

HMONG COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY

News Letter



December, the month of joy and anticipation, brings with it a much-needed holiday break. Let's take a moment to reflect on the amazing events that took place at HCPA this December. From laughter-filled gatherings to thrilling activities, there was never a dull moment.

UNIFORM POLICY

Students are required to be in uniform at all times. We encourage parents to support the school uniform policy. Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. Parents may be contacted if students do not dress accordingly. Please note what not to wear: Crocs, hats, sandals, hoodies, shorts, leggings, and T-shirts are not allowed.

If you would like to purchase uniform, please contact the main office (651) 209-8002 and set up a time to come in and shop.

DONATIONS: We are taking new or gently used uniform donations in the main office. There is a donation bin outside the main office.



WHAT TO WEAR?

CREW NECKS

BLACK

RED

POLO SHIRTS (SHORT OR LONG)

BLACK

RED

WHITE

BOTTOMS

BLACK JEANS - WITH
NO RIPS

BLACK SLACKS

BLACK DRESS PANTS

NOT PERMITTED:



NO SANDALS



NO HOODIES/ZIP
UP HOODIES



NO CROCS



NO HATS



NO SLIDES



NO T-SHIRTS



NO SHORTS



NO LEGGINGS OR
YOGA PANTS

FOOD

It's holiday time, and everyone is focused on planning meals for gatherings of friends and family. So why not create some wonderful dishes using seasonal produce?

December is a great time of the year when the last of the fall fruits are around and winter citrus is starting to dominate the stores. Citrus fruits are vitamin C rich, a great way to get you ready for the coldest months approaching. Clementines are a favorite for our elementary and middle school students.

This month's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program fruit of the month is Cranberries and the vegetable for the month is Red Onion. We have educational posters posted about the vegetable and fruit of the month around the lunchroom and classroom hallways.



CLASSROOM NEWS

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY



ELEMENTARY

Warrior Value of the Month: Caring and Empathy. Warriors show caring for themselves, others, and the community and can think about how others feel



SECONDARY

This year the Theater Productions class performed a show called "Txoj Kev: A Hmong Odyssey." It's a retelling of Homer's "The Odyssey," combined with the Hmong refugee story set in 1975 Vietnam and Thailand. The story jumps between three sisters living in a refugee camp, where they face the difficulty of loss and accepting their new lives, and the world of their oldest brother, who is struggling to find his way home with the soldiers he leads. It's a blending of myth and history to honor the amazing culture that our school has. The Productions class is made up of 43 students, each having their own role of job in the creation of this show. From acting to costumes to lights and sound, our students take on roles of responsibility and collaboration to create something they are proud to share with their family, friends, and community members.



CLASSROOM NEWS CONT.

MUSIC STUDENTS



CHOIR

The Secondary Music students have been hard at work preparing music over this Semester, and their efforts have paid off during their recent performances. Choir and Piano students hosted their annual Winter Concert on December 13, featuring students in our Middle School and Concert Choirs, and High School Piano students. This concert highlighted some amazing and brave soloists, singing in multiple languages, and ended with all of the evening's performers singing Carol of the Bells together. This week, Choir students have been caroling around our school spreading holiday cheer as we head off to Winter Break.

BAND



Over this past weekend, students Muaj Vaj and K'paw Sue headed out to the Hmongtown Marketplace to spread some holiday cheer during the annual Christmas present giveaway. Then on December 20 our Band students took the stage for their annual Winter Concert, which featured a mix of festive tunes, lyrical works, and section features. The students put a lot of work into preparing these pieces, and they really shined on stage. The concert ended with all 100+ students from grades 7-12 on stage and around playing "Jingle Bells" and "Up On The Housetop" while a packed audience sang along. With gift wrapping, cookies, and hot cocoa provided by the Junior Committee, this Winter Celebration was one even Santa Claus would be proud of (even if it looks like we won't have a white Christmas this year).



STUDENT CLUBS & ORGS

KNOWLEDGE BOWL

At our last Knowledge Bowl meet our team struggled against the tough competition in Mahtomedi, but one of our teams was awarded the Team Spirit award! We are proud of our teams for going out and being respectful in all of their rounds and are showing what it means to demonstrate our Warrior Values even outside of school! (Not pictured who also received the awards are Brady Vang and Luke McIntosh).

If your child is interested in joining Knowledge Bowl please reach out to either Mr. Kyle Seeley or Ms. Deven Michels.

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Unfortunately for High School we could not compete this year, but if your child would like to see what it involves and begin preparing to have a competitive team next year we can still get them signed up!



WORLD CULTURE DAY

The World Culture Day was filled with lots of fun and entertainment. Thank you to everyone for your support and collaboration to make HCPA's 2023 World Culture Day a fun and joyful experience for all. We would like to extend our thank you's to our special guests, TJ Henny and Vichai Cheng. The students were so excited to see both guests perform. Our talent show was filled with exciting and fun acts! Some of the acts included our own talented HCPA Staff. The fashion team showcased beautiful traditional wear from all over the country. We are already anticipating and planning for next year's World Culture Day!

SPORTS

Girls Basketball

HCPA's girl's basketball team got off to a strong start to their season with a big win over Higher Ground Academy before a close loss to Chesterton Academy. With a great mix of veteran players and young beginners, the girl's present and future look very bright for HCPA.

Boys Basketball

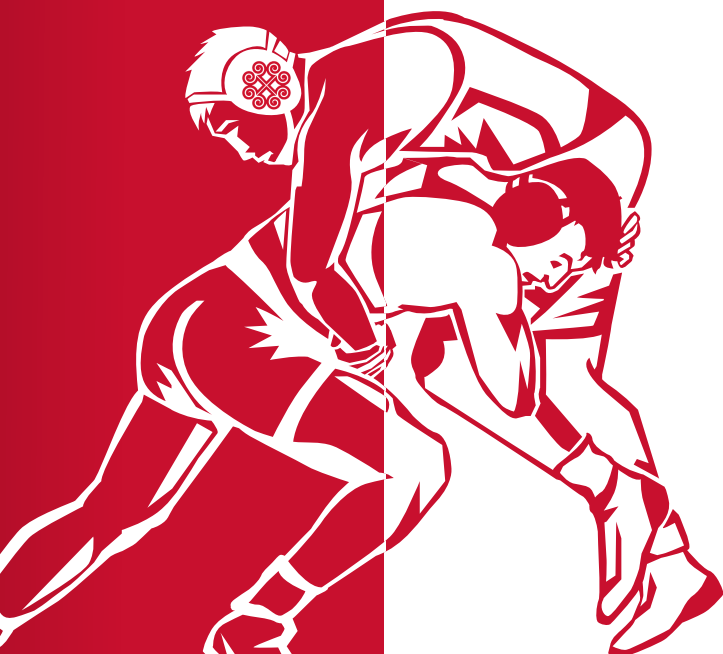
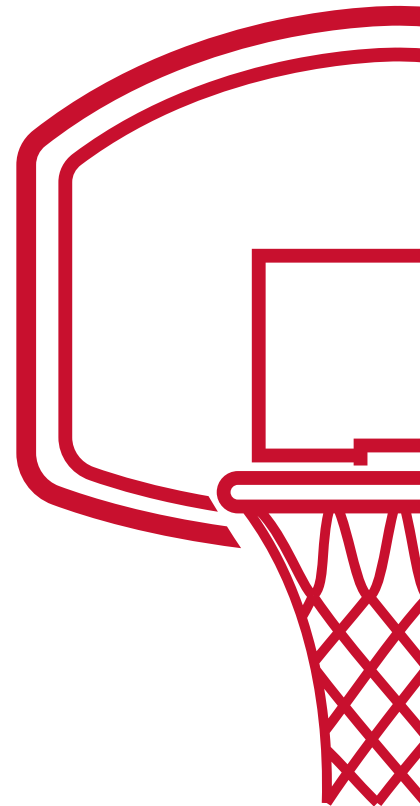
With a later start date to the season than the girls, the boy's basketball team has not yet begun to play games, but with International School and Twin Cities Academy in their first week, the boys are excited to start high level competition.

Middle School Basketball

Middle school basketball played their first week of games, beating Math & Science Academy before losing to Venture Academy. The team, coaches, and managers are all looking forward to growth and change as the season goes on.

Wrestling

In a cooperative team with Roseville High School, a group of HCPA students have been making a big impact on the wrestling team, competing in varsity and junior varsity matches to start the season.





PTO - PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

The HCPA PTO functions based on two parallel ideas:

1. Mission Statement: We are the voices bridging the gap between parents, students, educators, and the community.
2. Vision Statement: HCPA PTO builds a strong foundation of leadership, opportunity, and growth.

PTO meets once a month on the first Thursday of the month. We are looking for more members to join us and share ideas. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Dao Lor at 651-209-8002 or dao.lor@hcpak12.org.

HUMAN RESOURCES

HCPA is hiring! If you or anyone you know is looking for a job, please have them visit our website: <https://www.hcpak12.org/domain/91>



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HCPA WARRIORS

JANUARY IMPORTANT DATES

MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**JAN 8TH
CLASSES RESUME**

**JAN 10TH 5PM-7PM
FAFSA NIGHT**

**JAN 11TH 4PM-6PM PTO
MONTHLY MEETING**

**JAN 15TH
MLK DAY - NO SCHOOL**

**JAN 17TH 5PM-7PM
PARENT RESOURCE
NIGHT**

**JAN 24TH 6PM-7PM
ELEMENTARY WINTER
CONCERT**

**JAN 23RD-JAN 25TH
3PM-5PM
CREDIT RECOVERY
WEEK**

**JAN 26TH
NO SCHOOL DUE TO STAFF
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**JAN 29TH
SEMESTER 2 BEGINS**