

# HSArts Community Newsletter - Sep 22

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## San Francisco High School of the Arts Family Newsletter | Sep 22, 2022

### FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

#### Important Dates

**Sep 29** Open House

**Oct 3-7** Spirit Week

#### Remarks from our Head of School

#### ***The Circle of Student Life***

*By Mr. Brian Nieh, Student Life overseer*

*From the day students arrive on the campus, and blinking, stepped into clubs, there's more clubs here than we have had before, more to do than can ever be done.*

You may recall an earlier post announcing all of our clubs, and that's a big part of our student life here. During after school times, besides study hall, we have clubs aplenty: art club, origami club, yearbook club, student council, basketball club, games club, and more! You can really feel the bonding happening with our students, and I'm all for it.

After our very exciting Mid-Autumn Festival, we have more events on the way. Spirit week is coming up October 3-7, with plenty of opportunities for students to show their school spirit. The week will culminate in a fun Field Day on Friday with indoor and outdoor activities, and, of course,



great food and treats in tow.



Greetings everyone!

The HSArts Taiwan High School Exchange program is beginning to take shape! We have three main program goals: **education, cultural enrichment, and artistic advancement**. More details about this exciting trip for our high schoolers and our fundraising efforts will be available soon.

Looking ahead, we have lots to look forward to: fundraisers, movie nights, Halloween and other holidays, and more! Stay tuned in the circle, the circle of student life.

I hope all of our students can keep up their hard work and school spirit!

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

## ACADEMICS

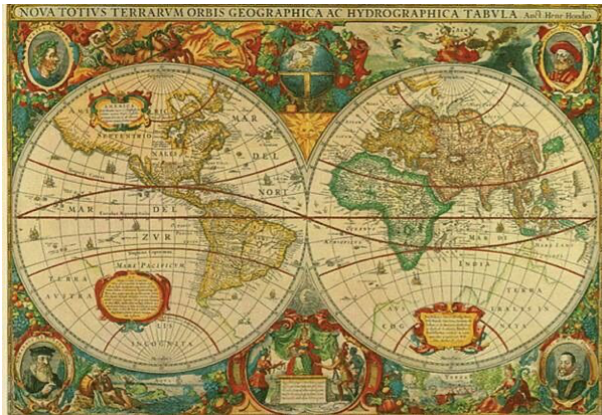
### ***Featured Academic Class of the Week: Middle School History***

*By Mr. Lee Randazzo, History Teacher*



### ***World History, Grade 6 & 7***

We completed a unit on ancient Mesopotamia and are analyzing some of the world's first empires by comparing and contrasting their methods of government. Students are also analyzing primary sources from the time period and learning how to differentiate sources and verify credibility. Specifically, we are looking at some Assyrian monuments and comparing them to historical accounts in the Hebrew Bible.



### ***U.S. History, Grade 8***

We finished a unit on the founding of the original 13 colonies and will learn how the colonies began to work together to create a new country. We'll start by analyzing the causes and effects of the French and Indian War.

## **ARTS**

### ***Featured Arts Class of the Week: Chiaroscuro***

*By Ms. Millie Hankinson*

Our high school class began the year focusing on some of the foundations of drawing: shape, form, and proportion. After practicing these fundamental principles for several weeks, we worked on longer, more complex projects incorporating value and perspective to refine and advance our basic skill level. Now, with autumn at our doorstep, we turn our efforts toward quick sketching to prepare for our first portrait drawing session on Tuesday! Our model will be festively dressed as a fortune teller to celebrate the beginning of the Halloween season.

### ***About Ms. Millie***



Ms. Hankinson is a figurative artist and instructor. She studied fine art and illustration at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, and has been teaching throughout the Bay Area since 2013. After a guest lecture last school year, she joins our Visual Arts department as a full-time teaching starting this year.

"I studied Millie's works when I was in high school, and I'm happy to have the chance to connect and work with Millie. Our visual arts program is in very good hands!"

- Mr. Kailin Qu, visual arts teacher

## **ADMISSIONS**

### ***Admissions***

**Open House** is on Thursday, September 29 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

If you would like to attend 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](mailto:admissions@highschoolofthearts.org).

Please continue to spread the news about HSArts and contact [admissions@highschoolofthearts.org](mailto:admissions@highschoolofthearts.org) for any HSArts marketing material you would like to share. If you know a student who can benefit from attending our school, please invite them to contact us for a private tour, events, and school information.

## STUDENT LIFE



### **About Student Clubs (continued)**

*News from Mr. Randazzo, a student clubs moderator:*

- *The high school games club session yesterday [Tuesday 9/20] had students building club camaraderie while cooking their dinner after the games.*
- *Regular games club meetings are on Fridays.*
- *There is a special honeybee club workshop on Sunday, 9/25, 11 a.m. leaving from school. Students must RSVP by Friday 9/23 to join this workshop. Only 5 spots are available. Honeybee workshops will be offered in the future, contact Mr. Randazzo for more information.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 25** Cole Valley Sunset Street Fair  
**Sep 25** Honeybee Workshop, RSVP with Mr. Randazzo by tomorrow, 9/25  
**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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