

# *Cougar Connection*

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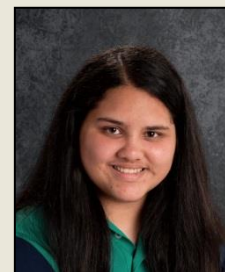
### **ONLINE AUCTION SUCCESS!**

Thank you to every donor, bidder, and buyer in our recent Online Auction, which raised over \$9,000 for the K.M. Vestal Annual Fund! Every participant helped to make the Auction a success and we appreciate your support! Special thanks go to our Auction Chairperson, Mrs. Glenna Dysinger, and to committee member, Mr. David Payne, who provided the online component. Our students are the ultimate winners, as the Annual Fund supports the ongoing quality programming at HPCA.



### **“DRUGS RUIN US SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY”**

Sophomore Lauren Harris participated in the Rotary Against Drugs speech competition. She presented facts about drugs in everyday life, and how drugs ruin us spiritually and physically. Lauren placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 15 contestants and moved on to the District competition held at GTCC. She was the only person to present the Christian approach. [Read more about Lauren’s research and inspiration for her speech.](#)



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[5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ADD 400 BIBLES TO GIDEON DISTRIBUTION](#)

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### **WHAT IS A PERFECT MATH SCORE ON THE SAT?**

Ask HPCA junior, Jae Kwon, who recently scored a perfect 800 on his SAT Math test! Jae is an international student from South Korea in his 3rd year at HPCA. He lives with his host family, Mark and Connie Loy. Jae not only excels in math; he has a few other interests: Chemistry Olympiad, Student Body Vice President, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Science Honor Society, International Club, Interact Club, Varsity Soccer, Track & Field, Breakfast Buddy, assistant teacher for 5th grade Sunday School class, and Jae assists as a church sound technician. Congratulations, Jae, on your perfect score!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

There was lots of excitement in first grade as they celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. Theodor Seuss Geisel was born in 1904, and was an American writer, poet, and cartoonist. Do you remember the books, "A Cat in the Hat", "Horton Hears a Who", "Green Eggs and Ham", and "Oh, the Places You'll Go"? The students and teachers dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss character. [Click to see a few pictures.](#)



## HPCA PLACED 1<sup>ST</sup> IN EVERY GRADE LEVEL!

The ACSI District Spelling Bee for Grades 1-4 was held in Winston-Salem on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. HPCA placed first in every grade level! There were over 110 students competing in the NC District. [Click to see which spellers competed for HPCA.](#)



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[MS DISTRICT SPELLING BEE - 2 QUALIFY FOR REGIONALS!](#)

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## "BACKSTAGE" DRAMA PRODUCTION

The Drama Class presented the theatrical farce, "Backstage," Thursday and Friday night, entertaining the audience with what happens backstage when the star of a production is suddenly "incapacitated," and "the show must go on!" As the audience feasted on specialty cupcakes provided by HPCA parent, Cindy Hawks, the plots and twists of the comedy were the source of continual laughter and amusement. Thank you for a fun night of light-hearted entertainment! The talented cast of "Backstage", led by Drama teacher Mr. Ron Padgett, consists of Stephanie Bartlett, Zachary Hamilton, Taylor Morris, Kyle Sullivan, Stephanie Tate, Tyler Young, Morgan Miller, Langston Styles, Curtland Hanes, David Loy, Andrew Couillard, Abby Fernandez, Katie Heaton, Megan Hedgecock, and Emily Laivins.



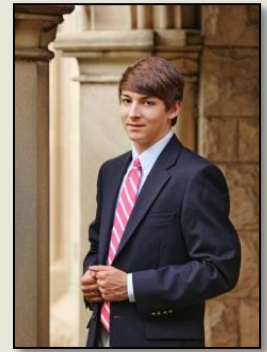
## HS CHOIR STATE COMPETITION

HPCA performed at the NC Central District Choir Music Performance Adjudications at the Brendle Recital Hall at Wake Forest University. There were 46 area high schools represented. Under the direction of Mrs. Melanye Crayton, the High School Concert Choir received a combined score of 86.3, a rating of Excellent, for their performance. The choir also received a 96, a rating of Superior in Sight Reading, which is the highest the choir has ever received for this area. The Women's Ensemble received a score of 93, which is a Superior rating, for their performance. The two Honors Quartets, each received a perfect 100 on their performance, another first for the High School Choral Department.



## STARR WAS A STAR AT ALL-DISTRICT BAND

Senior Chandler Starr made the North Carolina Central District All-District Band. He performed with the best high school musicians in the state at the All-District Concert on Saturday, February 22nd, at Asheboro High School's Performance Hall. Chandler has been a member of the HPCA band program, under the direction of Ron Padgett, for seven years. Chandler has also studied privately for four years under Mrs. Elby, a soloist and first chair clarinetist for the Roanoke Symphony.



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## [BAND AND CHOIR HAD SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISERS](#)

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## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

The HPCA Cheerleading team performed at the Christian Cheerleaders of America national competition on March 7 and 8. Teams from ten states competed in the Medium Varsity division. The Cougars won the National Championship! Maddy Robbins, Stephanie Tate, and Rachel Williams won Cheer Scholar Awards for academic merit and Christian service. Rachel Williams won the National Cheer Scholar of the Year Award for having the highest GPA out of all the cheer scholars from the ten states represented at nationals! [Watch one of their routines from a parent's perspective on YouTube.](#)



## WINTER ATHLETIC AWARDS

Cougars Athletic Director, Corey Gesell, talked to the student-athletes and parents about perseverance, teamwork, and thankfulness for opportunities of growth. The Athletic Department recognized:

- Mrs. Abby Lewallen has been the head of the Cheerleading program for seven years.
- Mr. Scooter Nance has coached at HPCA for 15 years, and was recognized for his continued service over the years, coaching girls' and boys' basketball, and golf.
- Senior Joey McLean was named All-State for basketball.
- Athletes named to All-Conference are Hailey Riffe, Joey McLean, and Alvah Philliip for basketball, and Curtland Hanes in two events for swimming.

## COACH ABBY LEWALLEN STEPS DOWN

As HPCA Varsity cheerleaders wrap up another great season, having earned the CCA National Championship in medium varsity division, we thank our coach, Mrs. Abby Lewallen, for seven years of dedication to the sport. She is retiring from her coaching position after this year. Mrs. Lewallen assumed the coaching position when the team was young and she has developed it into a strong and award-winning program! Thank you, Mrs. Lewallen, for all of your hard work, dedication, and prayers as each year you have led our cheerleading program to excellence in performance, training young women to honor God in all they do.



**More Athletics links..**

[CURRENT COUGAR ATHLETIC NEWS](#)

[SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR](#)



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**SHOUT OUT TO ALUMNI**

We are in search of alumni HPCA Senior Class Student Government Officers and Representatives. Please send us an email at [advancement@hpcacougars.org](mailto:advancement@hpcacougars.org). We would like all alumni to complete the [online info form](#).

**ALUMNI CONNECTIONS**

[LINK TO READ ABOUT THESE AND OTHER ALUMNI](#)



Tyler Morris (2008) interned at a marketing firm in Shenyang, China after graduation from ASU.

Taylor Light (2012) presented his research on the effects of salt solutions at a conference in San Francisco.

Mary Cullen Bills (2009) teaches Kindergarten at HPCA and receives her Master's from HPU in May.

Chase Fowler (2010) is double majoring in Psychology and Sociology and minoring in Criminology at UNCG.



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