

APRIL 2026

The ART Beat

..... TUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

THS Choir



Austin Harris

Austin Harris is a four year Performing Arts student. As a freshman, he was drawn to theater because he enjoyed how they interacted on and off stage. He performed in several THS productions.

Austin also had friends in Choir, and decided to join his junior year, finishing strong singing tenor, bass and doing solos. “The sense of achievement I feel as a result of hard work is very satisfying. I am more introverted, but Theater and Choir brought me out of my shell. I effect people through the arts.” Austin plans to major in Sociology, and possibly minor in Theater.

Written by Ms. Snider

Instrumental Music



Drumline & Winterguard

The Instrumental Music Department is thrilled to announce that both our amazing Drumline and Winterguard programs have earned promotions within their WGASC divisions!

This achievement is a testament to the countless hours of dedication, practice, and performance our students have invested throughout their season. Moving up to compete in a higher division allows our students to showcase their talents among more advanced groups, presenting exciting new challenges that inspire growth and excellence.

Their commitment, perseverance, and passion for their programs continue to drive them forward, and we can't wait to see them thrive through the remainder of the season.

Written by Mr. Fisk

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Media Arts



This year, our Media Arts students explored a wide range of filmmaking styles, producing music videos, public service announcements, commercials, horror films, and mockumentaries.

Working both independently and collaboratively, students developed skills in storytelling, cinematography, editing, sound design, and visual composition, while learning to adapt their creative vision for different audiences and purposes.

Through these projects, students gained hands-on experience in every stage of production, from concept development and scriptwriting to filming and post-production, while being given the creative freedom to experiment with genre and tone. They have showcased work that reflected both technical growth and personal voice, showing their ability to entertain, inform, and engage through digital media.

Written by Mr. Spencer

Visual Imagery



The Visual Imagery program at Tustin High School continues to give students meaningful opportunities to grow as artists and share their work beyond the classroom.

This year, two students from the introductory Visual Imagery course were selected to showcase their work in the 51st Annual Color It Orange Exhibition. We proudly recognize **Brandon Mangana**, a sophomore, and **Miranda Justo**, a freshman, for this achievement and celebrate their creativity, dedication, and skill.

The Color It Orange Exhibition, hosted by Laguna College of Art and Design, features original artwork from high school students across Orange County. The show highlights student talent and encourages the next generation of artists by giving them the opportunity to share their work in a professional gallery setting.

The exhibition runs from April 2 through April 26, 2026, at the LCAD Gallery in Laguna Beach, with an opening reception on April 2 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

We are proud to see Brandon and Miranda represent Tustin High School and the Visual Imagery program in this exhibition.

Written by Mr. Maldonado

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 - April 4

April 1 | ALL DAY
April Fools
BEWARE!

April 1, 2, 3
Spring Break
All Day

April 5 - April 11

April 9 | 7:00pm
**Drumline/Winterguard
District Showcase**
THS Sports Pavilion

April 10 | International Assembly
**International Assembly
Performance**
Sports Pavilion

April 11 | 7:00pm
Drumline Semi-Finals
AB Miller HS

April 12 - April 18

April 15 - 16
TACFA | Student Art Invitational
Tustin Library

April 17 | 6:00pm
Tustin Student Film Festival
Beckman Performing Arts Center

April 18 | 6:17pm
Winterguard Championships
Marina HS

April 19 - April 25

April 22 | 7:00pm
Band and Orchestra Spring Concert
Beckman High School Performing Arts Center

April 26 - April 30

April 26 | TBA
Drumline Championship
AB Miller HS

Get To Know Mr. Brawley

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: 1st year as a "real" teacher!

Q: Are you a coffee or tea person? Or neither?

A: Monster energy drinks

Q: Favorite band/music?

A: The Beatles

Q: What was your favorite subject? (besides your own)

A: Computer Science

Q: Do you have any special talents or hobbies?

A: I love to SCUBA dive and build computers

Q: If you weren't a teacher, what job would you have?

A: Lego Brand Retail Management

Q: Any other languages you are learning/know?

A: Java (Coding language)

