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# NEWSLETTER



HMONG COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY

Happy New Year, HCPA Families! We're excited to kick off 2025 with renewed energy and enthusiasm as our students dive into the new semester. Here's to a month full of fun, learning, and new opportunities for growth! 🇺🇸 🇻🇳 🌟

# 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 will 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 uniforms, 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

As well as the food department's ongoing Fruit and Vegetables Program for the elementary, the department has also begun offering more hot lunch and cold Grab & Go options for Secondary students.

Elementary have the option between two hot items or a turkey sandwich. There's a little something for everyone's different tastes!



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## ELEMENTARY



January's Warrior Value of the month is **Perseverance** - Warriors keep trying and working even when it is tough. Warriors never give up!

### ELEMENTARY WINTER CONCERT

Our K-5 classes showcased their musical and artistic talents in our annual Elementary Winter Concert. Students performed a variety of songs in Hmong, English, and Karen under the direction of Hope Carey, our K-5 Music teacher, and Koobmeej Lee, one of our K-5 Hmong Language and Culture teachers.



Additionally, the concert featured a performance from the HCPA Hmong Dance Team! The evening was

dedicated as a celebration of the Hmong in America. The year 2025 marks 50 years of immigration of Hmong families to Minnesota, with many arriving in the state after the conclusion of the Secret War in 1975 (or the end of the Cold War Era in Southeast Asia).



After the finale of the concert - a K-5 rendition of We Are Family - egg rolls were served for all students, families, and volunteers. An enormous "thank you!" goes out to all who helped to support and facilitate the event and celebration, especially Ms. Carey and Xib Fwb Lis!

If you would like to listen and watch the recording of the concert, please click [here!](#)

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## SECONDARY

### WORK BASED LEARNING CLASS

Students from Ms. Bowman's Career Seminar/Work-Based Learning class have had the privilege of volunteering every Thursday at Lyngblomsten Care Center, where they engage with residents through activities such as balloon volleyball, corn hole, and baking pies. Chaes Xiong, our job coach, has had the opportunity to oversee our HCPA students in action and witness their engagement grow week by week. The volunteer experience has not only benefited our students, but the Lyngblomsten residents as well. In fact, while students were on winter break, residents would ask when they would return!

We are fortunate to have such a great partnership between HCPA and Lyngblomsten.



# SPORTS



## **Middle School Basketball:**

The middle school basketball team ended their season with a bang, both teams finishing second in the city in the city-wide tournament, as well as winning against local rival Journey School. The season was a very successful one, and the teams both very much grew as players and teammates.

## **Girls High School Basketball:**

The girls' basketball dropped another close game to Parnassus Prep on Tuesday, but they are buoyed by one of the top scorers in the metro area with Malenna Khang averaging over 12 points a game. The girls continued to work hard, turning in close losses to local powerhouses Edison and Como, and their first win of the year was against Lincoln School. The girls lost a competitive matchup against Community of Peace Academy but are looking forward to many winnable games in the future.

## **Boys High School Basketball:**

The boys played a very challenging opponent at Metro Schools College Prep, but even that loss could not deter the boys. Led by Tou Win Yang's 20+ points per game, they won a tough game against rival Prairie Seeds and lost a close JV game to Math & Science Academy.

Xavier Yang and Tou Win Yang (11th graders) were both among the conference leaders in scoring. Despite a tough loss to conference-leading Avail Academy. The team turned a lot of heads with a huge overtime win over Community of Peace Academy which saw many lead changes and clutch shots. With half the season still to play, the boys have reached their highest win total since 2017 after a rewarding victory against the International School of Minnesota.



## TRANSPORTATION

We would like to remind you of the importance of ensuring your student's safety. If your student happens to miss their designated bus stop, please instruct them not to get off at a later stop and attempt to walk home. Doing so could put them in unsafe or unfamiliar situations, especially during inclement weather or in areas with heavy traffic. The bus driver's responsibility is to return the student to their correct stop. If a student is unsure or unable to identify their stop, the driver will immediately contact the school for assistance. In such cases, a staff member will coordinate to either meet the bus or arrange safe transportation to ensure your student is returned home safely and securely. Your cooperation in discussing this procedure with your student is essential in helping us always prioritize their safety.

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping all students safe.



# IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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## **FEBRUARY IMPORTANT DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**FEB 5TH | 5PM  
KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT  
NIGHT**

**FEB 14TH | NO SCHOOL  
TEACHER/STAFF WORKSHOP**

**FEB 17TH | NO SCHOOL  
PRESIDENTS DAY**

**FEB. 18TH-21ST  
SPRING SPIRIT WEEK**

**FEB 19TH | 5PM  
LITERACY NIGHT**

**FEB 25TH-27TH  
CREDIT RECOVERY**

**FEB. 26TH | 5PM  
MENTAL HEALTH PARENT  
NIGHT**



# WORLD CULTURE DAY

Wednesday before Thanksgiving break HCPA hosted the 20th World Culture day. It seems that every year we seem to outdo the year before with our program of staff and student talent, fashion show, and special guests. The turnout this year was one of our largest ever! Everyone joined in the celebration and many of our families, friends and community members attended the event. We want to thank the Events Team for all their hard work planning this wonderful event for the whole school to enjoy.





# CHARTER SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION

HCPA hosted a Hmong Dance Competition on Saturday, June 11th! Our very own Hmong dance teams performed in a tough contest with fellow Twin Cities schools, New Millenium Academy, and Community School of Excellence. Our students represented us well and the competitors and audience alike enjoyed the event. Hopefully, it will be the first of many showcases of artistry by our students in the local community!