Parents and guardians, thanks for supporting your child’s education. We are off to an exciting start this school year, we’ve distributed over 1300 iPads, taken school-wide environmental field trips, engaged in homecoming activities, managed construction, engaged our students and began to re-examine our mission and vision. Additionally, our Where Everyone Belongs and Link Crew students and staff have begun their weekly welcoming and acclimation activities with sixth and ninth graders, they also implemented welcoming activities on our first day of school.

As of September 17, 2017 we had 1347 students enrolled at Humboldt; we were budged for 1243 thus we have some teachers teaching during their regularly assigned preparation period to accommodate for our increased enrollment. We expect to receive additional monies with our increased enrollment and will finalize staffing at that time. We had a surprise resignation on Labor Day from a middle school math teacher we hired this summer, the new teacher started September 18th.

We’ve also began to examine our mission and vision. In 2008-09 Humboldt restructured and began that year as an environmental studies and college/career prep school. We chose those themes after a series of community meetings which involved soliciting ideas, researching themes, and presenting plans during the year prior. Since 2009, we’ve added an Academy of IT, a Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Responder, welding programs and increased our College In the Schools and Advanced Placement course offerings. We’ve supported our environmental themes with our three agriculture teachers, environmental field trips and other classroom and school-wide activities but are not the same school we were in 2008 We will be planning community engagement meetings to update our parents and community on our mission and vision and solicit input. More information to come.

Our construction continues to progress. There won’t be any classroom moves during this school year and we expect to move into our new building at the start of next school year. When we move into the new building next fall we will vacate the classrooms in the JROTC corner from first to third floors to allow our remodel to continue without impacting learning.

As we plan for our future the District administration has presented a plan to change school start times beginning with the 2019-20 school year.

The plan includes:
- Move all secondary schools to an 8:30 a.m. start time.
- Move elementary schools that currently start at 8:30 a.m. ahead one hour to 7:30 a.m.
- Keep all 9:30 a.m. elementary schools at their current start time.

The Board of Education is scheduled to vote on the proposed changes during its Oct. 17 meeting. If you would like to provide feedback about changing start times there are two options: Sept. 19 and Oct. 17. You may sign up to speak during public comment, which is held from 5:30 to 6:05 p.m. Please sign up in advance at https://www.spps.org/publiccomment or by calling the board secretary before 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting. She can be reached at 651-767-8149. Please note there are limited openings for public comment. The regular Board of Education meeting will start promptly at 6:05 p.m.

The Board previously requested start times changes for the 2018-19 school year. However, the alternative timeline will align with potential district-wide changes from a new strategic plan.

As you can see, Humboldt and St. Paul Public Schools are changing to best support your child. Please attend our Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday October 5 from 4-7PM with a Title I Information offered at 3:30P.
College Corner

Are you looking for career information?

Are you searching for funds to pay for after graduation training and/or college?

Check out the website


for more information!

Ms Tracy, CCC Coordinator &
Ms. Engelhart, CCC Counselor are here to help you in the College Center
--Stop in and say Hi!
Located within the Library
Room 2250B

Got Flu Shots?

Our yearly FLU clinic will be held during parent-teacher conferences on October 5th from 4 to 7PM. Bring your family, friends and neighbors! Please bring your insurance cards if you have coverage. Payments from insurance help to keep the program running. If you do not have health insurance, the vaccines will be provided free of charge. See you all at the FLU clinic!

Meet the School Counselors

Mr. Fernandez, 9th - 12th grade
Last names A-L
Ms. Farrell, 9th - 12th grade
Last names M-Z
Ms. Stafford, 9th - 11th grade
Academy of Information Technology
Ms. Gray, 6th - 8th grade

Career & College Readiness

Student are engaged every Wednesday in Career & College Readiness, a school-wide advisory program designed to help all students graduate from high school ready for postsecondary success. This program addresses the five essential areas of readiness: academic, admissions, career, financial, and social and emotional readiness.

iPad News

Marc Patton
marc.patton@spps.org

Your child has now received an iPad device and a new case that has more protection and a keyboard. All teachers at Humboldt are posting grades, assignments, assessments, instruction, and communications through Schoology and the iPad is essential to access their schoolwork. We are aware of sometimes the iPad may cause some concern when it is brought home. Right now is the best time set expectations with your child on using electronic devices at home. In addition to the one child assigned to the iPad, your family needs to know what their expectations are too. Here are a few recommendations that you can use when talking to your child.

Rules for Home iPad Use:
- The iPad should be FIRST used to complete school work before students use the iPad to visit the Internet, play games or music.
- Check your child’s iPad (photos) and their school work regularly.
- To supervise the iPad’s use, have your child use the iPad in a main location like the kitchen or living room.
- To avoid unsupervised iPad use, charge the iPad in your (parent) bedroom at night.
- If your child is not following your rules, you have the right to limit access to the device. Humboldt offers a check in/out procedure in the school library.

Yearbooks for Sale!
Only $39
Order yours today from Ms. Milazzo or go online:
jostensyearbooks.com
A Message for Parents:

Educators recognize the relationship between school attendance and quality education. Our goal is to improve overall attendance and thereby continue to raise our high standards of learning. Humboldt is committed to increase school attendance by raising awareness of the attendance procedures. Students are expected to be in school every day and in all of their classes. School begins promptly at 7:30 a.m. and dismisses at 2:00 p.m. Because parent involvement is one of the keys to student success, your cooperation in this matter is vital.

Attendance Procedures: Absences

Absences – Students absent from school one or more days. Parents/guardians are required to call the school Attendance Line (651-744-5533) to report a student absent. Also, parent/guardian needs to send a written note with child stating the reason for the absence.

Excused to leave the building – Students needing to leave school early must provide a written note from parent/guardian with the following information, date, time needing to leave, parent/guardian telephone number, and the reason for early dismissal. Students will then be given an excuse to leave the building. If a student fails to provide a signed note from parent, the school staff has been instructed to check a photo ID and the emergency contact information to insure authorization before releasing the student. Parents PLEASE limit early pickups; students need every minute of their education to be successful in school.

Parents/Guardians may seek an excused absence from school for his/her child.

Excused Absences and Tardies include: Doctor’s Visit, sickness, religious holiday, and extreme family emergency.

Unexcused Absences and Tardies include: Overslept, missed the bus, car problems, traffic, needed at home, cold weather, and staying home to babysit.

For additional questions concerning attendance, please contact the Attendance Intervention Specialist (651)744-5547.

Attendance Procedures: Tardies

All students are required to bring a note if s/he will be tardy, absent, and/or will need to leave the building early.

Notes will be presented to a staff member upon entering the building, students will then be given a admit slip or an excuse to leave slip.

Tardy to School – Students arriving to school after 7:30 a.m. are required to bring a written note from a parent/guardian, stating the reason for lateness.

Parent Corner

If you are interested in helping with some of the decision making in your child’s school and want your voice to be heard please consider checking out a PTO meeting or a Site Council meeting. We would love to hear from you and we’d love more junior high parents!

For more information on either of these groups contact Natalie Robinson, Family and Community Engagement Coordinator:

natalie.robinson@spps.org
651-293-8600

School Attendance
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Email Ms. Sivanich at charlotte.sivanich@spps.org if you come up with the solution!
First 5 correct responses will receive a prize from Ms. Sivanich in Room 2232.
St. Olaf TRIO Educational Talent Search (E.T.S.)

St. Olaf TRIO Educational Talent Search (E.T.S.) is back at Humboldt for another exciting year of programming!

E.T.S has been serving students at Humboldt since 1991 on college preparation and future goal setting. We see 6th, 7th and 8th graders in classroom presentations and 9th, 12th graders in small group workshops in Room 2247.

Students who are in Educational Talent Search should try to attend monthly scheduled workshops and any college visits offered as well. This year we are going to the following colleges:
- University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- Loyola University and Chicago State University
- Hamline University
- MLK Jr. Day of Service at Second Harvest Heartland
- Minnesota State University - Mankato
- Minnesota TRIO Day

Questions about St. Olaf TRIO E.T.S.? Want your student to be involved in E.T.S.? See Academic Advisors at Humboldt in Room 2247 Wednesdays-Fridays. You may also call our office at 1-800-621-7601.

NHS Blood Drive

NHS will be hosting their first American Red Cross Blood Drive on Oct 26th at Humboldt.

For more information or to sign up contact:
Barbara Lawrence
651 744-5600
barbara.lawrence-windholz@spps.org

W.E.B and Link Crew

6th Grade Parents:
Did you know your child has a student leader mentor?
W.E.B. (Where Everybody Belongs) is a mentoring and academic support program for 6th graders. 8th & 9th grade Humboldt leaders kicked this program off Opening Day, and they work in advisory classrooms on Mondays to help support your 6th grade students. Feel free to ask your students on Mondays what lessons they did with their leaders and what they are learning from their interactions. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Theresa Behnke, W.E.B. Coordinator, at theresa.behnke@spps.org.

9th Grade Parents:
Did you know your child has a student leader mentor?
Link Crew is a mentoring and academic support program for 9th graders. 10th-12th grade Humboldt leaders kicked this program off Opening Day, and they work in advisory classrooms on Mondays to help support your 9th grade students. Feel free to ask your students on Mondays what lessons they did with their leaders and what they are learning from their interactions. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Theresa Behnke, Link Crew Coordinator, at theresa.behnke@spps.org.

Humboldt's WE DAY advisory sponsors WE SCARE HUNGER on Halloween evening (Tuesday, October 31). Kids "trick-or-treat" for canned goods for our local food shelf. Students who do the Halloween evening collection are eligible for a spot at this year's WE DAY event Wednesday, November 8.

Our WE DAY advisory partners with our W.E.B. and Link Crew leaders and with our NHS and NJHS students to also collect canned goods for our local Neighborhood House food shelf the week of October 30-November 3 in anticipation of the fall holidays and the higher need. Please donate what you can by having your student bring in non-perishable food items to their advisory during that week. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Matt Osborne at matthew.osborne@spps.org.