

# HSArts Community Newsletter - Sep 29

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## San Francisco High School of the Arts Family Newsletter | Sep 29, 2022

### FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

#### Important Dates

**Sep 29** Open House

**Oct 3-7** Spirit Week

#### ***HSArts Now an Art Renewal Center Approved School***

HSArts is now an Art Renewal Center (ARC) Approved school. HSArts is one of the few high schools recognized by this prestigious community of talented ateliers, artists and professionals.

#### Remarks from our Head of School

To become an ARC Approved school, all ARC Approved schools and ateliers must focus on skill-based training and classical and naturalist education and be firmly grounded in realism defined as the accurate, detailed, depiction of nature or of life. Ninety percent or more of the instruction taking place at the school relating to drawing, painting, or sculpting must be in line with the above requirement.



Greetings everyone!

It is an exciting time in school! Our first in-person **Open House** is this week and our new student ambassadors are getting ready to lead school tours. **Spirit Week** begins on Monday next week with lots of events and fun activities happening on campus. (See *Student Life* below for more details.) Go Phoenix!

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



This is a great honor and we look forward to sharing more news with you about the many new opportunities presented by this new affiliation. Stay tuned!

## ACADEMICS

### ***Featured Academic Class of the Week: Pre-Algebra***

*By Mr. Brian Nieh, Math Teacher +*



Hello! Our students just completed the Chapter 2 test on fractions, and as a class showed good overall improvement...yay! With Chapter 2 behind us, we move on from fractions to decimals and percentages. Just as there are an infinite number of numbers between whole numbers 1 and 2, there is a boundless world of

math waiting ahead of our students beyond simple arithmetic. But in order to get there, we need to keep practicing, doing problems, and getting very familiar with times tables, converting fractions and decimals, and order of operations (in other words, our first chapters).

To all the students: Don't fear homework, it's good for you. It builds character. Keep up the hard work! Your future mathematician self will thank you :D



## ARTS

### ***Featured Arts Class of the Week: Musical Theatre***

*By Ms. Hannah Ogden, Acting Teacher and Musical Theatre Program Coordinator*



In Musical Theatre Acting classes, we are well on our way through rehearsals for our fall play, *The Con*, by Tracy Wells. Our program has doubled since last year to include six full time Musical Theatre students and six elective students, all of whom are working hard on this semester's busy performance schedule. Students are growing their on-stage skills, script analysis, and technical theatre knowledge. For many, this year is their first in a musical theatre program so we are building on the foundations of a strong actor. These include volume and projection, enunciation, reaction to what is happening on stage, and character development. When I was a theatre student, I learned that an actor must demonstrate confidence, creativity, and discipline. These three tenants have followed me into my professional

teaching career, and I strive to ensure that my students excel in each of these areas. Each production showcases a year's worth of growth, and I am so excited and proud to help students reach their goals in this first quarter!

## **ADMISSIONS**

### **Admissions**

We are excited to welcome prospective families to our first in-person **Open House** of the year tonight from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Several teachers and student ambassadors will be on hand to greet our visitors, give them an overview of the school's programs, and showcase our wonderful campus.

If you know a student who can benefit from attending our school, please invite the family to contact us for a private tour, events, and school information. Thank you!

## **STUDENT LIFE**



### **Student Ambassadors**

On Monday, the Admissions Office announced the formation of the **Ambassador Club**. Ambassadors are students who represent HSArts at various on and off campus events. They share information and personal perspectives about HSArts with interested students and their families.

A presentation on Monday introduced important public speaking and leadership skills that will serve our students as ambassadors and will also aid them as they move forward in their academic and professional endeavors. Additionally, participation in a school's **Ambassador Club** looks great on any student's résumé! HSArts students who are interested in becoming ambassadors may contact Dr. Fung for more information.



### **Spirit Week - Events**

#### **Dress up Days**

Students (and staff) are encouraged to dress up in the theme of each day during **Spirit Week**. Themes are as follows:

1. Monday: School Colors day (purple/gold)
2. Tuesday: Comfy day

3. Wednesday: Twin day
4. Thursday: Formal day
5. Friday: Sports day

*\*note: All clothing worn for dress up days should still follow general clothing guidelines. Students choosing not to participate in the dress up days are required to wear their uniforms.*

### **School Mural**

In our ongoing efforts to beautify our school and community, our student body will create a large mural on the east wall outside of school under the guidance of our visual arts teachers. Students will use time from select classes throughout the week to create this huge work of art. We can't wait to see what they've designed!



### **Field Day**

Our Spirit Week ends on Friday with a Field Day in Golden Gate Park. Students will have the opportunity to engage in fun-filled games and team building activities, and enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch and ice cream social!

### **Club Fair**

Next Tuesday during lunch (11:30am - 12:00pm), our student clubs will hold a club fair to introduce their clubs and recruit interested students to join in the fun. From Art Club, to Basketball Club, to Games Club – and even a Honeybee Club, come see what these student-run clubs are all about and join a club that is right for you!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sep 29** HSArts Open House
- Oct 3-7** Spirit Week
- 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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