
5/11- Last Day of School
5/12- Generation Citizen Day @ State Capitol; 10 a - 2 p
5/12- AP European History Test
5/12- Graduation Ceremony; 7:00 St. Luke's Methodist
Memorial Weekend- HFAA Booth at the Paseo Arts Festival

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Accolades for HFAA Students and Faculty

Seventeen students from HFAA have been selected to receive a State Superintendent Award for Arts Excellence. These juniors and seniors were chosen by Oklahoma State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education, and the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma for achieving artistic and academic excellence in their chosen field of excellence. Four students have been selected from the dance category, nine students were chosen for their drama skills, two for their instrumental music skills and two for visual art.

Harding Fine Arts Academy students being honored this year were Tamia Colbert (Junior), Rylee Goetzinger (Senior), Keyveontae' Martin (Junior), and Chloe Woods (Junior) for Dance. Whitney Clear (Junior), William Day (Junior), Lexi Hurley (Senior), Abigail Morris (Senior), Jady Powell (Junior), Clare Schmelzenbach (Senior), Sean Smith (Senior), Madylyn Smith (Senior), and Aaron Traylor (Senior) were honored for their achievements in Theatre/Drama. Madison Aelmore (Senior) received honors for Orchestra and Elena Figueroa (Junior) for Piano. Alyx Johnson (Senior) and Rayna Shaw (Senior) received honors for Visual Art.

The students, along with the school boards, school administrators, and fine arts educators who have exhibited leadership in the schools and communities throughout Oklahoma, were recognized during the 28th Annual State Superintendent Awards for Arts Excellence. The award ceremony took place at the Scottish Rite Temple Masonic Temple in Guthrie on Tuesday, April 25th.



Also, in announcement made on their web site on April 25th, U.S. News and World Report named Oklahoma City's Harding Fine Arts Academy as one of the top three public high schools in Oklahoma.

According to the web site, to produce the 2017 Best High Schools rankings, U.S. News & World Report teamed with North Carolina-based RTI International, a global nonprofit social science research firm.



RTI implemented the U.S. News comprehensive rankings methodology, which is based on these key principles: that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

The U.S. News and World Report 2017 Best High Schools Rankings awards the top 6,041 public high schools with gold, silver and bronze medals, indicating their level of college readiness. Of the 80 Oklahoma schools included in the 2017 U.S. News Best High Schools rankings, 14 received silver medals and 66 were awarded bronze. Harding Fine Arts Academy received a silver medal.

Harding Fine Arts Academy was ranked #1108 in the nation of all public schools, #173 in the nation of all charter schools and #3 in the state of Oklahoma.

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Preparing students
for college in an
academically
challenging,
arts-integrated
environment.

HFAA Speech & Debate Competes at State Competition

The incredible HFAA Speech and Debate traditions as members of the team competed at the Speech and Debate State 4A Finals in Norman:

- 5th Place Original Oratory, Whitney Clear
- Dramatic Interpretation: 6th Place Aaron Traylor, 4th Place Anthony Burke, 3rd Place Sean Smith
- Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking: 5th Place Hardy Williams, 3rd Place Mady Smith
- Monologue: 3rd Place, Jadyn Powell
- Poetry: 3rd Place, Anthony Burke

A HUGE thank you to Firehawk Alums who provided their expertise and experience in helping with the success of the Speech & Debate program this year:

Luke Wittmann	Arianna Tull
Leslie Hankins	Myranda Saylor
Daisha Bradford	Emily Johnson
Celeste Baca	

Generation Citizen Comes to HFAA

With the help of Generation Citizen, HFAA US Government students have been able to have the resources and connections to make changes to help their community. Generation Citizen is a nonprofit, government action and civics program for middle and high school students. This program has “democracy coaches” to go into the participating classrooms. Democracy coaches are typically college students that voluntarily participate in this program to help students find a public policy issue that affects them personally.

One hour of the Senior US Government and Politics class is attempting to pass a law that would require high schools to register students to vote when they turn 18 to help increase voter turnout. Another hour of the Senior US Government and Politics class is attempting to make 33rd Street and Hill Street (streets on either sides of the school) both one-way streets. This will help student, faculty, and neighborhood safety as well as avoiding traffic jams and car accidents.



Check out and like their Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/hfaagenerationcitizen/>

Leadership in Arts & Education Award Dinner a Huge Success

Community leader Nancy Payne Ellis was presented The John and Joy Reed Belt Leadership in Arts and Education Award by Harding Fine Arts Academy at a dinner on Tuesday April 18 at 6:00 pm at the OKC Petroleum Club. The award was initiated in 2013 by the HFAA Board with the purpose to increase overall public awareness of the school, honor community leaders for their inspiring and dedicated leadership and increase sustained financial support for academic and arts programming. The evening featured HFAA student performances and participation. Patrons supported school and student needs by donating to a variety of projects through “Pic Your Passion” teacher-posted projects which ranged from science classroom equipment, novels and concert amplification equipment. The event raised approximately \$100,000! Thank you to our sponsors!

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Senior Graduation Schedule

Baccalaureate - Saturday, May 6th, 4 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, 5401 N Brookline (behind Dave & Busters). This ceremony is NOT required, it is optional. This is a blessing of the graduates. Friends and family are invited to attend. It is expected that students dress nicely. Graduates should arrive by 3:30.

Senior Dinner - Saturday, May 6th, 5 p.m. (after Baccalaureate) Belle Isle Urban Catering in their Community Center, 50 Penn Place, 4th floor.—This event is for seniors only and all seniors are expected to attend and dress nicely.

Finals - Tuesday, May 9th, Wednesday, May 10th, Thursday, May 11th, then:

Robing Ceremony - Thursday, May 11th, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., HFAA Auditorium - Each graduating senior may invite one or two people to help them put on their robes for the first time. Friends and family are invited to attend the ceremony.

Senior Lunch - Thursday, May 11th 12:30 p.m. -1:15 p.m. St. Luke's Methodist Church, 222 NW 15th, (15th and Robinson). This event is for seniors only and lunch will be provided.

Graduation rehearsal - Thursday, May 11th, 1:30 p.m.- ? p.m. St. Luke's Methodist Church, 222 NW 15th, (15th and Robinson)

ALL GRADUATES MUST ATTEND (unless you are taking the AP Stats test!). Graduates, you will not walk at graduation if you do not attend rehearsal.

Graduation - Friday, May 12th, 7:00 p.m. St. Luke's Methodist Church, 222 NW 15th, (15th and Robinson). (Graduates are to be in the meeting space by 6:30 p.m., and ONLY graduates will be allowed in the room prior to graduation.) Doors will open for family and friends at 6:30 p.m., as well.

Although we will not be issuing tickets, graduates are asked to limit guests to 12 or fewer.

S & B's Burger Joint Support HFAA Drama

Thank you S & B's Burger Joint for sponsoring the HFAA Drama Department this year! Their support funded their entire performance schedule this year as well as the trip to Tulsa for the Thespian Festival.

Final Exams FAQ

Does my child need to be in uniform on Final Exam days?

YES The same expectations apply on Final Exam days. Students are reminded of this daily and will not be admitted into exam rooms unless they are in uniform. Please ensure your child is in uniform.

How do I know if my child is exempt from a Final Exam?

90% or above average for the semester* and 5 or fewer absences.
 85-89% (<90) average for the semester and 4 or fewer absences.
 No Out-of-School Suspensions.

*Semester average, not Quarter grade. Your Semester average is found by averaging your two Quarter grades. $(A1+A2)/2=S1$

If my child has too many absences, is there a Final Exemption waiver?

No. Attendance Waivers are for course credit only, not for Finals Exemptions. With Final Exams no exceptions are made for grades; no exceptions are made for attendance.

Is my child exempt from any of their arts class finals or performances?

No. All final performances, projects, and portfolios are required for arts classes.

When and Where will Final Exams be held?

May 9th - 11th. Exact Final Exam times and assigned classrooms will be posted Friday, May 5th.

Why can't exact times and classrooms be posted sooner?

Exemptions are based on Semester Average and Attendance as of Friday, May 5th

Can students request to move their final exam day/time/block?

No. Students need to take their exams on assigned Final Exam days and times.

What if my student is late?

Test Proctors are instructed to refuse entry late students. Teachers are not required to reschedule a missed Final Exam. Students should arrive early for all Final Exams.

Is Lunch served on Final Exam days?

Yes. As always, students can of course bring their lunch if they choose.

How early can I drop my child off at school?

No earlier than 7:00 am. If your child doesn't have an Exam until the afternoon they will be in Study Hall with a teacher.

Does my child have to be at school in the morning/afternoon during times they do not have a Final Exam?

No, but only with your permission. Please ensure they don't arrive late for any exam.

What days are Final Exams given?

