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Vocal Music:

- BA students who auditioned for All-State Vocal Music qualified 37 junior high students and 43 high school students
- BAHS Chamber Choir were invited to perform at the Oklahoma Music Educators Association conference coming in Jan. 2023
- Creekwood Elementary: Music teacher Stephanie Farlow was named the site's Teacher of the Year and will go on to the District Teacher of the Year Gala next semester

Orchestra:

- BAHS Chamber Orchestra were invited to perform at the Oklahoma Music Educators Association conference coming in Jan. 2023
- OSSAA Regional String Contest- Santa Fe Edmond- Chamber Orchestra and Symphonic Strings both received superior ratings at the contest

Band:

- The Pride of Broken Arrow were named BOA St. Louis Super Regional Champions with a score of 92.425, also capturing Outstanding Music Performance and Outstanding General Effect (Oct. 15)
- The Pride were named grand champions at the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association event with a first place score of 93.90, also capturing Outstanding Visual Performance, Outstanding Music Performance and Outstanding General Effect; this was the Pride's 20th CONSECUTIVE OBA State Championship, and the 29th overall OBA State Championship for The Pride
- The Pride received third place at the BOA Grand Nationals Championship in November with a score of 96.050.

Theatre/Performing Arts:

- BAHS Tiger Theatre presented the fall play "Black Comedy" Oct. 14-15.
- BAHS Freshman Academy Tiger Theatre presented the comedy "The Miss BAFA Beauty Pageant" Nov. 11-12
- Multiple middle school fall plays took place at their respective sites, including "So You Want To be A Cheerleader?" (SMS), "The Mad Tea Party" (CMS) and "The Scottish Play: A D&D Adventure" (ORMS). These plays were showcased at the Middle School Theatre Festival held in early December.
- Advanced drama students at Centennial Middle School a "Book Buddy" program with Country Lane Primary kindergarten students, reading library books to the kiddos and teaching them about theatre.

Visual Arts:

- Lynn Wood Elementary: Art teacher Joanne Winnie placed third in Seniors division of drawing/painting at Chalk It Up Art Festival in downtown BA in October
- Broken Arrow High School: Four art students had works selected for a gallery at AHHA Tulsa for the Tour de Quartz exhibition. Ava Boswell, Janie Ellis, Karsyn Luker and Lindsey Samuel all attended the 2022 Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute learning painting and drawing. The program only accepted 20 total students statewide.
- Broken Arrow High School: Art teacher Kyle Todaro had works displayed at the Paseo Arts Association in Oklahoma City as part of a juried show, and at the Oklahoma Art Education Association annual conference in Stillwater. (Nov. 3)
- Liberty Elementary: Art teacher Elizabeth Pelnik was named the site's Teacher of the Year and will go on to the District Teacher of the Year Gala next semester
- Select students from all the middle schools and high school art classes traveled to Bentonville, AR. to visit Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and to culture build with various grade level students and staff; the trip was completely funded by the Museum
- Broken Arrow High School: Art teacher Sean Kennedy was chosen TWICE as the Tiger Gratitude Teacher of the Game by varsity softball and football players for having a positive impact on students.
- Elementary art teachers Ginger Arteaga (Spring Creek), Katy Cook (Leisure Park), and Elizabeth Pelnik (Liberty) were awarded grants from the Betty Bradstreet program from the Assistance League Tulsa. Secondary art teachers receiving the grant included Brett Gray (BAHS), Drew Ukens (BAFA), Kendra Grimes (Childers) and Lauren Seidenberger (Childers), Total monies given were almost \$8,300.
- Leisure Park Elementary partnership with Not Your Average Joe's Coffee Shop helped provide artwork for their store, created by Level 2 and 3 students
- Avery Chambers (BAHS) and Sarah Widowski (Rosewood) both attended the Oklahoma Art Education Association conference in November, while Widowski also attended the Quartz Mountain Fall Arts Institute

Speech and Debate:

- Booker T. Washington Tournament- Seniors Madison DuVarney and Sebastian Chavez qualified for the regional tournament with top three finishes in Poetry and Lincoln Douglas debate respectively, while junior Jackson McCloud also qualified for Regionals in Lincoln Douglas and Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking. Sophomore Evden Tilley won Novice Lincoln Douglas debate and placed second in Novice Extemp. (Oct. 15-16)
- Bishop Kelley Tournament- sophomore Mason Lewis qualified for the regional tournament with his third-place win in Lincoln Douglas Debate. Junior Jackson McCloud scored his third regional qualification with his third-place finish in International Extemporaneous Speaking. Sophomore Edan Beverly also qualified for regionals with a second-place finish in Humorous Interpretation. The BA Novice Squad dominated debate competition. Freshman Abigail Blais placed first in Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate while teammates William Harris and Dakota Bell placed second and fourth, respectively. The wins earned the novice squad second place in Sweeps. (Oct. 29-30)
- Broken Arrow Tournament- For the third straight tournament, a Broken Arrow novice has won the Novice division of Lincoln Douglas Debate. Freshman Elizabeth Grounds took home the gold for BA. The team returns to action this weekend at the Jenks Tournament.

SPRING 2023 PREVIEW:

- Oklahoma Music Educators Association- All-State Conference, Tulsa- Jan. 19-21 (Vocal Music and Orchestra performances)
- Hart “Encore” Show Choir Contest- March 10-14, Los Angeles, California (Vocal Music)
- Wichita Invitational- Wichita State University- April 6 (Orchestra)
- District Art Show- April 3-14 at NSU-BA (Visual Arts)
- Elementary Choral Festival- “At The Movies” - April 18- BA Assembly (Vocal Music)