

Life

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Go ahead, dance barefoot with middle schoolers as they turn and clap to the call and response of West African drums. See upper schoolers come together to perform (in person!) in the fall play. Find your own inspiration via students expressing themselves through ceramics and cello. In this tough year—and every year—the arts offer an opportunity for students to take a step back from the everyday stresses of school and embrace their creativity. In this edition, we bid adieu to 2021 with a joyful look at the arts this fall at Harvard-Westlake. Happy Holidays—and here's to a brighter 2022!

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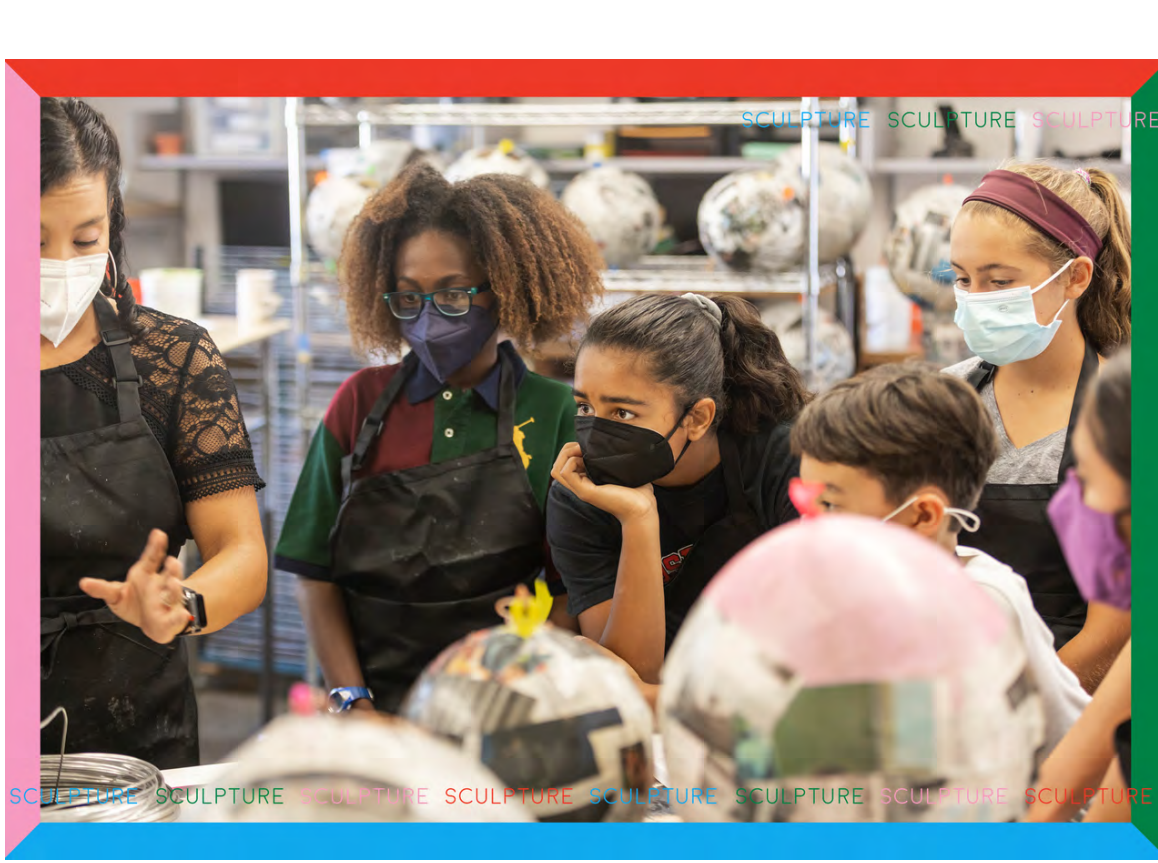
A joyful look at the arts



Accompanied by musicians Aboubacar Kouyate, Gnenemon Soro, and Magatte Sow, dancer Willy Souly teaches Joe Schenck's middle school dance classes a West African Mandé dance called Kassa, which is traditionally done at harvest time.



Eva Vaca '24 works alongside Andres Janacua (filling in for Conor Thompson) and Michael Schneider '24 in Drawing and Painting I.



Flavia Zúñiga-West '02 shows Jasiri Johnson '27, Simren Bindra '27, James Parmet '27, Donna Enayati '27, and Valentina Hernandez Ruiz '27 construction techniques and materials to make teapot sculptures inspired by artist Roberto Lugo's work.



Tim Schmall gathers stagecraft students backstage at the middle school.



Deana Thompson '25, Talia Foonberg '25, and Madisyn Grant '25 shape pinch pots in their Introduction to the Potter's Wheel class, taught by Megan Cotts '97.



Cellists Ben Perez '23 and Sophia Zhang '24 rehearse for their November concert in Mark Hill's Camerata Strings class.



Actors Katie Gallagher '22, Gisele Stigi '22, CC Mesa '22, Zoe Shapiro '23, Angelina Sinclair '24, Maria Oxyzolou '22, and Ameerah Grover '22 perform in the upper school play *J.B.* in October.

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