

HSArts Community Newsletter - Feb 10

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Important Dates

Feb 14 Student Council
Valentine's Day Event

Feb 15 Middle School Open
House

February is Dance Competition Month

Mr. Brian Nieh, Classical Competition Connoisseur

February is Dance Competition Month. So is March, and April, and May. So really, it's more like Dance Competition Season...

Remarks from our Head of School

Greetings everyone!

Time flies, it has been three years since we obtained our full WASC accreditation. When preparing our mid-cycle report, we documented the school's tremendous growth for the past three years. Huge THANK YOU to our dedicated team of teachers and staff, especially during these challenging times!

- Dr. Sherry Zhang

Head of School

San Francisco High School of the Arts

**February is (almost) in Spring, and Spring is Dance Competition Season**

There we go. Also, still Mr. Brian.

Anyways, we have dancers from our full-time and Young Artist programs competing in several dance competitions this season, including Leap, KAR, Starbound, Headliners, and Applause (dates at the end). Our students are competing in solo and duets, and small and large ensembles.

Dance competitions are a precious opportunity for student dancers. There's the preparation side, where you work with your teachers to brainstorm and create a choreography that you're invested in and are willing to perform and present to the world.

There's also the practice side. Techniques need to be polished, and the dance practiced to the point of muscle memory. It's commonly a time where dancers really put in the extra work and see significant improvements in both their skills and command of their dancing.

Of course, there's the competition aspect, where you'll be on stage, performing for your peers, judges, and dance-familiar audience members. This kind of test may seem daunting, but it's really more of a testament to the hard work you put in and an opportunity for you to share your passion with the dance community.

Cherish the opportunity. Work hard. Enjoy the experience. I'm excited to see how well everyone does this season!

ACADEMICS

Featured Academic News of the Week

Mr. Ray Chen, Math and Science and Integrated Math and Science Teacher

We started our journey of computer science education in our middle school and high school back in August last year. What we have right now is integrated biology and computer science for 9th/10th graders. In addition to that, we have 8th grade's physical science integrated with computer science too.

This semester, based on positive feedback regarding computer science, we're piloting 6th grade math integration with computer science. By doing that, 6 graders not only learned, for example, prime factorization using pencil and paper. They will be able to "teach" computers how to do prime factorization by writing codes in JavaScript. In the near future, all of our middle schoolers and our high schoolers will be able to program an APP for a concept learned from all level science classes and math classes.

And on a final note, "Computers are incredibly fast, accurate, and stupid. Human beings are incredibly slow, inaccurate, and brilliant. Together they are powerful beyond imagination."- Albert Einstein

ARTS

Featured Arts News of the Week

Ms. Lucy Cui, Fine Arts Teacher

This semester we are focusing on the quick study of oil painting with middle school students. Each painting class, I start with a demonstration and then give students a set time to finish the piece. We focus on different new tasks in each class and with time limits, students need to be highly concentrated to accomplish the task. We start with a single still life subject, then move on to multiple subjects, at the same time adding information of composition and color theory. The result seems nice. Within the past 4 weeks, students were able to finish one to two quick study paintings per week. Students are more focused during the limited time, and the artworks get better and better.

- Start with learning the value relationship by painting a pear (single still life subject) with white and burnt amber color
- Learn color relationship by painting of a pear with yellow and violet complementary color pair
- Painting of watermelon with green and red complementary color pair
- Landscape painting to incorporate more colors
- Learn multiple subject paintings by adding environment and fabric study to the painting



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.

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YOUNG ARTISTS

Young Artists News of the Week

Ms. Hanna Zhang, Young Artists Director and Teacher

Hi parents, I'm so excited about the coming competitions during Feb-May, and we have a couple solos and duets. It is challenging but our kids will get more stage experience to build up the confidence. Hope they will have fun there.

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.

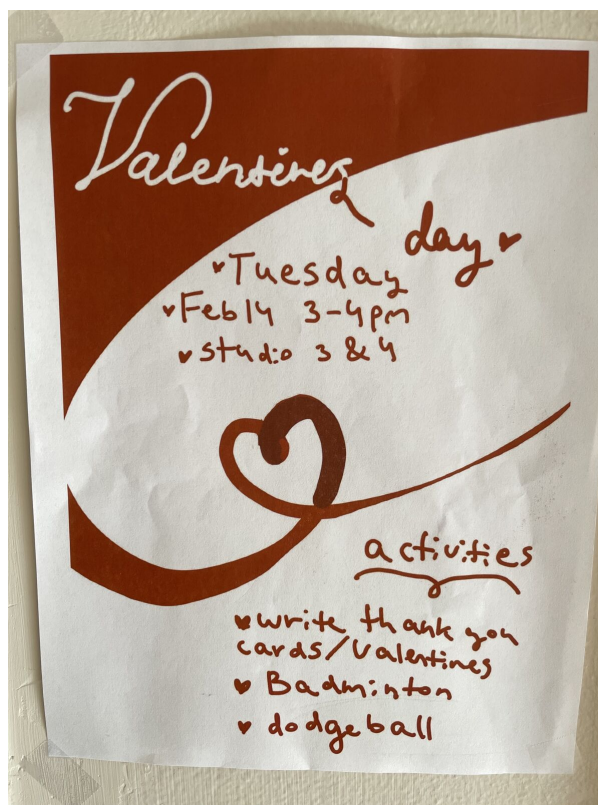
STUDENT LIFE

Cooking Club - Crab (and Valentine's Day Activities! Tofu) Cakes



From Student Council: Next Tuesday is February 14th, Valentine's Day! To celebrate, we will have a free dress theme of red, white, or pink. Please remember, if you are not following the free dress theme, the only other option is to wear the uniform.

Next Tuesday we will also have activities from 3-4pm, like writing cards, badminton, and dodgeball. The High School Student Council will also be selling chocolate covered strawberries, so remember to bring cash if you want to buy some!



Cooking Club - Crab (and Tofu) Cakes

This week our Cooking Club made Crab Cakes! We replaced the crab meat with tofu for our vegetarian options. The kids had a lot of fun! Thanks Mr. R for continuing to organize this experience for us!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming soon!

- Feb 10** LEAP and KAR Dance Competitions
- Feb 14** Student Council Valentine's Day Event
- Feb 15** Middle School Open House
- Feb 17** Applause Dance Competition
- Mar 3** Starbound Dance Competition
- May 19** Headliners Dance Competition

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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Quick update: The link to RSVP for the Middle School Open House is outdated. Please use this link to sign up <https://highschoolofthearts.org/admissions/event-rsvp-2/>

Sorry for the confusion!