

What's Going on, Mann?

Wednesday, January 13th

Fine Arts Wing Adapts to New Changes

Construction on the new band hall began in early May of 2020. Teachers and students in the fine arts wing quickly adapted to their new environments. This Fall, theatre classes took place entirely in the auditorium, orchestra continued in the classroom next to the art room, and band was in what is now the “old band hall”. For the Spring semester Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Hoover, and the band have moved into the newly built band hall. Orchestra has more space as they are now housed in a space of their own in what was previously



the band hall. Mr. Palmer and the theatre students now have a classroom to call home next to the art room, to learn and rehearse in. Mann is bustling with excitement about these new changes. As with any adaptation, there have been some necessary adjustments for students.

When asked about adapting to the band hall's new

location, 8th grade band member, Lahna Hack, said “It can be difficult to make it to class before the tardy bell rings. However, once you get used to your new route, it's much easier to navigate.” With these changes, the turn of 2021 has been a refreshing and positive new start that's radiated throughout the school.



The new band hall boasts a vast space to rehearse in and store instruments

Falcon Basketball Starts Strong in the New Year

8th grade A team basketball posing for a power photo after their win against Craig. These Lady Falcons took home a win, as did the majority of the other Mann teams. Photo courtesy of Mann MS girl's athletics.

**“1, 2, 3,
EAGLES!”**

On Thursday January 7th, the Mann basketball teams showed their skills on the court in games versus Craig. Five out of six teams were victorious in their match up, and all teams played their heart out. Boys basketball played at Abilene High School (AHS) and had the opportunity to meet with the high school coaches. The AHS coaches inspired players and let students from both Mann and Craig know that they were looking forward to seeing the 8th grade students next year at Abilene High. The students got the chance to participate together in the AHS chant shouting “1, 2, 3, eagles!” in unison. Jerryd Gray, member of 8th grade A team said the pep talk from the high school coaches made him “excited and ready to join Abilene High athletics next year.”

Faculty Feature: Mrs. Cavazos

Each year, art students participate in various events and service projects including Big Art Day, making holiday cards for Hendrick hospital patients, and Youth Art Month. This year, Mann won first place in the Scarecrow Festival at the Taylor County Historical Center. The teacher behind all of the magic is Mann's own, Mrs. Cavazos. This week we got to interview Mrs. Cavazos and ask her a couple questions. Every morning, Mrs. Cavazos arrives early, “set[s] up Zoom” and “greet[s] the students as they come in.” Mrs. Cavazos' says the most rewarding part of her job is “watching students make art they didn't think they could.” She praised her students saying “we have some incredibly talented artists here at Mann and they make my job enjoyable daily.” In addition to inspiring young artists to create beautiful pieces all their own, she is a gifted artist herself, as shown in her pet portraits below.



Mrs. Cavazos' favorite “medium is watercolor” and her “favorite subject is pet portraits”. Above are a few of her astounding works of art.