

FORT WORTH COUNTRY DAY, FORT WORTH



PalletSmart event.



Winning pumpkin.

Howdy from Fort Worth Country Day School in Fort Worth, Texas! Our chapter has had several successful events so far this year. One highlight was an off-campus event that took place on Saturday, September 30, at PalletSmart, a local company that turns used wood pallets into furniture and art. Students toured the company's facilities and learned about the environmental benefits of upcycling as well as the creative possibilities for turning trash into new treasures! Students also created a wall-hanging artwork using stencils, spray paint, and a board made of pallet wood. This event was particularly timely, as our school recently began a composting initiative.

Another popular event was our Pumpkin Painting Party, which took place on Friday, October 13. Students brought in their own pumpkin(s) and stayed after school to paint them. The finished pumpkins were donated to Mirabella, a Senior Living Community located near the school.

Students who came to the Pumpkin Painting Party had the option of participating in a contest to paint their pumpkin to look like a famous work of art. The Upper School faculty and administrators were e-mailed pictures of the entrants' pumpkins and got to vote on the winner. The voting process proved to be a great way to increase awareness of NAHS and the creativity and talents of its members on campus. The winning pumpkin was based on Edvard Munch's *The Scream*.

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PARISH EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, DALLAS



Excited about Kusama at the Dallas Museum of Art.



President Logan Krohn, with a pre-exhibit history lesson.

NAHS members at Parish Episcopal serve the community by creating interactive installations and hosting gallery openings. They visited local art museums for inspiration for projects as a group, as well as on an individual level. At the Dallas Museum of Art, they had the opportunity to enter a Yayoi Kusama mirror room, filled with infinite dotted pumpkins. The unique use of space left them all wonderstruck. They also observed the 24 Frames per Second exhibit, highly acclaimed for its representation of modern social issues. Despite the different ways the videos were presented, each added a new voice to the collection. After the trip, they discussed themes for the second gallery opening of the school year, deciding on "trees" as the focus. Recently, they have worked toward more involvement with other branches of the art department by adding film students to our ranks and inviting student musicians to perform at the gallery openings.

They are currently planning a student arts auction to raise money for the new performing arts hall. The auction will take place in May and the chapter is bringing in varied speakers and workshops. We will produce works, like glass blown paper weights and bronze casts, for the auction and also learn about museum and gallery curation as well as sales and art marketing through local galleries and curators.

Another awesome initiative is a nature lab. Seeking to work with museums and international resources, they hope to open a resource center of artifacts and environmental specimens for a science and art inter departmental facility. The lab will serve to expose and inspire all students of varied discipline. They are very excited to move forward with their plans, shaping the future of the NAHS legacy and of Parish Episcopal School.

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CLOVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL, MIDLOTHIAN



NAHS guest speaker Mike Gettings at our induction ceremony.



NAHS students painting the snow plow.

At the end of the 2017 school year, our NAHS inducted new members and said goodbye to our seniors in a ceremony that included guest speaker CCPS Art Specialist Michael Gettings, parents, and CHHS faculty and staff. The seniors received their graduation cords, member cards, and pins, and the renewing members received their official NAHS membership cards. It was a very heartfelt ceremony, with uplifting and sweet parting words from the senior members.

At the beginning of this new school year the Clover Hill High School NAHS Chapter took off with a fast and busy start. Our NAHS students juried one of our counties' PTSA elementary school art and painted napkin rings in Jackson Pollock style for a children's foundation hospital fundraiser event. They also decorated a snow plow blade in Van Gogh style, changing the theme from *Starry Night* to *Snowy Morning*, for the Chesterfield VDOT to help make the winter a bit more colorful and artsy. We were also thrilled to have NAHS member Sydney McCallie design the new 2017-2018 t-shirt for our chapter. Her design is worn proudly by all members and sponsors.

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