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HCPA AUGUST NEWSLETTER



UPDATES

2023-2024

BACK TO SCHOOL STUDENT ORIENTATION

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 23, 2023

New Students: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Returning Students: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm



**HMONG COLLEGE
PREP ACADEMY**

DOCUMENTS TO BRING:

- General Permission Slip
- Demographics Form
- Health Form

FEES TO BE PAID:

- Technology Insurance
- Uniform (if applicable)

Please note that only cash and credit cards are accepted.

ORIENTATION NOTES:

- Meet your teachers and prepare for the first day of school.
- Digital schedules for students in grades 6-12 are available on Schoology.
- Printed copies of 6-12 schedules will be available on the first day of school.



(651) 209-8002



1515 Brewster St, St Paul, MN 55108

STUDENT ORIENTATION

Back-to-school orientation is happening! Come meet your student's teacher, find your student's classroom, and ask staff questions regarding transportation, enrollment, health-related issues, uniforms, and much more.

When: August 23rd

1-3pm New Students

3-6pm Returning Students

Where: Hmong College Prep Academy, 1515 Brewster St, St Paul, MN 55101

Questions can be directed to the main office at (651) 209-8002.

UNIFORM POLICY

As a reminder, all HCPA students must be in uniform daily. Parents will receive notice if there is an out-of-uniform day granted. We encourage parents to support the school uniform policy. Students are expected to be dressed appropriately for school.

The following items are not allowed:

Crocs footwear, sandals, hats, hoodies, shorts, leggings, and t-shirts. Students who fail to follow the uniform policy will be asked to change and parents may be contacted to drop off the proper uniform.

If you have questions, you may call the main office at 651-209-8002.

**STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY**

What to Wear:





Sweaters:
Solid black or red crewneck sweater with/without logo (embroidered HCPA logo sweaters available for purchase in the school store).

Shirts:
Solid short/long sleeve black, red or white collar polo shirt with/without logo (embroidered HCPA logo sweaters available for purchase in the school store).

Pants:
Solid black dress pants, slacks or jeans with no physical alterations (rips, cargo, shorts).

What not to wear:
Crocs, hats, sandals, hoodies, shorts, leggings, and t-shirts are strictly not allowed. Students who fail to follow the uniform policy will be asked to change.

We encourage parents to support the school uniform policy. Students are expected to be dressed appropriately for school. Parents may be contacted if students do not dress accordingly.

**NO CROCS**

**NO HATS**

**NO SANDALS**

**NO HOODIES**

**NO SHORTS**

**NO LEGGINGS**

**NO T-SHIRTS**

INTENT TO RETURN

We have reached out to all families asking each family to respond either through a phone call or email if your student will be returning to HCPA for the 2023-2024 school year. If you haven't already done so, please call Enrollment at 651-209-8002 to confirm if your student will be returning for the new school year. We are asking for this information to better help HCPA make sure 2023-2024 will be a successful school year.

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COUNSELING OFFICE

Hmong College Prep Academy strives to provide the best integrated, challenging, and well-rounded educational experience to all students. Students in (grades 6-12) will be able to access their classes in Schoology starting August 15th, 2023. All secondary students (grades 6-12) will receive a printed schedule on the first day of school on Tuesday, September 5th.

We encourage students to review their schedule prior to the start of the school year. If students would like to request a schedule change, we request that the student talk with their families about which option will allow them the best opportunities.

Students are allowed to make a schedule change prior to the start of the new school year, during the first week of each semester, and/or in certain situations by meeting one of the following:

- Already took the class and received credit.
- Have an "Empty" or "Missing a Class" on your schedule.
- Educational options (i.e. PSEO, Honors, AP options)
- Incorrect level or placement
- Medical need (requires official documentation).
- Elective changes may be considered ONLY on a space-available basis.

Schedule changes may not always be honored to accommodate personal requests.

Examples of personal requests:

- Switch to the same class as your friend.
- Request to get a different teacher.
- Switch sections of the same course to a different hour.
- Drop out of year-long courses during 2nd semester (i.e. AP European History, Hmong).

Each student's situation is unique and schedule changes will be reviewed on an individual basis. Please contact the Counseling Department at counseling.department@apps-hcpak12.org with any questions.

**** Last day of schedule change for Semester 1 will be Friday, September 8th. ****

ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20

If you are on the Free and Reduced Lunch program, you can register late for the September ACT and not pay a late fee. Fee waivers are available through the counseling office.

THE QUESTBRIDGE APPLICATION IS OPEN

This application is available for high-achieving seniors who want to apply to top colleges around the country and who are on free and reduced lunch. Information on this opportunity is available in the counseling office.

THE GATES SCHOLARSHIP IS OPEN

This scholarship is for students who are underrepresented and on free and reduced lunch. This scholarship pays for funds that are not covered by the FAFSA or the college. Information on this opportunity is available in the counseling office.

Sign up for the following trips:

The OHIO STATE COLLEGE TOUR: October 18th-21st. For Juniors and Seniors
Space is limited cost is \$550/Student. Applications are available through the counseling office.

2024 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE TOUR

March 31st – April 5th Open to 9-12th grades
Space is limited. The cost is \$900/student. Applications are available through the counseling office.



FOOD DEPARTMENT

We are excited to welcome our students and staff back on September 5th, 2023. This school year our Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program will begin on September 18, 2023. We will be providing different selections of fruits and vegetables for snack time.

For the month of August, our vegetable of the month is Asparagus and our fruit of the month is Peaches. There will be educational facts about the fruit and vegetables of the month posted around the school and cafeteria. Any food-related questions can be directed to the food department.

HEALTH OFFICE UPDATES

Back-to-School Immunizations

Students in Kindergarten, 7th, and 12th graders are due for vaccinations. Please contact your clinic to make sure your child is up to date and is ready for school.

For questions or need help contact the Health Office at 651-209-8004.

Covid Protocols

Per CDC, isolation of individuals with COVID-19 will be recommended rather than required.

Masks will continue to be optional. Students, staff and family members are welcome to wear a mask if they choose to do so.

Families should manage any illness based on general CDC guidance and use available resources. Parents/guardians should still report absences due to illness to the school.

Students should stay home if they are running a fever and/or are too ill to participate in learning.

Please note that COVID protocols can change frequently as CDC makes updates to their protocols. Any Covid related questions can be directed to the Covid Coordinator, Mary Vang at (651) 209-8002.

HUMAN RESOURCES



HIRING K-12 Educators!

At Hmong College Prep Academy, we know that good talent needs to be celebrated and well compensated. HCPA offers a highly competitive salary and believes in rewarding outstanding teachers in a variety of ways, including annual merit raises based on individual and school-wide performance.

Join HPCA: Rich in Experiences, Culture, Knowledge & Pride.



Scan QR code to apply today or visit www.hcpak12.org/careers for more information
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Visit our career site <https://www.hcpak12.org/Page/1230> to see more information on open positions.



Fall sports have begun! The schedules for high school and middle school sports are below.

Boys Soccer:

Practices: 8/17, 8/18, 8/21, 8/23, 8/25, 8/28, 8/29, 8/30, 8/31, 9/1 (330-5pm)

Games: 8/22 3pm (vs Tartan), 8/24 noon (vs Higher Ground), 8/29 10am (vs Lincoln). All these are home games.

Volleyball:

Practices: 8/16, 8/17, 8/21, 8/22, 8/23, 8/24, 8/28, 8/29, 8/30, 8/31

Girls Soccer:

Girls' soccer will begin after the school year starts. More information will be available on the first day of school. Please talk to Sam Malone or Toukee Xiong (head coach) for practice times.

Cross Country

Cross country will begin after the school year starts. More information will be available on the first day of school. Please talk to Sam Malone or Sam Janchan (head coach) for practice times.

Football

If you need information on football, please contact Sam Malone. They started in June.

Middle School Soccer

Middle school soccer will begin the second week of school. More information will be given during the first week of school. Please contact Sam Malone if you have any questions.

Sam Malone, athletic director, can be reached at 651-734-8006 or sam.malone@hcpak12.org