

HSArts January Newsletter

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It's time to name the HSArts Newsletter! Do you have a unique idea? Send it in! We will accept submissions until the end of February.

Email your ideas to brian.nieh@hsarts.org

Thanks for your donations!

With the help of our generous community, we achieved our fundraising goal and purchased ten HEPA filters! The filters have now been installed in all of our indoor classrooms. In addition to preventing COVID infections and helping us filter the air during fire season, these machines filter out chemicals, reduce rates of asthma, and improve overall student health.

HSArts is very grateful to Kristin Houk, Liyan Huang, Ivory Madison, Sarah McGowan, Mehmet Orun, Erik Puknys, Christina Scarpino, Angela Sheredy, and Zhenhua Tao for their donations. We appreciate all contributions, including our donors who chose to remain anonymous!

We also want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our donors, Yelena Aizin, Emmanuel Cantor, Ms. J. C., Aleksandra Marshaniia, and Cricket Young, who contributed to the Annual Fund and the Young Artist Dream Scholarship Fund.

Please visit our Giving page to learn how you can support HSArts!

Teacher Spotlight: [Hanna Zhang](#)

Welcome to our newest Chinese dance teacher, Hanna Zhang!



Hanna describes her outlook on teaching in the following way: “Be responsible for every child, educate children with love and sincerity from the bottom of my heart.”

Ms. Hanna’s love for Chinese dance began when she was only 9 years old. She graduated from Tianjin Normal University in 2019, majoring in Chinese dance. Ms. Hanna continued her education in the U.S., receiving her Master of Education (Curriculum and Instruction) from Kings College in 2020.

Ms. Hanna worked at Tianjin TV Station as a dance teacher and choreographer, preparing many dances and fairy tale spectacles for children of all ages. She has participated in CCTV’s Spring Festival Gala and the National Dance Performance competitions multiple times.

Holiday Updates: HSArts Celebrates Chinese New Year

February 12 marks the start of the Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year is all about celebrating with family. People travel thousands of miles to return home to celebrate the largest holiday in Chinese culture. While we cannot host our usual in-school event and be with our wonderful staff and students and families of our HSArts community, we hope this online dinner party can still give us the opportunity to celebrate together.

Although we can't meet as a community, we have a plan to celebrate together even though we are apart. On Thursday, February 11, our talented kitchen staff will prepare an assortment of scrumptious Chinese New Year foods that we will package for your enjoyment at home. Interested families can pick-up these packages and we will provide distribution details as the date approaches. Our Chinese language classes will have related New Year activities for the students to participate in, too!

Virtual Open House: Middle School edition

To share the creative spirit of HSArts with prospective families, we are hosting a Virtual Middle School Open House on February 10, starting at 12:00 pm.

- Meet our Head of School, Dr. Sherry Zhang
- Learn about our unique visual and performing arts program and college-prep curriculum
- Discover how we've adapted to the safety protocols now in place due to COVID-19
- Find out why HSArts is the perfect fit for your child, your friends and family!

We hope you'll encourage your friends to join us at our Open House. Please [register here](#).

Special Note:

Due to current circumstances brought on by the pandemic, late applications will be considered where space is available. Contact [Admissions](#) with questions or to begin the application process.

HSArts on Social Media

Did you know? We're on Facebook, Instagram and Youtube. Find news and information, keep up to date on our events, and see our students in picture and video action! Follow us **@HSArtsSF**. Remember to Like, Comment, Subscribe, and Share!

Looking Ahead

February 10	Virtual Middle School Open House
February 11	Chinese New Year celebration
February 12	School closed - Chinese New Year holiday
February 15	School closed - Presidents' Day
February 17	Parents Information Night

Student Resources:

Our teachers recommend the following extracurricular opportunities for our students. More to

come in the future!

Middle and High School

Engineer Girl Writing Contest - Feb. 1, 2021

<https://www.engineergirl.org/128750/EngineerGirl-Writing-Contest>

SPJ/JEA Essay Contest (\$5 fee) - Feb. 19, 2021

<http://jea.org/wp/home/awards-honors/high-school-essay-contest/>

JASNA Essay Contest - June 1, 2021

<http://jasna.org/programs/essay-contest/>

Bowseat Ocean Awareness - June 14, 2021

<https://bowseat.org/programs/ocean-awareness-contest/>

High School Only

Bill of Rights Institute, We the Students essay contest - April 15, 2021

<https://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/>

American Foreign Services Association - April 5, 2021

<http://afsa.org/rules-and-guidelines>

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