

HSArts Community Newsletter - Nov 11

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San Francisco High School of the Arts Family Newsletter | Nov 11, 2022

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Important Dates**Nov 11** Happy Veterans' Day!**Nov 14-18** Teacher Appreciation Week**Nov 15** Submission Deadline for HSArts Art Competition**Nov 16** HSArts Admissions Event - Open House**Remarks from our Head of School**

Greetings everyone!

This week our students heard from the well-respected Korean War Veteran Judge Quentin Kopp who talked about the history of Veteran's day. Afterwards, we watched a cartoon about Desmond Doss, a winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery during World War II. Doss' love for our country and for his fellow soldiers was unquestioned and propelled him to complete great feats in midst of battle. We thank them all for their service.

- Dr. Sherry Zhang

*Head of School**San Francisco High School of the Arts***Kindness Awareness Month***Mr. Brian Nieh, Kindness Supervisor*

November is our Kindness Awareness Month (™ pending), highlighting one of our character pillars integral to our whole-child education. And already we've seen our kind students take this to their kind hearts.

Some students have missed some time, due to different kinds of reasons, medical or otherwise. Other non-absent students have shown great kindness by offering to share notes or catch them up on their classes. So kind!

We've also seen several shadow students spend their day with us this past week. Our students have kindly offered their hospitality and assistance to our student visitors, helping them feel at home.

Residents of the lunch line have been kinder. So far, no cuts, butts, or fights over who got there first to report. Kindness!

HSArts is truly a wonderful place, made even better by the kindness of our students, staff, and families. Our community is truly... one-of-a-kind.

BE KIND
TO OTHERS,
BE KIND
TO YOURSELF

ACADEMICS

Featured Academic News of the Week

Mr. David Gallagher, English Teacher

Our students have been hard at work preparing for upcoming writing contests and spelling bees. They have written narrative short stories based on information about California agriculture. These narratives were entered into the Imagine This...Story Writing Contest sponsored by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating youth throughout California about the importance of agriculture in their daily lives.

For the Scripps National Spelling Bee, our preparatory school and middle school students will participate in our school Spelling Bee in January. Word lists have been distributed and a free app for mobile devices and tablets is available on Google Play and the App Store. The app is called Word Club and is adaptable to different study and quiz styles while added game-play will keep your student engaged and motivated.

Best of luck to all of our students!

ARTS

Featured Arts News of the Week

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

We are jumping right into the holiday season in our Musical Theatre Acting classes this quarter! Rehearsals are underway for our winter play, Ebenezer's Christmas Carol. This adaptation of a classic allows students to participate in the traditional story with more modern language. It is crucial for young actors to have opportunities to participate in both comedic and dramatic works, which is why I have chosen this show as a way to utilize the skills needed to tell a more serious story. This production allows our actors to dive into the complex emotions of loss and fear while learning the importance of being kind to others, especially those less fortunate. Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 15th, our Musical Theatre Winter Showcase**, where students will perform this play and various holiday songs from their vocal classes! We hope to see many of you there!

ADMISSIONS

Admissions News

Our last in person Open House for the Fall semester will be on Wednesday, November 16 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. It will be a great chance for prospective families to learn more about the HSArts curriculum for grades 6-12. (Please see the [Admissions calendar](#) for more details and RSVP via this link [here](#).)

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YOUNG ARTISTS

Young Artists News of the Week

Ms. Vera Wang, Art Teacher

Our Thursday Foundational Art students have been spending the past few weeks on their painting unit, where they learned about brush technique, mixing colors, and composition.



Here they are with their first completed acrylic painting!

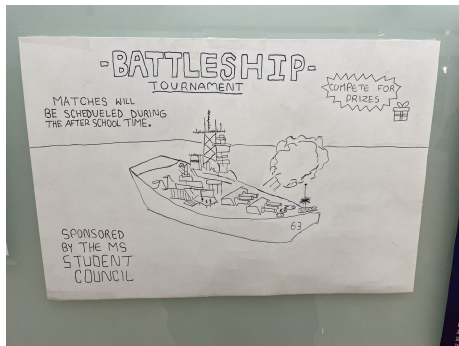
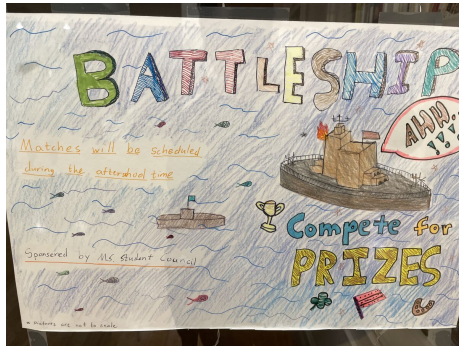
First Round of Dress Rehearsals for Winter Wonders

Next week, November 14-18, we will be holding our first round of dress rehearsals for our Winter Wonders performance (at Herbst Theatre on December 16). Our students have been busy working hard on their choreography, rehearsing movements, and practicing techniques in preparation for our upcoming showcase. With many of the costumes, props, music, and designs gradually coming together, it is the perfect time before Thanksgiving break to check on the progress and hold separate dress rehearsals.

These dress rehearsals will take place on the days the students are here, and we will minimize asking students to make extra trips. This will be different from our major final dress rehearsal planned for December 7, where we hope all performers can join us for a full runthrough of the performance. If you're unsure or if you have any questions, please ask the teacher for your class or contact Ms. Ginnie for details. Stay tuned for a sneak peek next week!

STUDENT LIFE

Battleship Tournament



Cooking Club - Penne



Yearbook Design Contest!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming soon!

Nov 10, 16 High School AMC Test

Nov 14-18 Teacher Appreciation Week

Nov 15 Submission Deadline for HSArts Fall 2022 Art Competition

Nov 15 Basketball game with Stratford Middle School

Nov 16 HSArts Admissions Event - Open House

Nov 30 HSArts Admissions Event - Virtual Open House

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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