

# SHDHS Fine Arts Newsletter

Episode 2- September 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Band Concert-  
December 11 in Millay Hall

Art Club Meeting- September 13  
and September 27

## Band Update

Beginning Band students are working with the horn section and are improving rapidly. Their goal is to learn the song fight song by the middle of October. Their first performance will be Sunday, December 11. They are on their way to great success and Mr. Hill hopes to have several perform with the Pep Band.

Concert band is working hard preparing for their concert, grade school assemblies, games, and anything else that might appear on the horizon. The band is sounding better every week and we are all very excited!

~ Mr. Charlie Hill

## Featured Article - Emily Himonidis and her drama cru!

### Drama Expanding Again!

This year, I am very excited to be working with two students who are in Drama 3. Though the class has been offered in years past, most of the seniors did not have room in their schedules to be able to take Drama 3. This year, Henry Gallenstein and Katherine Ruark were able to find a way to fit Drama 3 in their schedules. "Drama 3 is the place to be" says Henry and Katherine follows it up with "I am hoping to experience a cathartic moment in Drama 3 class this year" as she giggles. Both students have started off to a great year with two new Drama books that are college level. "I like to think of this as AP Drama class." states Henry. "We are expected to not only know the facts, but be able to analyze theatre at a greater level." Katherine feels that the best part of Drama 3 so far has been "when Henry and I were given a script to read and then asked to cast it using our classmates. Mrs. H is asking us to not only focus on what it means to be a great actor, but look at what it takes to direct as well." I expect great things from the both of them and I am really hoping they learn a great deal about all aspects of theatre while in this class.

Henry and Katherine work on their  
"serious" faces in Drama III -->



## THE FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT WELCOMES ART CLUB!

Art club was able to learn about graffiti art at the Sept. 13 meeting. The students will have the opportunity to try this type of art in one of the future meetings. There is no club meeting on September 20. The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 27. It will start at 2:45 and go til about 3:20. The club members receive emails about meetings and events weekly. Information can also be found on the website. Our first trip will be to see a show at The Carnegie in Covington on Thursday September 29, more info. on the website.

## Choral Department Update!

It's been a busy week for the Chorus and Chamber Choir.

Chorus members stepped up and decided that they wanted to help with the music for the first Freshman liturgy today - the 25 enthusiastic and lovely voices really made a difference. I am really proud of them for the goodness of their efforts!

The Chorus has had a great beginning of the year. We are 32 voices strong and just a great group of young women. I'm looking forward to a fun and successful year.

Chamber Choir is finishing up their latest recording, Celebrate and Remember, scheduled to be released by the second week of October. In their efforts to raise funds for the Italy trip in December, the Choir will sing for Sunday masses in the diocesan parishes and sell their CD's. It's been our biggest fundraiser to date, and the music is beautiful. Next week the Choir will begin work on the repertoire for their concert in Rome on January 2nd.

~ Mrs. Eileen Bird



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## VISUAL ARTS UPDATE!

This year has gotten off to a good start, and I am looking forward to see what the students create in all of our visual art classes. There are quite a few students in Senior and AP Portfolio this year, and they have begun the journey of putting together their first art portfolio. This class is actually the largest I have ever had here at SHDHS, with 20 students shared between the 2 classes. Only 3 brave souls took on the challenge of AP Portfolio, but Senior Portfolio is still a lot of work, so all the students are helping each other out, and the atmosphere in the classroom is great up to this point. Hopefully the students will continue to push each other and help each other grow, as that can be the biggest motivation throughout the year.

**Art II and Art III** are also in full swing, with Art II learning advanced drawing techniques and Art III starting to learn some different design principles. The students in these classes have been producing some really nice work, and received many compliments regarding their projects hanging in the hallways. The talent level in all of my classes continues to inspire and motivate me! ~ Mr. Eric Brass

**Art I** is going very well! Most students start off very apprehensive about their skill level, but all are working hard and showing improvement with each project. They just completed a line drawing of a still life, and are currently working on a grid drawing to work on proportions and accuracy. I'm very excited to see how they improve in their drawing skills. Upcoming projects include negative space, pen and ink, and pointillism! I hope the students continue to work hard to reach their full potential! ~ Ms. Katie Baker

## DRAMA DEPARTMENT UPDATE!

**Drama 2:** Drama 2 is off to a very talkative start - and in a good way. In class we are discussing what it means to be a good actor, what makes a good tragedy or comedy, how to be a good audience member, and the importance of catharsis in our work. We have already read three scripts and discussed them and are getting ready to pick monologues next week that we will work on developing.

**Drama 1:** Drama 1 is filled with the echoes of Greek Drama. We are finishing up our Greek Drama unit after learning all about how theatre has started. We made peraktoi, sang dithyrabs, and made Greek masks (see the pictures). We also spent the first two weeks learning how to use our bodies to act through pantomiming. We will turn out focus onto our voices next as we get ready to start our vocalization unit. Things should stay exciting!  
~ Mrs. Emily Himonidis

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