

HSArts Community Newsletter - Jan 13

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San Francisco High School of the Arts Family Newsletter | January 13, 2023

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Important Dates

Jan 16 MLK Jr. Day - School Closed

Jan 20 Full-time CNY Dumpling Celebration Dinner

Jan 23 Chinese New Year - School Closed

Jan 27 HSArts Community CNY Celebration

Remarks from our Head of School

Welcome back everyone!

Crazy weather we're having, am I right? I'm happy to say that despite mother nature's recent tantrums, our school has remained open for our families who braved the storm to attend classes as normal. But for all those who feel it is not safe, please stay safe and remain at home and our teachers will find ways to accommodate and get you the work to keep up.

All in all, we're just so happy to see everyone back at school, in classes, in uniforms, engaging in the art that they love. Let's stay passionate and work hard to achieve even greater successes this coming semester! Go Phoenix!

New Year, New You?

Mr. Brian Nieh, Resolution Maker, Resolution Breaker

New Year's resolutions are like marathons. Each person making them approaches it differently. Some take it slow and steady and can persist throughout the year. Others, like myself, sprint very briefly, slow down to catch our breaths, stop to rest, lie down to rest some more, cry a little, give up, and then wait for next year. (Or is that just me?)

Presented with these two extremes, it's clear which one we should aspire towards and which one we should try avoiding. But if you're still struggling, worry not, because as the resident (self-proclaimed) expert of new year resolutions, I'm here to help with **three easy suggestions**:

First, make resolutions for self-improvement. Don't resolve for a new pair of shoes. Resolve to sleep earlier, or paying more attention during class, or playing on your phone less. Or resolve to help others, be nicer to those around you, give out compliments to your friends and classmates and teachers and staff.

Next, be your own biggest supporter. Don't wait for other people to remind you, remind yourself! Having a strong will and encouraging yourself goes a long way. What the current 'you' is doing now is to make for a better and happier future 'you'. Your future self will thank you.

Lastly, don't forget you have all of us at school here to support you. Just reach out and let us know! You have a whole team of people who want to help you and see you succeed and see you happy.

With Chinese New Year right around the corner, it's a perfect time to make new resolutions (or renew your Jan 1 ones). So, who's ready to be resolute?

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

ACADEMICS

Featured Academic News of the Week

Mrs. Darragh Leddy, Math Teacher

Our 6th, 7th and 8th graders have been hard at work over the last 4 months prepping for AMC 8! AMC 8 is the American Mathematics Competition at the 8th grade level. The AMC offers competitions at 3 levels: the 8th, 10th and 12 grades. Any student that is in or below the 8th grade is eligible to participate in AMC 8. The AMC is the most well known mathematics competition in America. Performing well on this exam can open doors, scholarships, and is very impressive on a resume.

Testing Day: Thursday, January 19th at 8:05am in Room 203. The test is online, so please bring a laptop with you to Room 203. You will be given scrap paper and are not allowed to use a calculator, or any other technology or resources. Please bring a few pencils and erasers for your scrap work. The test is 40 minutes long. You will be dismissed once all students have completed and submitted the AMC 8 and you will be released to the remainder of your first period class on Thursday morning.

Prep Work: In math class, we have been using past tests to prepare for the AMC 8. Please see the link below for a full listing. Students are very comfortable with questions 1-10 from tests administered from 2022 to 2015 (a total of 7 tests). Students, please continue to review all 7 tests. Parents, please quiz your child on these questions. And, if you want an extra challenge try some of the questions from 11-15, or even more advanced from 16-25. Furthermore, there are 16 more tests that you can try and use to prepare. I am available for any questions and help. Test resource: https://artofproblemsolving.com/wiki/index.php/AMC_8_Problems_and_Solutions.

We are very grateful that our students have the opportunity to participate in this competition and showcase the hard work they have put into excelling their mathematics foundation. We encourage all students and families to take this opportunity by the reins and reap as much of the benefits it has to offer.

Happy Studying & Testing!

Mrs Leddy

ARTS

Featured Arts News of the Week

Ms. Millie Hankinson, Art Teacher

This spring semester, high schoolers in the visual arts program will continue to build upon the foundational skills they learned last semester — the basics of shape, value, and form — while exploring various types of still life, portrait drawing, and quick sketching. We will continue to have live models pose for the students, as well as demonstrations and lectures by visiting artists. By the end of the term, students will develop a better eye for accuracy, simplification, and interpretation that will carry them forward into more advanced studies next year.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions News

We're already in January and the high school application deadline is right around the corner, **this coming Sunday, January 15**. Make sure to get those in on time! Also, please remember to submit applications for financial assistance by January 21 and art portfolios, teacher recommendations, and transcripts by January 28.

Wednesday, February 15 - **Middle School Open House** (In Person Event), 6:00-7:00 pm

Geared primarily to students entering 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grades, join us to learn more about our Middle School programs and curriculum. Register [here](#)!

HSArts will continue to provide private campus tours over the next several weeks giving all interested students and their families the opportunity to further explore our programs and offerings. Please

RSVP [here](#) to schedule your tour.

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YOUNG ARTISTS

Young Artists News of the Week

Ms. Hanna Zhang, Young Artists Director and Dance Teacher

Just like the plum blossom enduring the harsh winter snow to bloom in the spring, our dancers have endured through rigorous training and rehearsals to arrive in competition season. The majority of dance competitions take place during the springtime, as early as January. For our dancers, both in the full-time and Young Artists program, we are aiming to join a number of competitions starting early February.



We are very excited for our dancers and wish them the best of luck. Let's continue working hard and win those awards!

STUDENT LIFE

New Semester, New Clubs?

Cooking Club - Steak and Potatoes



Last semester, we saw several new clubs created by our students. Wonderful! With the new semester upon us, let's see what other interests we share and new clubs we might want to form. We already have a cross-country club in the works. Who's interested in music or singing? Board games and puzzles?



Please find Mr. Brian for New Club Applications, once you have 3 members, a supervisor, and a completed form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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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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