Parents and guardians, thank you for your continued support of Humboldt High and St. Paul Public Schools. At Humboldt, we’ve had a busy year with our on-going construction and room moves. We’ve also been celebrating our diverse cultures through our various cultural events, such as our New Year celebrations. We are having another Cultural Fair February 27, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 PM in our cafeteria. Students will be sharing information about their cultures, performing dances, playing games and sharing cultural foods. Please come and celebrate our many cultures on February 27th from 4-6PM.

We are working with our students, generally 11th or 12th graders, to prepare them for life after Humboldt by offering multiple real world experiences. For example, we are beginning the Legacy First program to provide intense career development programming designed to develop students into viable candidates for the abundance of high skilled, high wage energy related jobs that are currently available. If you child is interested in this program, please have them connect with their guidance counselor.

Additional, Humboldt High School will be hosting the Minnesota Supreme Court on Tuesday April 9th. We will have an actual Minnesota Supreme Court case present argued by their lawyers in our auditorium for students to observe. We are working to expose our students to potential careers of the future, to plant a seed to unlock their potential.

To reflect our future, we are in the midst of our major remodeling of the school. Our new guidance and main office and front entrance opened after winter break. Early next month the library and adjoining classrooms will be moving to a new location in preparation for their remodel. Classes will continue without interruption, just in a new location, in newly designed classrooms.

Annually, Humboldt has a few students who complete their Associates of Arts degrees prior to receiving their high school diploma. Some students take classes at the university level; these are called Post Secondary Enrollment Options, or PSEO. Students must take their 8th grade MCAs to be eligible for PSEO in 10th grade. Students in grades 10-12 should work with guidance counselor to apply for PSEO, the deadline is May 1st. St. Paul College has a PSEO representative who comes every other Tuesday during advisory, students can sign up on the Activities sign up link on Humboldt College and Career website to see the St. Paul College representative.

Looking ahead to next school year, students will be registering for next year’s classes in March; more information will be coming from the guidance department.

Finally, all students currently enrolled at Humboldt will automatically be registered to attend Humboldt next school year, unless applies to a new school through the Placement Center. The deadline for School Choice applications is February 15, 2019.

I’m looking forward to seeing you at our Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday March 7th from 4:00-7:00 PM in our cafeteria. Thanks again for supporting our school!
## ACT for 11th Grade Students

11th graders will take the ACT test on February 20th. The test for most students will be given at the Neighborhood House. Students will take a bus down to the Neighborhood House. Students should arrive to school on time, eat breakfast, and then load the bus. The test will take most of the day. Students will return to Humboldt at 1:00 and eat lunch, then attend 4th hour classes at 1:30.

## Flipside Cultural Night

All students and parents are welcome to join us on Feb. 27th from 4-6 p.m., as the Flipside Afterschool Program celebrates the many cultures that make Humboldt such an amazing place with our first ever Cultural Night. The event will feature:
- Informational tables for each cultural group
- Live culturally based performances
- Free food
- Special prize giveaways (including a PS4)

## ATTENDANCE

### From the Attendance Desk

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 [www.spps.org](http://www.spps.org) website.

If your child is absent from school due to snow and/or cold weather without the district declaring closure he/she would be marked unexcused.

Also, you will be notified by phone from the district if there is a school closure. Therefore, have a current phone number for your child on file at the school.

If you need to update your records, please contact the counseling and records clerk, Laura TwoBears at 651-744-2170.

## What is PSEO?

### From the School Counseling Office

In brief, PSEO or Post Secondary Enrollment Option, is an opportunity for qualifying students in grade 10 through 12 to take college courses at local colleges or universities. There are no cost to students and families for tuition, books, or other applicable fees.

For more information, visit [https://www.spps.org/domain/11038](https://www.spps.org/domain/11038).

Interested students (and families) should connect with their school counselor to review qualifying factors, process, and academic plan.
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<td>The Fair is scheduled for the same day as our last Parent/Teacher Conference of the year. Our high school students will have an opportunity to attend the fair during the day. We feel it’s important that our families have a chance to learn about the careers and educational pathways, that we speak to their children about. So from 4:00-7:00 pm our parents and WestSide neighbors will have an opportunity to visit the Career Fair as well. If you would like to support this event, please contact Tracy Zanitsch at: <a href="mailto:tracy.zanitsch@spps.or">tracy.zanitsch@spps.or</a></td>
<td>Soua Yang is our first graduating senior of the AOIT program to become fully A+ certified. He completed his Cisco IT essentials certification during the 2017-18 school year. IT essentials is a basic competency in computer hardware and software. Soua took the initiative and studied hard outside of class and went on to take pass the Comp TIA A+ 220-901 &amp; 220-902 exams. A+ is the favored credential for technical support and an important certification when entering the IT profession. A+ certified employees understand a wide variety of issues ranging from networking and operating systems to mobile devices and security. They learn IT problem solving and troubleshooting strategies and understand how to connect users to the data they need to do their jobs regardless of the devices being used. We are very proud of Soua and looking forward to a bright future for him.</td>
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We are welcoming ChildSight-US, a service of Helen Keller International, to Humboldt. This agency will be providing vision screening and treatment (such as glasses) to all students grade 7th to 12th, free of charge to families. We started screening back in December and are continuing with all 12th graders on February 20th, 2019 and all 11th graders on March 20th, 2019. If you have questions or do not want your student to participate in this program, please contact the Health Office staff at 651-888-7637. You can also send an email to yia.leepalao@spps.org. |

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