

## HSArts Community Newsletter - Feb 3

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**FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

**Important Dates**

**Feb 14** Student Council  
Valentine's Day Event

**Feb 15** Middle School Open  
House

**Remarks from our Head  
of School**

Greetings everyone!

February is our Honesty month! Being honest is the best way to reduce stress, anxiety and depression. We should have the courage to accept our mistakes and improve for the future. Go Phoenix!

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

**February is Honesty Month**

*Mr. Brian Nieh, Honestly Mr. Brian and not a fake I swear*

As the name implies, February is our Honesty Month, and we are hoping to see our students embody this important trait in their everyday conduct. As they say, honesty is the best policy, and who can honestly argue with that.

The truth of the matter is, honesty goes beyond just telling the truth. Of course, telling the truth is very meaningful as Dr. Sherry noted in her remarks. But sometimes truths can be hard truths to tell, especially to people you care about. How you say it, when, using what kind of words and what tone you take all factor into how well someone can take it. So you need to think about your audience when you speak, especially when it's important truths to tell.

What other ways can you demonstrate honesty? What have you done so far that you consider honest? Please share in the comments below, or you can find me floating around school and tell me about it then! I'd be happy to read or listen anytime, honest.

\*Editor's note: Now we're craving some Honest Tea. Go figure.

**ACADEMICS**

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

*Mr. Qining Cai, Chinese Teacher*

As we begin the year of the Rabbit for 2023, Chinese teachers took part in the evening at HSArts Chinese New Year Celebration to promote learning Chinese and Chinese traditional culture. The teachers started preparations a few weeks in advanced. Some Chinese classes sang celebration songs in Chinese, some classes introduced the origin and tradition of Chinese New Year and some wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. There were constant applause and laughter. Through this activity, students were able to practice what they are learning in the classroom and have fun at the same time.

2023年是中國農曆癸卯兔年，1月27日一年一度期待已久的HSArts中國新年晚會，給家長和全校師生帶來了新年的喜悅。中文老師們也藉此晚會，來促進學生們的中文學習以及對中國傳統文化進一步的理解。老師們提前幾個星期就開始準備、排練，有的中文課演唱中文歌曲，有的中文課介紹中國新年的來歷，有的向大家拜年，祝福新年平安快樂。晚會氣氛熱烈、掌聲笑聲不斷。通過這次活動，學生的中文能力普遍得到了鍛煉。

## **ARTS**

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

*Ms. Hannah Ogden, Theatre Teacher and Musical Theatre Director*

Happy New Year, everyone! We are so proud of all of the hard work that our Musical Theatre students accomplished in the first semester of this school year and we're so excited to be jumping right in with a busy second semester. In Scene Study, students are reading *The Secret Garden*, *Anne of Green Gables*, or *Guys and Dolls Jr.* with a focus on how music can help to build a complete story. In Production Rehearsals, we began the semester with a Playwriting Unit, allowing students to try out creating their own characters and writing scenes and monologues using their own ideas! We have now transitioned into full rehearsals, with students having just received the cast list for our third quarter show, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. This production is a compilation of stories from author Robert Fulghum, focussing on what it means to grow up and how we can all remember the joy of being a fearless child. My goal for this year's production season is for students to have the opportunity to participate in multiple genres of theatre so that they are able to really focus on gaining the skills necessary to be well-rounded actors. We have tackled a comedy and a drama so far, and this show is truly a mix of both, allowing the students to apply what they learned in the first semester of classes. I am excited to invite you to our third quarter performance on Thursday, March 9th at 6 PM right here at HSArts in Studio 2. We hope to see many of you there!

## **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*

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).

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.

### **STUDENT LIFE**

#### ***No news this week - tune in next week!***

Our students have had an exciting January, and are taking a brief break while they prepare for dance competitions, art contests, and upcoming student council events. Tune in for more news next week!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Coming soon!

**Feb 14** Student Council Valentine's Day Event

**Feb 15** Middle School Open House

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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