

AHS Visual and Performing Arts Spotlight

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What Arts Classes are Adding to Our Community

- **SEL at its finest**

- Artistic Expression and Authentic Communication outlets for students
- Group Work with meaningful accountability to others
- Provides Perspective and Balance inside the school day for students

- **Performances/Workshops/Concerts/Shows**

- Performances for our community
- Clinicians from Stanford, Sonoma State, Cal, San Jose State, Cal State East Bay
- Competitions, Exchanges and sharing with other area schools

- **Creating Community**

- A place where students feel welcome, seen and part of a supportive group on campus

Outstanding Students

Elaine Zhang (AHS Senior) won a gold medal in the Scholastic Art Competition (national). She went to NYC, Carnegie Hall to receive her award.

Joel Min (9th grade), Grace Ha (10th grade), Wugene Choi (9th grade) and Aaron Seo (11th grade) were accepted into California All-State Band and Orchestras. They will play at the All-State Music Education Conference in Sacramento this coming February.

Mabyn Lam(11th grade) who was selected for the California Orchestra Directors Association Honor Orchestra.

Amalia Gould(11th grade) was chosen for the Monterey Jazz Next Generation Women in Jazz Combo, working closely with the faculty at Berklee College of Music, and will be performing at the Monterey Jazz Festival in September.

Many of our AHS and AMS Choral students participating in honor choirs @ CASMEC this February as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Dance Showcase

Jan 11th @ 7PM

Jan 12th @ 6:15pm and 8:30pm

Winter Jazz Concert

Feb 9th, 2024 @ 7PM

PROP 28 and AUSD

\$460,000 to AUSD annually for Arts Education.

WHAT IS PROP 28?

Nearly 7 million Californians voted yes to overwhelmingly approve **Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools – Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act** in November 2022. Proposition 28 adds a minimum source for annual funding to “supplement arts education programs” for pre K through 12th grade students in public and charter schools through the California Education Code.* The California Department of Education will be the lead for implementation and establishing guidelines for the funding of the measure.

*Pre-K and charter schools must be state funded to receive Prop 28 funding.



64% of voters voted yes on Prop 28, making it the largest investment in arts and music education in the country.



6 million pre-K through 12th grade students in public schools will be able to participate in arts and music at school because of Prop 28.



The funds will come from the state's general fund, which currently has a surplus of nearly \$100 billion.

THE IMPACTS OF UNDERFUNDED ARTS EDUCATION FALL HARDEST ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. PROP 28 IMPROVES EQUITY BY FUNDING ARTS EDUCATION WITH AN EMPHASIS ON UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

Let's build a proper VAPA Performance space for AUSD!

- The Music Rooms are too small to comfortably hold larger classes. Two of my classes meet with 60+ students and it is wall to wall. I also have concerns about the sound levels in the room being damaging.
- Similar concerns for the Choir Room, all of the AMS classes having large enrollments. Storage of equipment also a huge class room issue.
- The Dance program should have its own private classroom space/studio, and not be in the middle of the cafeteria.
- The Visual Art classrooms are small- and converted from Home Economics classes of yesteryear.
- The Little Theater is home to approximately 35 night time concerts a year, 4 nights of Dance shows, 10-12 nights of shows from the Theater Ensemble, and countless other large gatherings and community events.
- The capacity is not large enough to support the programs and performances. It is not large enough to hold grade level meetings or many info sessions for parents in the community. The facility shows its age- Let's do better for our community! Please think about this when we consider new bond measures and strategic planning.

Thank You AMF

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Student Performance

Zach Noble, Bassoon
Aaron Seo, Cello

Allegro from Mozart Duet for
Bassoon and Cello Movement

