

## HSArts Community Newsletter - Jan 27

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**FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

**Important Dates**

**Jan 27** HSArts Community CNY Celebration

**Jan 27** CNY performance at Sloat Commodore ES

**Jan 29** CNY performance at Sunset Farmers' Market

**Beware! Tiger!**

*Mr. Brian Nieh, Probably not a tiger, definitely not a furry >:O*

*\*Editor's note: Some readers were confused regarding the zodiac for the year. To confirm, we are exiting the Year of the Tiger and entering the **Year of the Rabbit**. If you go by the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, then it will be the Year of the Cat.*

*\*Editor's tangent: In ancient times, they held a race with all of the animals to determine who would be the 12 Chinese zodiacs. There are many interesting tidbits regarding the race itself, but one interesting note is the cat and the rat rode atop the ox through the race. Near the finish line, crossing a wide river, the rat tricked the cat into the water, and the cat lost its chance to finish the race. So that's why the cat isn't one of the 12 Chinese zodiacs, and why cats have disliked rats throughout history, as the legend goes. Speaking of legends...*

**Remarks from our Head of School**

Greetings everyone!

**Bring Joy and Happiness to All People**

People have asked what our students do to help the community. Each student completes dozens of hours of community service each year. Some of those hours include performances and art exhibitions. That's something unique our students contribute to the community, combining our duty to give back and our desire to share our arts with those around us. It touches the hearts of children and adults, especially our seniors. Audiences are often moved to tears. We need more of that during these challenging times, and I'm proud of every single one of our students! Go Phoenix!

- Dr. Sherry Zhang  
Head of School

Legend tells of a legendary warrior, whose kung fu skills were the stuff of legends! His name? John Wu Song. His game? Drinking and hunting tigers. Lucky for him, Andy's Local Pub and Family Friendly Dining Establishment (name pending) has plenty of moonshine in comically oversized clay pots and there seems to be a ferocious man-eating tiger on the loose!

The story starts off in a small village at the foot of a forest, guests are greeted by Andy, owner and lead server at Andy's Local Pub and Family Friendly Dining Establishment. Ignoring the warnings of a tiger sighting, the locals go about their day until...tragedy strikes! Oh no! While a band of hunters band together to hunt it down, the real hero, John Wu Song, steps in to save the day. What will befall our hero?

Tonight, we shall see the epic tale in the form of a dance drama that features students and staff and other distinguished HSArts community members. We hope you'll be there at the performance to enjoy **John Wu Song Fights the Tiger**.

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Arts*

## **ACADEMICS**

### ***Featured Academic News of the Week***

*Mrs. Darragh Leddy, Math Teacher*

Last week our 6th, 7th and 8th graders took the AMC 8. We are very proud of our students for participating in this mathematics competition, and we hope our students are proud of themselves as well. We encourage students to reflect on their score and set a goal for next year's competition. The competition consists of 25 multiple choice questions and each question is worth one point. Perhaps, a goal for next year is to go up one point or maybe ten points or maybe to achieve a perfect score. Whatever the goal is it is attainable with the right timing and focus. Furthermore, we want students to think back to the very first AMC they took and realize that their official score from last week is a lot better than the very first test's score was, and they have learned a whole lot of math along the way!

Alongside the excitement of completing the AMC 8, our math classes are back in full swing in the second semester. AP Calculus BC is just one week away from finishing the entire curriculum! The speed has been fast, but the 11th and 12th graders have been good sports! The remaining 11 weeks before the AP exam will be dedicated to intensive review and practicing real past exams. Precalculus is cruising through their honors curriculum and we look forward to some field trips and projects. Algebra II and Algebra I have been hard at work keeping on pace with schedule. Our latest highlight was a group quiz, in which students exhibited excellent communication skills, words of encouragement, and humility when they or a classmate spotted a gap in their logic. Our 6th and 5th graders are both being pushed a little above their grade level and most are reveling in the challenge and that they can handle the material. And on a final note, here is a quote to ponder, said by Edward Kasner: "Mathematics is the science which uses easy words for hard ideas."

## **ARTS**

## ***Featured Arts News of the Week***

*Ms. Dana Crigler, Ballet Teacher*

Happy New Year to all of our ballet parents and students! We hope the New Year will bring our families peace and prosperity!

The day and evening programs are working to provide a colorful performance this spring! The day and teen ballet programs are busy learning variations from Sleeping Beauty and the Young Artist classes, Level 1A and Level 1B, are learning dances set to songs from Disney's Princess and the Frog.

Foundational ballet technique is also a main focus this semester. The Young Artist classes are learning new arm and foot positions, working on combinations that train coordination, increasing their dance vocabulary and getting off the floor with learning how to jump. The day and teen ballet programs have been focusing on memorizing their barre and center combinations, ballet conditioning has been incorporated into their classes to increase their upper and lower body strength, and learning more challenging ballet steps.

**Ballet Tips for Young Artist Parents:** All of the Young Artist students should be working on their left, right and middle splits at least 1 hour per day. Our goal would be for them to have all of these splits down to the floor with straight legs to the front, back and side with feet pointed by the beginning of May 2023. They will be evaluated during the month of May to determine their placement for the 2023-2024 semester and they cannot pass to the next level without a combination of flexibility and technique.

## ***ADMISSIONS***

## **Admissions News**

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

Geared primarily to students entering 5th grade and middle school, 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.

## **MSSONS**

### **YOUNG ARTISTS**

#### ***Young Artists News of the Week***

*Ms. Ginnie Wu, Young Artists Coordinator and Teacher*

Happy Chinese New Year to all of our Young Artists Families!

Summer is right around the corner, so it's the perfect time to find the summer camp perfect for you! We have the **Summer Arts Academy** with focused arts bootcamps and dance intensives. There are the **Summer Young Artists** geared more towards younger campers looking for some fun! Or you can have some **Summer Academics** with SAT prep and math courses for some extra studying. Whatever it is you're looking for, we have 17 exciting camps awaiting you!

Early bird discount deadline is March 15.

We'll have a **Summer Camp Open House** on **February 25**, so come join us and find out more about Summer at HSArts 2023!

If you'd like to know more, please email me at [enrollment@hsarts.org](mailto:enrollment@hsarts.org). Thanks!

*\*Editor's reminder: Ms. Dana shared some news about the ballet classes in our Young Artists program up in the Arts News of the Week, in case you missed it.*

## **STUDENT LIFE**

## Cooking Club - Clam Chowder

***It's tonight! Have you RSVP'd?***



### Mini FAQ:

*Do I need to bring cash?*

Answering questions with questions.. Do you like delicious treats or beverages of the milk tea variety? Do your little ones love having fun and playing games and enjoying life?

If yes, then yes! You can ~~spend~~ invest your money in many places in support of our student councils and our school!

*What's the schedule?*

First, check out the graphic above or the text below:

5:45 Doors open!

6:00 Dinner!

6:30 Performance!

7:00 Games! Activities! Drinks and Desserts!

Event ends at 8:30.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Coming soon!

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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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