

HSArts Community Newsletter - Nov 18

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San Francisco High School of the Arts Family Newsletter | Nov 18, 2022

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Important Dates

Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Break - Enjoy!

Dec 7 Formal Dress Rehearsal for Winter Wonders

Dec 9 Winter Gala Benefit

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

Mr. Brian Nieh, Kindness Supervisor and Teacher "Appreciatee"

Teacher and staff appreciation week epitomizes our Kindness Month and showcases the artistic and thoughtful creativity and warmth of our kind students. From carefully crafted *Thank You* notes to special mugs and plenty of delicious treats, everyone has been so kind!

Remarks from our Head of School

During Monday's assembly, our students transformed construction paper, markers, and glitter into wonderful messages of appreciation for our hard working staff and teachers. Our staff eagerly awaits the tsunami of kindness that's sure to pour through the pages. I know I am!

While we don't actively promote the need for gifts, (*I, for one, pour my soul into my work and classes only for the smiles and success of our students... and my paycheck*), little birdies have informed me that our students have been accumulating presents to give to their teachers. That's wonderful! Thank you! But please don't spend too much on the gifts. It's the thought that counts, and once you factor in the value of your thoughts, then any gift you give becomes priceless. Math.

Greetings everyone!

November is our **Kindness Month!** We talked about how to be kind to others, and show our appreciation to teachers. There are no boundaries for kindness, as Desmond Doss showed us last week in the Veteran's Day video we watched!

So thank you for all the *thank yous* from students and parents! Enjoy your Thanksgiving break!

**No newsletter next week :)*

I am also proud to announce that, for the **FIRST TIME**, our middle school basketball team **WON** against the Stratford sixth graders this Tuesday! Our students played hard and played well. Go Phoenix!

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

ACADEMICS

Featured Basketball News of the Week

Without much Academic news to share, as classes take the weeklong hiatus during Thanksgiving, instead Coach Gallagher recounts the basketball games on Thursday.

The Phoenix Won Their First Basketball Game!

Mr. David Gallagher, English Teacher and Basketball Head Coach

On Tuesday, November 15th, the HSArts basketball team traveled to Stratford Middle School to take on the Stratford Lions in a series of three basketball games on their blacktop. It has been a tradition between our two schools to compete at least once a year. The HSArts Phoenix team consists of eight players from grades 5-8 including William (the Captain), Danny, Austin, Sam, Andy, Ashton, Curtis, and Joshua. The Phoenix were cheered on by several students and faculty members who made the trip.

The first game pitted Stratford's sixth grade team against the Phoenix. In an easy win, our boys showed great energy and spirit while coasting to victory. In the second game against Stratford's 7th graders, the Phoenix lost a close contest that was not decided until the final buzzer. In the third and final game, the Phoenix faced off against the Lions' 8th grade team. While our boys fought hard and played tough defense, the more experienced Stratford team won.

HSArts players showed great teamwork and sportsmanship, along with an aggressive and fast-paced style. It was a fun day for both our students and the students of Stratford school who watched from the stands and cheered their team on loudly and with great school pride. We are working to get into the CYO league next year and show what HSArts athletes are able to accomplish with their hard work and dedication. Go Phoenix!



See more on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages @hsartssf

ARTS

Featured Arts News of the Week

Ms. Lucy Cui, Art Teacher

We had a very special guest give a brief workshop with our middle school class this week! We welcomed Mr. **Christian MacNevin**, Ivy's father, who came to speak about concept art and design. Our students were very attentive and enjoyed the presentation. Thanks for spending the time with us! Here are some pictures from the workshop:



Mr. MacNevin is one of many artists we have invited to conduct workshop with our students. We look forward to arranging for more later this year.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions News

Our last virtual Open House for the Fall semester will be on Wednesday, November 30 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!

STUDENT LIFE

Yearbook Sale

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Yearbook SALE

San Francisco

Early bird Special \$22 (pay by 12/16)
Regular Price \$25 (after 12/16)

- Cash or Check only
- Student's full name and grade
- Hand it to Ms. Anne or Ms. Annabel only

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2022-23 HSARTS

Holiday Tree Decorations

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bring an ornament and decorate our school's tree!

Fri, Dec 2nd at 4:00pm | Lobby

Winter Gala Benefit

RSVP is extended. With only 3 weeks remaining before the event, please make sure to reserve your spot. We hope to see you all there!

You're invited to our

Winter Gala Benefit

Friday, Dec 9th 6-8pm

A night to celebrate the winter season with live music, finger food, photo booth, silent auction, and more. Parent Club will host our Silent Auction and all proceeds will go to HSArts Scholarship Funds.



HSArts.info/Galarsvp
SCAN & RSVP

ADMISSION FEE per person
Early Bird **\$25** (pay by 11/30)
Regular **\$30**
Last Minute **\$40** (12/9 at 5pm)

DRESS CLASSY & ELEGANT.
Prepare yourself to be voted for best outfit or be crowned queen, king, prince, princess, or jester of the night! Take Instagram worthy photos, enjoy pop and classical music, and socialize.

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NHS Food Drive

Winter is here and it's getting cold! Our National Honor Society Chapter is organizing a food drive to donate to SF Food Bank. There will be a competition between the Visual and Musical departments versus the Theater and Dance departments to see which will donate more food. On Friday, November 18th, you will find two big boxes in the lobby clearly marked for each team. Whichever team has the most food in its box by December 15th will get cookies delivered to their department during the end of the year performance. Teachers and staff are more than welcome to participate as well, just choose either box! Suggested items to donate include unopened products such as canned soups, chili, tuna, chicken, salmon, jars of nut butter and pasta, rice and cereals. We, and the SF Food Bank, really appreciate your generosity during this holiday season.

Cooking Club - Stuffing Happy donating!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming soon!

- Nov 30** HSArts Admissions Event - Virtual Open House
- Dec 2-6** Dance Exams
- Dec 7** Formal Dress Rehearsal
- Dec 9** Winter Gala Benefit
- Dec 15** "A Christmas Carol" and Winter Music Showcase
- 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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