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# NEWSLETTER



## HMONG COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY

At HCPA, we kicked off November with excitement! As the weather cooled and the days grew shorter, we embraced the cozy vibes and the spirit of gratitude. It was the perfect time to reflect, celebrate, and look back on all the fun moments we've had so far.

# 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

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## ELEMENTARY

### XIB FWB LIS'S PRESENTATION AT THE MCTLC CONFERENCE

Recently, Koobmeej Lee, one of our wonderful K-5 Hmong Language educators, presented at the Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Languages and Cultures (MCTLC) Fall Conference: Unity in Diversity. Under the unifying topic of "Perspectives on Hmong Heritage Language Teaching," Koobmeej joined two other local Hmong language professionals in sharing their research and expertise. Specifically, Koobmeej shared his Master's work on gamification as a motivator in Hmong language learning with session attendees, and he also demonstrated and involved attendees in some of the activities he designed to help teach and support his students. The conference also featured presentations from other HCPA educators, Maureen Wu and Changing Lawton.



### KINDERGARTEN VISIT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Recently our kindergarten classes hosted special guests from the University of Minnesota's Children's Dental Health Organization. Multiple members from the university organization joined HCPA for the morning to present to our kindergarteners on the importance of oral health care. With hands-on activities, puppets, and more, students had a chance to learn and practice proper brushing and flossing techniques. Additionally, they learned about foods that can cause cavities and foods that are part of a healthy diet. Students had a wonderful time learning how to take care of their teeth while engaging with the university students!

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## SECONDARY

### MINNESOTA GOES TO COLLEGE MONTH

During the month of October our Juniors and Seniors participated in "Minnesota Goes to College", formerly College Knowledge Month, with the goal of developing a plan for life after high school. In the 12th grade, specifically, students were tasked with completing applications to the colleges they had researched as Juniors.

- 68% of Seniors have completed an application as of Thursday, 10/31, and a wave of students ready to submit before the end of the week.
- Over 400 applications were completed
- 40 Applications to out-of-state schools

Two CP Classes hit the target of 100% of students completing an application (as of Thursday)- Ms. Spencer's NYU Violets, and Ms. Bouldan's Stanford Cardinal.

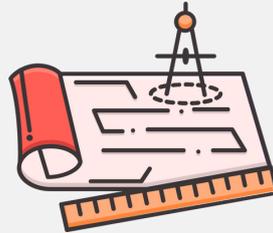


### KNOWLEDGE BOWL COMPETITION

There were 10 MS teams who competed in the tournament at HCPA from 5 different metro area schools. Our team struggled in this tournament, but this was the first tournament of the year, and they are showing determination to get better and are coming up with new strategies for better performances going forward. Our MS team's next meet will be at DaVinci Academy on December 19th.

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## SECONDARY



### MINNESOTA GOES TO COLLEGE MONTH



The ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) Club toured the chemistry building at the UMN, which is under construction. Students Cheemou, Tar Eh, and Allen explored the technical details with the structural engineer and the civil engineer who helped build HCPA's middle school. Next up - the Club will begin designing a middle school of its own under the mentorship of four engineers and designers.



# FOOD

The food department is off to a great start. Our Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program (FFVP) is offering many tropical fruits as they are in season. The goal is to offer a greater variety of fruits and vegetables to get students excited about eating healthy and trying new fruits & vegetables. FFVP will be offered Monday - Friday for students in grades K-5 and Tuesday and Thursday for students in grades 6-8.

Community Eligibility Program or our breakfast and lunch program is making great changes. We have added more options items such as shredded cheese, broccoli, and cherry tomato to the salad bar. The food department is also working hard to provide higher quality breaded chicken products. We have conducted a taste test with our students and staff, and they had positive feedback about the new breaded chicken products. In the next few weeks, we will replace our chicken patty, tenders, and nuggets to a higher-grade option.

The food department will continue to evaluate and make changes as necessary to ensure that HCPA is offering the best positive food experiences for our students. If you should have any questions, please reach out to the Food Team.



# SPORTS

## **Middle School Basketball:**

The middle school B Team lost a heartbreaker in the last seconds of the game against LILA, but the A Team picked them up against the same school with a 47-12 win.

## **Boys and girls basketball::**

Practices continue for our high school teams and the teams are starting to prepare for their seasons. The first games are the week after Fall break.



# ROBYN HOODIE

The results of our latest production at HCPA were incredible! Our talented students brought the modern-day legend of Robyn to life, with unforgettable performances. From Robyn's daring heists to her fight against the corrupt officials, the cast and crew worked tirelessly to tell this exciting story. A huge congratulations to our students for their outstanding work!





## TRANSPORTATION

As winter approaches, please ensure your child is outside and ready for the bus at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time. Door-to-door service does not mean students can wait inside until the bus arrives. Delays happen when students are not ready, which affects others. Buses and vans will not wait, so please make sure your child is prepared. We understand it's cold and will notify you if buses are running late. Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation in keeping transportation smooth during these colder months.



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## DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**DEC. 4TH | 5PM**  
FAFSA NIGHT

**DEC. 11TH | 6PM**  
WINTER CHOIR CONCERT  
(GIFT WRAPPING AVAILABLE)

**DEC. 13TH**  
NO SCHOOL | TEACHER &  
STAFF WORKSHOP

**DEC. 17TH - 19TH**  
CREDIT RECOVERY

**DEC. 18TH | 6PM**  
WINTER BAND CONCERT  
(GIFT WRAPPING AVAILABLE)

**DEC. 23RD - JAN 3RD**  
WINTER BREAK