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News from the Hinsdale Central High School Fine Arts Department

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Amazing Success Continues!

We have so much to celebrate in the HCHS Fine Arts Department. In this issue you will see a celebration of All State Musicians, Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and upcoming events. Thank you so much to all of the amazing students and parents of the HCHS Fine Arts. Your talents and dedication are what make all of this possible. I am so happy to be even remotely associated with the Hinsdale Central Fine Arts and I am constantly thankful to get to work with such and amazing staff. I truly appreciate the staff members who work so hard with our students and produce such amazing work.

— Patrick Maag

Ms. Milas:

Ms. Milas is one of only two art educators in the Western Region selected to review the National Art Education Association's Constitution, By-laws, and policy handbook as a member of the NAEA Policy Review Committee. Work on the committee began in the first semester and will conclude in June.

Ms. Milas has volunteered to help Illinois Art Education Association with rewriting award descriptions and rubrics as part of the IAEA Awards Committee.

Ms. Milas attended two IAEA Webinars- "Cultivating Student Choice Through the Creative Process" on January 6th and "Inquiry Based Teaching in AP Art and Design," on Saturday, Jan. 22nd.

Art Shows-
Ms. Milas served as a Judge Host for the Chicagoland Regional Scholastic Art Contest on Jan. 15th. Ms. Milas helped transport, hang, and return art for the department. Laura also installed Central Scholastic work in the C-Gallery. More than 30+ Scholastic Awards were awarded to students at Central. Best wishes to the Gold Key works that next go onto competition in New York City.


Gold Key Art by Jessica Han

Ten student artists were invited to participate in the new Orland Park Art Center Show. Ms. Milas helped out by preparing the entries and transporting the school entries to/from Orland Park.

Peer Mentors, under the direction of Melissa Jensen, Science, and Laura Milas, Art, have expanded the program into the second semester with three additional Flex Day events. Peer mentors are students who volunteer to help the freshman class become familiar with and connected to Hinsdale Central.

Art Honor Society/Art Highlights, Sponsor- Laura Milas





NAHS hosted an Art Sale on February 10th and 11th. Many handmade items by members were sold including: jewelry; small paintings; crocheted animals; morse code bracelets; and stickers. The two day sale brought in close to $1200 dollars and spread Valentine's Day cheer to all.

Mr. Haase:

Madeline Miller was awarded an Honorable Mention in the Scholastics Art and Writing show with her incredible digital mashup pictured below. Madeline is a very talented digital artist who excels in digital imaging and digital animation. Congratulations Madeline!



Ms. Kabat:

Some students' works were selected for the Scholastics Art Show, and others for the Orland Park Art Show. I congratulate Ella Graeb and Marissa Kuo!

Art Club

Art Club contributed some works to the Valentine's Art Sale and has been working on painting a storage cart for the school's Gaming Club. After that is complete, we will continue brainstorming some ideas for the murals we have been asked to paint around the school. We have also been asked to make some pet art for the Hinsdale Humane Society. This to-do list keeps growing!

Mr. Gawlik:

Basic Photo students are learning about light, focus and exposure as well as developing film and making prints in the darkroom. They have taken their first photos with partners and learning is really starting to click.








The combined Digital Color and Advanced Photo students have learned that the Digital Single Lens Reflex camera has more variables that will help them make great compositional photos. We have visited nearly every part of the building and cannot wait for Spring to take us outside for more photos.

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Art Celebrations:

We are pleased to announce the 2022 Scholastic Art Suburban Chicago Regional Award Winners. This year in our Suburban Chicago Art Region, 948 students and 186 educators at 46 schools participated.

2351 entries were adjudicated across fifteen media categories.
Students from 43 different schools won awards.
657 works were honored with awards.

2022 Scholastic Art Award Winners from Hinsdale Central

Student	Instructor	Place	Title	Category
Jacqueline Bousquette	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention	Orange Boy	Painting
Elia Crisan	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention	Ascending	Drawing & Illustration
Amy Dong	Laura Milas	Gold Key	Collarbone	Painting
Amy Dong	Laura Milas	Gold Key	Toes	Painting
Amy Dong	Laura Milas	Gold Key	Kneecap	Painting
Amy Dong	Laura Milas	Silver Key	Humanity	Art Portfolio
Ella Graeb	Hannah Kabat	Honorable Mention	Walk Along the Ocean Floor	Ceramics and Glass
Jessica Han	Laura Milas	Gold Key	Quarantine	Painting

Alex Jiang	Evan Haase	Gold Key	Perceptions Playing Cards	Design
Alex Jiang	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention	Intersection at Dusk	Drawing & Illustration
Yanning (Maria) Jiao	HongJun Lou	Gold Key	Sunlight Through the Roses	Drawing & Illustration
Yanning (Maria) Jiao	Laura Milas	Silver Key	Blur of Notes	Mixed Media
Yanning (Maria) Jiao	Xuerui Shen	Honorable Mention	Will There Always Be Shadows?	Drawing & Illustration
Yanning (Maria) Jiao	HongJun Lou	Gold Key	Satin and Fur	Drawing & Illustration
Yanning (Maria) Jiao	HongJun Lou	Silver Key	Getting Off the Last Subway	Drawing & Illustration
Yanning (Maria) Jiao	HongJun Lou	Honorable Mention	The Race	Drawing & Illustration
Fatima Khan	Joohyun Pyune	Honorable Mention	A Tangled Web We Weave	Digital Art
Fatima Khan	Joohyun Pyune	Silver Key	Afghan Women	Digital Art
Fatima Khan	Joohyun Pyune	Gold Key	Root Reflections	Digital Art
Wilhelmina Kratz	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention	Choice	Art Portfolio
Isabella Levinthal	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention	Battery Acid	Painting
Isabella Levinthal	Laura Milas	Gold Key	Time Machine	Painting
Bridget McBrde	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention	Trace of Humanity	Mixed Media
Abigail McMillin	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention		Drawing & Illustration
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Madeline Miller	Evan Haase	Honorable Mention	Life in the Rain	Digital Art
Doreah Salti	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention	Birds and Barbed Wire	Drawing & Illustration
Mara Severts	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention	Mara Severts Senior Portfolio	Art Portfolio
Audrey Song	Laura Milas	Silver Key	melting...	Drawing & Illustration
Tiffany Tu	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention	Afternoon Stroll	Drawing & Illustration
Tiffany Tu	Laura Milas	Gold Key	Piano	Painting
Tiffany Tu	Laura Milas	Honorable Mention	When can I Drive	Drawing & Illustration
Tiffany Tu	Xiangbin Shi	Silver Key	Sun-Surrounded	Drawing & Illustration
Rachel Zuo	Matthew Gawlik	Gold Key	Lemon Skirt	Painting

Music Scholarship Opportunity

We are pleased to announce that the Hinsdale Central High School Foundation (the "Foundation") and the **Hansen Family Music Excellence Scholarship Fund** (the "Fund") are once again providing three (3) $1,750 scholarship grants (the "Scholarship(s)") to 2022 graduating HCHS seniors in the HCHS Music Department. Beginning in 2017, scholarships, totaling $21,000, have been given to fifteen (15) deserving students and are being provided to recognize and to promote the excellence of the HCHS Music Department and of its students. Each of the three main HCHS Music Department Performance Areas (Band, Orchestral and Vocal) will be represented with a student member being selected for one of the three merit-based Scholarships.

Please read the Instruction Sheet for your use. In this document, qualified HCHS Music Department students will find the requirements expected of them to be a successful recipient. The entire process is discussed and a link to an Application Form is provided.

Because of HCHS guidelines for the Senior Awards night, we have had to set **Tuesday, March 8th at 11:59PM** as the deadline for submission of a complete Application in order for it to be considered.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email them at our new email address HansenFamilyScholarship@gmail.com.

Mr. Kurinsky & Mr. Goeke - Hinsdale Central Band



Jazz Ensemble performed at The Venue on January 4th to open up for the Pete Ellman Big Band and the jazz department had their Winter concert on February 8, 2022. Our big bands, jazz combos, and jazz combo club performed for a well-attended audience.

Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the Elmhurst Jazz Festival on February 24, which is a great honor to have been asked.

The pep band performed on February 15 to finish the pep band season. Thanks to all the students who helped cheer on our Red Devils basketball teams.

Arun Marion performed in Peoria IL in the Civic Center in the Honors Band and had the honor of sitting second oboe. They performed Aurora Awakes, which the Wind Ensemble will be performing at our upcoming **band concert on February 2**.

Band festival season is approaching and we are excited to perform again for other schools and judges from the area. Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony will be performing at the **Plainfield Band Festival on March 12** and the Symphonic Band/Percussion and Concert Band/Percussion will perform at the **Elmhurst Band Festival on March 11.**

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Hinsdale Central Band will be holding the **annual solo and ensemble concert on March 23**. Keep the evening free to hear your student and several others perform solo works and chamber music. This evening is a great way to hear the individual progression made by our band students this year.

The **spring musical pit** will be starting rehearsals for the upcoming performances of The Spelling Bee, with performances on **April 21-23**. Come support our students from across all performing arts by bringing family and friends.

The **new music wing** is continuing to see progress. The lockers have been delivered and installed and the band room has been painted. The drop ceiling is nearly completed and is very spacious. We are getting anxious to use the space.





Mrs. Burkemper

Women's Chorale was honored to be accepted and to perform at the 2022 Illinois Music Education Conference (also known as "All-State") at the end of January. They were one of only a handful of high school choral programs to be invited to perform for a conference attended by choral educators from throughout the state of Illinois. Preparation began last spring and after regular evening rehearsals and clinics with Daniel Andersen from the Indianapolis area, these singers performed with poise, vocal maturity, musicality and nuance. We are continuing to receive praise and thanks for our performance and these singers are seeing the power and impact that music can have. A thank you to the entire music department as it was truly a group effort.

Kiyona Ohshika- our gifted, caring, and attentive accompanist

Serge Penksik- collaborating and coaching with string quartet that performed with us

Matt Kurinsky and Matt Goeke- performing auxiliary percussion parts for this performance

Patrick Maag- supporting our choral program and assisting with getting these singers down to Peoria!





Singing Valentines

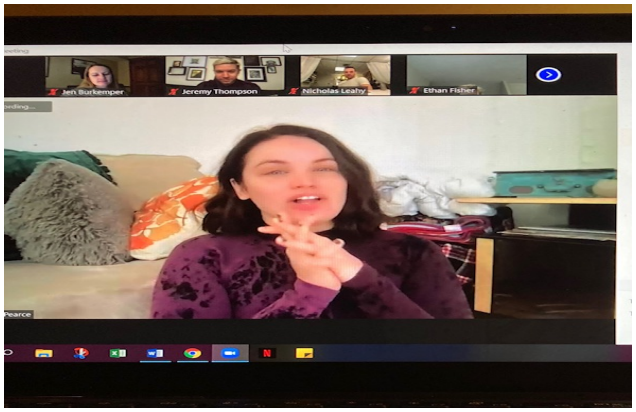
Students in Chorale and Chamber created 5 Virtual Singing Valentines this year. They put together super creative and imaginative performances for the entire building to enjoy on February 14th. We were proud to keep the tradition alive and hope to return to in person performances next year!

Zoom Session with Wicked Broadway cast members!

Students in HC Singers will be performing *One Short Day* from the musical *Wicked.* 2014 HCHS graduate Nicholas Leahy (4-year choir member) has been a costumer for the past 7 years with the Broadway production and all 5 choirs were able to meet on Zoom with him, Jeremy Thompson (male ensemble), and Lindsay Pearce. Lindsay has played the lead role of Elphaba since 2019!!

We were able to spend an hour with these Broadway performers and hear about their experiences. Students in HC Singers asked them loads of questions and we were able to learn about the audition process, backstage secrets, vocal health, how to deal with stage fright, what it's like to perform on Broadway, and so much more! We were so thankful for this experience and learned so much.

Want to check it out? Here's the link to the recorded session: 2.18 Wicked Zoom Session



Lindsay Pearse (Elphaba)

Upcoming Events

In addition, honors students are preparing for our vocal solo festival being held on March 14, 2022 and all choirs are preparing for our next concert in which we collaborate with the orchestra program on March 22, 2022. Our Red Devil Singers are busy and happy to be singing together!

Mr. Penksik

Hinsdale Central Orchestra has been working hard to prepare for our March concert. We are excited to bring our community an exciting concert that spans many time periods and music genres. We have been having very exciting rehearsals and also getting ready to have our Concerto/Aria auditions for our May Concert.

Theater Highlights

Congratulations to the Speech Team on a 6th Place Finish at State!

Congratulations to Jack Huber and Nico Kiperman on their State Championship in Humorous Duet Acting!

ILMEA All-State

Congratulations to the following musicians for their participation at the 2022 All-State Conference:

Honors Chorus: Annie Ascher, Evan Carlson, Lily Gerami, Vanessa Ivanov, Grace Stafford

Honors Band: Arun Marion

Honors Orchestra: Athena Deng, Emily Wang, April Wu, Isabella Xu

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Music Parents Association

The **Music Parents Association** is a volunteer organization that supports all of the Hinsdale Central High School music department classes and extracurricular activities, and also supplements the department and its students with financial support. Membership is open to all parents of band, choral and orchestra students.

MPA supports the HCHS music program in a variety of ways:

- Organizing dinners at band and choir recruitment events
- Hosting after-concert receptions
- Offering scholarships for student leader training and education
- Financing educational and travel scholarships for students in need
- Providing parent manpower at concerts, parades and football games
- Supporting unexpected purchases not covered in the school budget

Become a Music Parent Association Member Today

MPA Membership Link

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Fine Arts Calendar

2021-2022

Performances are highlighted.
Yellow=Band Green=Music Pink=Art Blue=Choir Orange=Orchestra

2/22/22	Winter Band Concert 1 (CB/SB)	Auditorium	6:30pm
2/22/22	Winter Band Concert 2 (WS/WE)	Auditorium	8:00pm
2/24/22	Jazz Band @ Elmhurst Jazz Fest	Elmhurst U	7:00pm
3/9/22	Variety Show	Auditorium	7:00pm
3/11/22	Elmhurst Band Festival (CB/SB)	Elmhurst Uni	
3/12/22	Plainfield Band Festival (WS/WE)	Plainfield	
3/14/22	MPA Meeting		7:00pm
3/22/22	March Choir Concert	Auditorium	7:00pm
3/23/22	Band Solo Festival		5:00pm
4/11/22	MPA Meeting		7:00pm
4/26-4/28	AP Art Show	Gallery/216	All Day
4/21-4/23	Spring Musical	Auditorium	7:00pm
4/26/22	Spring Jazz Fundraiser Concert	Cafeteria	7:00pm
5/3-5/5/22	Spring Art Show	Gallery/216	ll Day
5/9/22	MPA Meeting		7:00pm
5/10/22	Spring Band Concert 1 (CB/SB)	Auditorium	6:30pm
5/10/22	Spring Band Concert 2 (WS/WE)	Auditorium	8:00pm
5/12/22	Spring Choir Concert	Auditorium	7:00pm
5/13/22	Spring Orchestra Concert	Auditorium	7:00pm
5/19/22	Music Awards Concert	Gym/Cafe	6:30pm
5/26/22	Graduation	Stadium	7:00pm
5/30/22	Memorial Day Parade	Hinsdale	