Principal’s News

Parents and guardians, thank you for sending your child to Humboldt! We are in the midst of a renaissance and I’m proud you’re part of our new beginning. Humboldt is a school in high demand across St. Paul Public Schools; we are now closed to students living outside of our attendance area and we have a waiting list for new students. We are currently about 100 students above our projected enrollment and have hired additional teachers to address our increased enrollment. Our IT, welding, medical and advanced placement programs are attracting students from across St. Paul.

Humboldt is in the midst of major construction and we have exciting times ahead. Our newly constructed building is now encased in plastic as the contractors work to complete the walls and finish interior work. We expect to be moving into the third floor of the new addition after spring break of this school year. After spring break Mr. Elizondo, Mr. Argetsinger, Mr. Block, Ms. Martinez classrooms, and Ms. Bohland and our St. Paul Youth Services offices will move to the third floor of our new building and their current classrooms will be demolished in preparation of our new front entrance, main and guidance offices. Our entire building will be remodeled until construction is completed in September, 2020.

I have been asked why does Humboldt need all this construction and updating? In 1909 Humboldt High School was moved to the current Open World Learning school/Humboldt sixth grade/medical career wing. Our current main building was built in 1975 with few significant structural updates to the academic portions of the school since construction. Learning has changed; it has become more cooperative with the need for flexible spaces. Cunningham Architects has designed our redesigned building for large, small and independent learning which is secure and easily monitored. Our new design will support our Academy of IT, welding, culinary, medical career pathways. Current classrooms are being redesigned, made larger, removing 15 classrooms from our main building, adding 15 classroom in our newly constructed addition. We will not be increasing our enrollment, rather increasing the size of our current classrooms. We will have increased natural light from the new sky light, plus additional and larger windows in classrooms along with air conditioning. Our new front entrance will be off our parking lot to be more welcoming and accommodating to parents and community members. We will be honoring our history by incorporating our 1909 Humboldt High School sign into our new front entrance.

We have exciting times ahead. We have much going on besides our construction. Our Girls Leadership group raised over $1000 for Red Cross hurricane relief and we have inducted the newest members of our National Junior Honor Society. Additionally, COMPAS Arts Education which works with nearly 100 schools throughout the state of Minnesota, is publishing the best student writing in their This Bursting Sound Within publication. I’m proud to announce that Humboldt students, Htoo Eh Say, Kathy Gao la Yang and Lay Lay are attracting students from across St. Paul Public Schools; we have inducted the newest members of our National Junior Honor Society. Additionally, COMPAS Arts Education which works with nearly 100 schools throughout the state of Minnesota, is publishing the best student writing in their This Bursting Sound Within publication. I’m proud to announce that Humboldt students, Htoo Eh Say, Kathy Gao la Yang and Lay Lay will have their works published in COMPAS Arts Education literary publication.

As you can see, we have lots going on at Humboldt to support your child and I look forward to seeing you at our Parent Teacher Conferences on December 14 from 4:00-7:00PM.

Blood Drive

Humboldt had one of its best blood drives in October; collecting 47 units; 4 units higher than the goal.

One of the phlebotomists said that Humboldt students are the best she has ever worked with. She praised the students and volunteers for how polite they were, and said it was the most enjoyable blood drive she has ever attended.

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate and to those who helped in any way!

The next blood drive will be held on Thursday, January 4.

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

Barbara Lawrence
651 744-5600
barbara.lawrence-windholz@spps.org
Career and College News

Humboldt High School will be hosting a Financial Aid Night on Thursday, December 7th, from 4:00-7:00PM. The event will include college speakers and a light dinner. It will be held in the Humboldt library. Interpreters will be available.

Junior Students and Families: Free Princeton Review ACT Prep Course registration is now available. ACT Prep classes are offered Tuesdays after school starting in December. Registration deadline is November 30th. To register and see a full list of available courses: https://www.spps.org/actprep

Students can stop by the Career and College Center if they have questions or need help registering.

For more information:
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Elizabeth Engelhart
CCC Counselor
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Parent Corner

Please join us for parent teacher conferences on Thursday, December 14, from 4-7PM. Title I will be providing pizza.

Parents: WE NEED YOU! Humboldt High School would like your commitment to work with teachers, parents, community, and students to take action in our schools that will move us toward the elimination of racial disparities and better school climates.

One area of focus for this work will be that Humboldt includes parents and community member representatives on our School Environmental Action Team (SEAT).

For more information, please reach out to Rahim Ramji, our Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports Coach: rahim.ramji@spps.org

651-744-5797 (temporary)

For more information on parent involvement, please reach out to Natalie Kemp via email: natalie.kemp@spps.org.

Technology Update from Marc Patton

Students have new protective cases for iPads this year. The screen is protected by the keyboard. Please tell your child(ren) to put the keyboard on when not in use and before leaving home. Also, do not leave the iPad laying around for others to use and keep the iPad out of site in a secure location.

You can receive a daily or weekly notification emailed to you with homework and grades. First you need to know your One Stop user name and password. Call the school office if needed. Second, use the One Stop login information for Schoology. The link for Schoology is found on our school website.

1. Click the downfacing arrow on the top right of your Schoology account.
2. Select a child from the list that appears in the dropdown menu.
3. Once viewing the child’s account, click the downfacing arrow again.
4. Select the Notifications option in the dropdown menu.
5. From the Notifications area, elect to receive one or both of two email summaries.
Sports Corner

www.sports.spps.org
Get signed up now! Turn in all forms and fees to the Athletic office: 651-744-5640 if you have questions

Start Dates
Junior High Girls Basketball – 10/30/17
Girls Basketball – 11/13/17
Boys Basketball – 11/20/17
Wrestling – 11/20/17
Junior High Wrestling 11/20/17
Boys Swimming and Diving – 11/27/17
Adapted Coed CI Floor Hockey – 12/12/17
Adapted Coed PI Floor Hockey – 12/11/17
Jr. High Boys Basketball - Tuesday 1/16/17

Congratulations Humboldt Boys Varsity Soccer! Senior, Me Dow. has been honored with the Class A first team All State Player and Coach Matt Osborne has been honored with the Minnesota State Class A boys Soccer Coach of the Year!

Winter is fast approaching and the season can be extreme. However, students are expected to attend school every day and on time unless the district declares a snow day or cold weather day closure. You can access school closures on the spps.org website. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date with the school to receive notifications regarding school closures.

Remember that cold and snowy day absences are NOT EXCUSED!

Humboldt Visitor Policy

All visitors are required to sign in at the front desk (main entrance).

At that time, you'll receive a visitor badge and must report to the main office.

Visitors are NOT allowed to roam the building without a Humboldt Staff member present.

Everyone must follow the visitor policy in order to keep our students and staff safe.

If the Humboldt visitor policy is broken, a no trespass letter will be issued and the visitor would not be allowed to be on school property.

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

Attendance News

How To Report Absences
Attendance Line
651-744-5533

Parents/guardians needs to send a written note with child stating the reason for the absence.

Please Keep In Mind:

Since September, families have been receiving Tardy Alert letters about your child. If your child has 5 or more combined tardies to school, a tardy letter will be mailed home. Please continue to encourage your child/ren to be on time to school and class to avoid letters and truancy action.

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Math Puzzle

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.

Parents Right To Know

Under the No Child Left Behind law, parents have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their student’s classroom teachers. Parents who would like to receive this information should write to the Human Resource Department, Attn: ESEA Teacher Qualifications, Saint Paul Public Schools, 360 Colborne Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102-3299. Parents can designate which of the following information they want:

1. Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

WE SCARE HUNGER and other W.E.B/Link Crew Updates

On Tuesday, October 31st the WE DAY, W.E.B., Link Crew, NHS Leaders and JROTC cadets collected food for the Neighborhood House Food Shelf. The students went trick-or-treating on Halloween and collected canned goods from generous neighbors. Hawks also held a food drive at Humboldt in advisories to surpass last year’s whopping 850 pound collection with a new collection high of 941 pounds.

Humboldt celebrated Anti-Bullying Month in October with poster contests, dress up days and advisory activities. W.E.B. and Link Crew leaders had students sign an anti-bullying pledge and worked with 6th and 9th grade students to drive home how powerful their words and choices are. Thanks to the winning advisories during October for their hard work:

1st: NHS Advisory Ms. LW
2nd: FFA Ms. Nthole
3rd (tie): 9th Grade: Mr. Gonzalez/Mr. Elizondo & W.E.B. Ms. Behnke/Ms. Sivanich

Our Humboldt Hawks get involved in service by writing thank you letters to active military personnel for their service. This project sponsored by W.E.B. and Link Crew brings smiles to those who cannot be with their families during the holidays and those who are sick or recovering from illnesses associated with their service. Ask your 6th and 9th graders about the opportunities they had to thank a service professional in November.