

## HSArts Community Newsletter - Nov 4

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**San Francisco High School of the Arts Family Newsletter | Nov 4, 2022**

**FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

**Important Dates****Nov 6** Daylight Savings End**Nov 15** Submission Deadline for HSArts Art Competition**Nov 16** HSArts Admissions Event  
- Open House**Remarks from our Head of School**

Greetings everyone!

We had a lovely time last Friday during my afternoon tea with parents and Peter Zhang, our college counselor. Peter's extensive college counseling experience is impressive and his stories were inspirational. We are here to help our students to reach their dreams. Sky's our limit! Go Phoenix!

*- Dr. Sherry Zhang**Head of School**San Francisco High School of the Arts***College Applications Season***by Dr. Shalina Fung*

Right now it is the college application season for the seniors and congratulations for those who have filed their early applications.

We know how stressful this time of the year can be. Our college counselors are here to support them every step of the way. We had a nice gathering with parents during the college counseling workshop last Friday. Parents were informed of a basic timeline of college counseling for 9th through 12th graders. It is never too early to research colleges and plan for the right classes. HSArts Counseling Program provides advanced search tools for students to explore colleges, build a list of prospective colleges compatible to their interests, test scores, and grades. Our counselors look forward to supporting each student to gain deeper self awareness of their individual strengths and weaknesses, and assists with identifying the college choice and career path that is right for them in the coming years.

**ACADEMICS**

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

*Ms. Darragh Leddy, Math Teacher*

This year, HSArts has enrolled in the American Mathematics Competitions (AMC). The intent was to switch from the competition we previously used, Sigma, to a competition that is more widely esteemed, and offers competitions to all grade levels that HSArts has. Our vision is that our students deepen their analytical skills, confidence in math, and desire to learn mathematical concepts outside of the curriculum. As our students tend in this direction, it will open us up to more competitions; perhaps even competitions that occur in-person, on the weekends, or on teams.

All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are going to take AMC8 the week of January 17th in school. AMC8 has many topics not yet discussed in 5th grade, and so they will merely prepare for AMC8 this year. We have given our high school students the option of enrolling in AMC, but are not requiring it. So far, we have 5 high schoolers that have opted to take the AMC10 (for 9th and 10th graders) or AMC12 (for 11th and 12th graders). The high school test is administered on November 10th and November 16th in school. The test consists of 25 multiple choice questions in an allotted 75 minutes. Students are not allowed any technology aids on the test. The AMC10 and AMC12 are quite difficult exams, requiring students to prepare in advance daily. If you believe your child has the available time to prepare for the AMC please encourage them to talk to Mrs Leddy to sign up and get caught up with preparation material. This is a nationally recognized competition that holds esteem among many universities, including MIT, as well as scholarship foundations. Taking this exam is a great privilege and one that should be treated with preparation, seriousness, and determination. We look forward to continuing to foster our students' desire to excel in math!

## **ARTS**

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

*Ms. Millie Hankinson, Visual Arts Teacher*

In October, the high schoolers continued to move toward more complex subject matter by focusing on drawing from life. The students took turns modeling for each other in order to practice quick sketching, as well as to prepare for the two professional models that visited the classroom this month — including a pirate! To better understand the geometric forms of the human head and the effects of light and shadow, students practiced drawing from several of the cast sculptures in our collection, culminating in a weeks-long study which will continue through most of November.

## **ADMISSIONS**

## ***Admissions News***

Our last 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 5-12.

(Please see the [Admissions calendar](#) for more details and RSVP via this link [here](#).)

## **ADMISSIONS**

### **YOUNG ARTISTS**

#### ***Young Artists News***

Our Young Artists Program dancers have finished learning their dance for the Winter Wonders show. Here is a sneak peak of our Level 2 and 3 girls at their first costume fitting. Kudos to the girls for tackling such challenging choreography! We can't wait to see everyone at the show on December 16th!



### **STUDENT LIFE**

## Halloween Recap



## Costume Competition

3rd Place individual - A three person tie! Coco (Homura), Jake (Grim Reaper), and Alisa (Cool Pirate)



2nd place individual - Jacqueline (Steampunk Kid)



1st place individual - Ryan (Man in Black)



2nd place group - Angela and Hailey (Fair Maidens)



### Spooky Bake Sale



### Cooking Club - Penne



1st place group - William, Curtis, Danny, and John (TRex Bros)



### **Pumpkin Painting!**







## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Coming soon!

- Nov 10, 16** High School AMC Test
- 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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