

HSArts Community Newsletter - Sep 15

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Important Dates

Sep 16 Campus Private Tour

TBD Family Day

Remarks from our Head of School

It's the fifth week of school and students are progressing nicely. I am thrilled to see many of our students forming good relationships with their peers and teachers. Students are taking some of their first tests in their classes. While sometimes

A Successful Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration!

Second only to Chinese or Lunar New Year, Mid-Autumn Festival is one of the most celebrated holidays in Chinese and Asian cultures,. Every year, with the moon at its fullest and brightest, we gather together with family and friends to celebrate and give thanks for our good fortunes.

Last Friday, we had many of our HSArts families join in the festivities! With food aplenty, we were treated to a wonderful lineup of programs capturing the many talents of our students and staff. Afterwards, everyone had lots of fun solving riddles, playing games, and feasting on snacks and drinks. Thank you for all the people involved in helping to make our Mid-Autumn Festival an event to remember!

daunting, exams are necessary checkpoints to measure learning and growth.

To support our students' development of study skills, Ms. Leddy, queen of test prep, headlined our Monday student assembly and leadership class with a test-taking workshop. She also has an extensive background in SAT test preparation and attained perfect scores on two of her three SAT exams. This workshop taught our students the value of hard work and that no one is a natural born test taker. Diligence in study, taking and reviewing good notes, and asking questions are necessary to achieve high scores. Parents, please remind your student to complete and turn in Ms. Leddy's workshop homework. This assignment reinforces the workshop message that working hard is a vital key to achieving success.

We hope to inspire our students to hone their passion for academics and keep on challenging themselves! I look forward to seeing the hard work from our students in their studies and in their testing.

*- Dr. Sherry Zhang
Head of School
San Francisco High School of the
Arts*

Here are some pictures from the event. For more, scroll down to the STUDENT LIFE section and make sure to visit our social media pages.





ACADEMICS

Featured Academic Class of the Week: Mathematics

By Ms. Darragh Leddy, Math Teacher

Math is off to a fast start at HSArts!

In 5th and 6th grade math classes, students learned to group counting and complex numbers. They are now using them in operations. We just started tackling fractions and students are discovering they are not as fearsome as they first appear!

In algebra, students learn to get comfortable using letters in math. The letters, known as variables, become more prevalent in future math courses. There is so much you can do with unknowns! We put them in linear functions, absolute value functions, quadratic functions, and all kinds of inequalities. In algebra you must gain mastery over your operations so you can do them backwards to solve problems.

Seven students are taking the AP Calculus BC exam this year, which is the highest in HSArts history and we are thrilled! We rolled through limits and started to learn about the first half of calculus: derivatives. In a few months, we will learn its counterpart: integrals.

Students are preparing for AMC this year. Each class is working to digest a new problem. Can you solve this one? When three positive integers a , b and c are multiplied together, their product is 100. Suppose $a < b < c$. In how many ways can the numbers be chosen?

*The American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) are a series of middle and high school math competitions administered by the Mathematical Association of America that aim to strengthen math skills using classroom resources and engaging students in friendly competition.

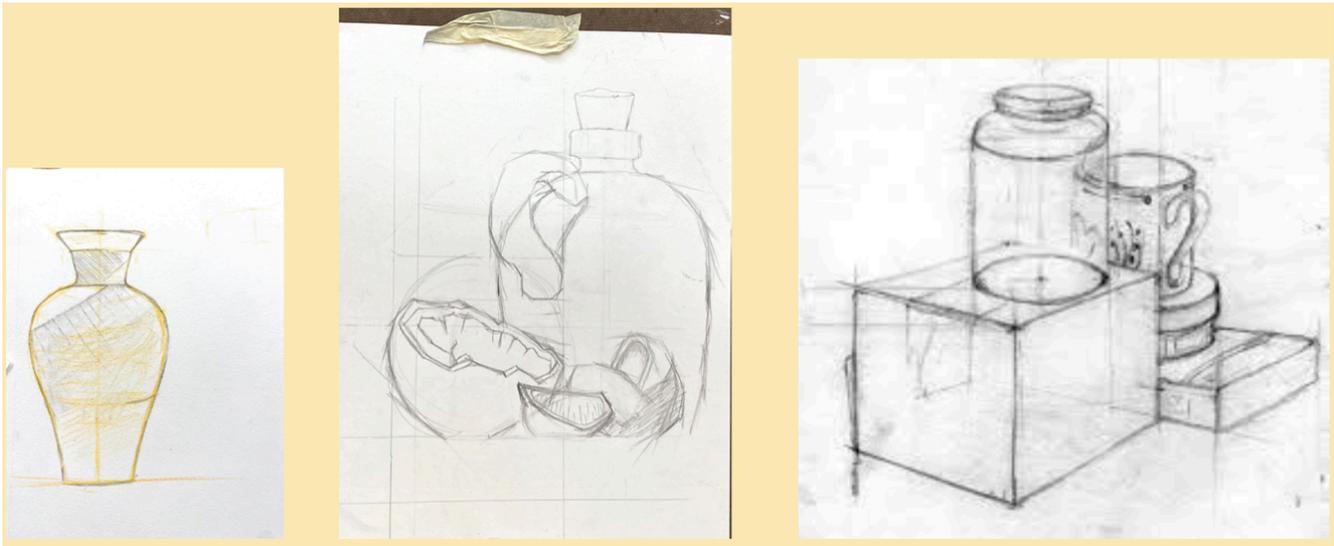
ARTS

Featured Arts Class of the Week: Chiaroscuro

By Ms. Lucy Cui, Visual Arts Teacher

Structural sketch drawing

This semester, we are working on long term traditional oil painting. The first step is sketching the still life with which we are working on. For the sketching, we use structural drawing, a type of engineering drawing in which students draft details and a plan, or set of plans, for how a building or other structure is built. While ours is not an architecture class, we do examine engineering drawing to help students understand dimensions, structure and form of the subject to be drawn.



Grisaille

After the sketch, we proceed to grisaille. Grisaille is a painting executed entirely in shades of gray or of another neutral grayish color. In our study, we use burnt umber and titanium white to illustrate the light and shadow of the subject. In this way, we can focus on chiaroscuro. The use of contrasts of light to achieve a sense of volume in modelling 3-D objects and figures.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions

Our first in-person **Open House** will be held on Thursday, September 29!

We are excited to welcome prospective students and their families to meet our teachers and tour our beautiful campus with HSArts student ambassadors. If you wish to share your family and student's HSArts experience and help welcome future families at this or any of our *Open House* events, please contact admissions@highschoolofthearts.org.

We greatly value our HSArts families and know that you are our best representatives to spread the good news about our school to your friends, family and other acquaintances. Together, we can reach out to the greater community and enroll new students who would benefit from all we have to offer.

Please contact admissions@highschoolofthearts.org to obtain viewbooks to share with other parents or take to work. If you know a student who would benefit from all that we do here at HSArts, please invite them to contact us for a private tour, admissions events, and additional information about our programs.

We appreciate your participation in our Admissions work and outreach efforts.

Upcoming Admissions events:

Open House

Thursday, September 29

6:30pm to 7:30pm

Please download and share our [viewbook](#)!

STUDENT LIFE

More Mid-Autumn Festival Pictures

Because there are so many great ones to share!









Once more, a big THANK YOU to all the student, staff, and parents who helped us make it happen. And, of course, to everyone who joined and shared the evening with us. We really appreciate it and love that our HSArts community is growing and becoming even closer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 25** Cole Valley Sunset Street Fair
- Sep 29** HSArts Open House
- TBD** Family Day

Communication is essential and we strive to connect with our students, parents, and families throughout the school year. We will continue reaching out to you with this weekly newsletter. We also encourage you to visit our website and follow our social pages including Facebook and Instagram for announcements, information, and celebrations.



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