

HSArts Community Newsletter - Oct 20

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San Francisco High School of the Arts Family Newsletter | Oct 20, 2022

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Important Dates

Oct 22 Open House

Oct 26-28 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct 28 Afternoon tea with Dr. Sherry

Oct 28 College Counseling Workshop

Coming soon: Events for the Parents

We have several upcoming events for our parents to look forward to:

First up are the Parent-Teacher Conferences. Wednesday to Friday afternoons next week, parents can schedule a time to meet with each teacher and discuss Quarter 1 grades and student progress so far.

Next is Afternoon Tea with Dr. Sherry. Friday afternoon 3-4pm, have a nice chat while having tea and nice pastry with Dr. Sherry while she updates on school news and fields questions from parents.

Finally, during the Afternoon Tea, our college counselors, Dr. Shalina Fung and Mr. Peter Zhang, will also be joining us to host a College Counseling Workshop. They will be available to meet with parents, talk about the college applications process, and answer any questions you may have.

Please make sure to sign up for the [Parent-Teacher Conferences on this Google Sheet](#) (by 10/24 Monday night) and RSVP for the [Afternoon Tea on ParentSquare](#).

Remarks from our Head of School



Greetings everyone!

Quarter one flew by quickly! I am very happy to see that our students have worked hard and shown significant improvements this year in both academics and arts. Please keep up the good work and reflect on how we could do even better for the remaining of the semester and the year! Go Phoenix!

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

ACADEMICS

Featured Academic News of the Week

Ms. Lona, Academic Director

Quarter 1 is over, and report cards will be shared later today. We planned for it to be sent out yesterday, but PraxiSchool had some technical issues. Hopefully you'll get to view them very soon. Overall, our students are doing very well in their academic and arts classes. We hope to see them continue to work hard in Quarter 2!

Next week, we welcome all of our families to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences. This will give you one-on-one time with the teachers to discuss about how the student is doing in class and how they are progressing. Please make sure you **schedule a time on the shared Google Sheets by Monday evening**, so our teachers to plan and prepare for the conferences.

Thanks, see you all soon!

ARTS

Featured Arts News of the Week

Mr. Brian Nieh, Dance Teacher

There's still a bit of time before our Winter Wonders showcase at Herbst Theatre on December 16. However, our performers have been hard at work to prepare their dances, both in our full-time and Young Artists after school programs. Ms. Hanna already introduced the Flowery Hat dance, which some of our families got to see our students perform at the Cole Valley Fair last month.

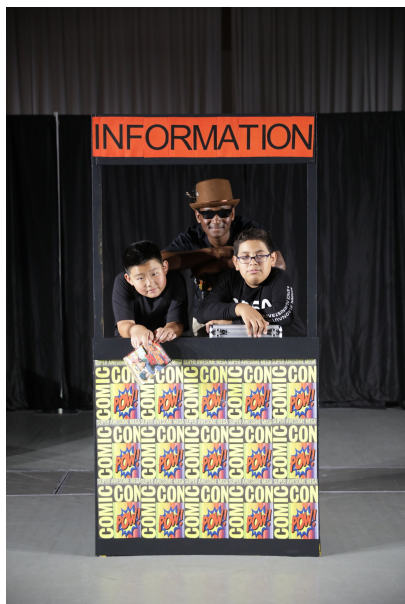


As for the boys, they've been hard at work learning and practicing the Tibetan dance, Snow-Capped Celebrations in their Chinese ethnic dance class. Originating from the ancient Tibetans' entertainment of singing and dancing around bonfires, this folk dance style features energetic and festive movements in celebration. In this piece, the short sleeves represent the khata, a traditional ceremonial scarf in Tibetan Buddhism. Being so high up in elevation and close to the skies, dancers use their khatas to express their praise to the heavens.

These dances, along with many others, will be ready with full costumes, props, and backdrops for you to enjoy come December. See you then!

Musical Theatre Fall Showcase recap

Last Friday, we welcomed family and friends to our Musical Theatre Fall Showcase. After several lovely songs by individual singers and the group vocal class, our students performed the show play, *The Con* by Tracy Wells. Many of the students are first time performers who've never performed on stage, under bright lights, in front of an audience, and every student performed very admirably! Here are a few photos taken from the event for us to enjoy:





Congratulations to all of the performers! A special thanks to Ms. Hannah and Ms. Julia for rehearsing and helping our students prepare for the showcase! Looking forward to the Winter performance!

ADMISSIONS

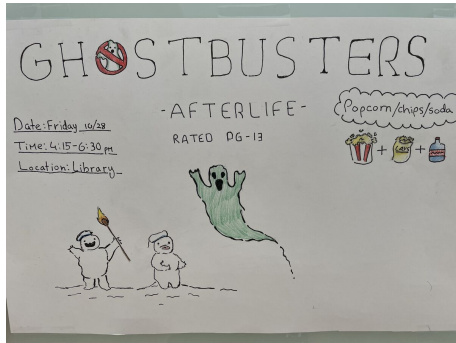
Admissions News

Open House is on Saturday, October 22 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

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.

Please continue to spread the news about HSArts and contact 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



Halloween is around the corner...

...and our student councils are eagerly preparing for the spooky festivities. And you read that right, student councils.

Our newly formed Middle School student council, led by Mr. Randazzo, is planning a Halloween movie night showing of Ghostbusters: Afterlife. The MS student council will prepare snacks and drinks, and hope everyone can join! Movie night will take place on Friday, October 28, from 4:15-6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!



For our High School student council, they are arranging fun activities for our students to participate in. Previously, we've played dodgeball and other games. Can't wait to see what they've arranging for this time! In the meantime, there will be a Halloween bake sale to raise money for the Taiwan trip. Please support them with either desserts or purchases, or both!



Finally, Ms. Ogden is arranging a Halloween costume dress-up competition. Students can sign up their costumes with Ms. Ogden and come Monday, October 31, the school will vote on their favorite costumes. There may even be some fun prizes for the best solo or group dress-ups!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming soon!

- Oct 22** Open House
- Oct 26-28** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Oct 28** Afternoon tea with Dr. Sherry
- Oct 28** College Counseling Workshop
- Nov 15** Submission Deadline for HSArts Fall 2022 Art Competition
- Dec 16** Winter Wonders Recital and Art Exhibition

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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