



PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Hello Friends and Families!

Happy New Year! HCPA would like to wish all of our families a great 2022!

News and Updates: Stay connected with our HCPA Monthly Newsletter! We will be publishing Newsletters on a regular basis, so please subscribe. In this newsletter you will receive information about field trips, school events and more.

Distance Learning:

“Cases of the Omicron COVID-19 variant continue to surge throughout the United States, and with a return to school after the holidays, HCPA has been closely monitoring how it impacts our teachers, staff, students, and families. In anticipation of growing cases of COVID-19 due to close contacts over winter break, Hmong College Prep Academy will be transitioning temporarily to distance learning for the next two weeks. All students will return back onsite on January 24th 2022.

While we prepare to return back to our classrooms, we highly encourage all families to take extra precautions regarding social distancing and large gatherings to further prevent the new cases of Covid-19. We are currently reviewing the recent changes to the CDC guidelines and will communicate any changes of our protocols when decisions are made.

As students are at home for Distance Learning, our school team is still actively working to monitor the health and safety of our staff and students. If you, your student, or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 at any time during Distance Learning, please contact us at 651-209-8002. HCPA keeps accurate records on positive cases and is required to keep information up-to-date with the Minnesota Department of Health. Additionally, health office staff are on hand advise you and your family on school health protocols and resources.



Curbside Meal Pick Up:

WHEN: Tuesday, January 11th 2022 Tuesday, January 18th 2022

PICK UP TIME: 10:00AM – 5:00PM

LOCATION: Door B 1515 Brewster Street Saint Paul, MN 55108

Call 651-209-8002 and speak with the Food Dept. for questions. No reservations are required; families can drive up for a contactless pick up.

WELCOME HOME!



Welcome to our new Chief Academic Officer!

Danijela Duvnjak

Mrs. D has been with HCPA for 18 years. She started as an ELA classroom teacher, moved her way into instructional coaching and then into the role of Director of 6-12. She was recently promoted to HCPA's new Chief Academic Officer overseeing the entire K-12 academic program.

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Welcome our new Chief Financial Officer!

David Kloskin

Mr. Kloskin started with HCPA on December 27th, and comes with experience working in the Minnesota Charter School community. His knowledge and skills will be great assets to HCPA. We look forward to his collaboration in helping to secure HCPA's financial future.

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Penny Wars:

The Penny War Competition was for all grade levels (K-12). College Possible classes will compete by bringing spare change/dollars to raise money for mental health organizations.

- Congratulations to Nancy Blum's 2nd grade and Ngia Xiong's 4th grade classes on winning the December Penny Wars competition!

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Sports/Activities

Girls Basketball: The girls basketball team has won their first game of the year against Community of Peace Academy, and are looking to build on that success as the season goes on. The team will pause during the distance learning time period from HCPA, but will make up for lost time when school is back on campus.

Boys Basketball: Boys basketball continues to improve every day in practice and games, showing growth in skills and teamwork as the season progresses. The JV and varsity teams are among the loudest teams at HCPA, and their enthusiasm is evidenced in the passion the players and coaches put into every day.

Middle School Basketball: The middle school basketball teams are breaking in the new middle school gym with hard work and cooperation, and are looking to break into the win column as the season goes on.

Robotics: Robotics is starting their competition season in January, and are looking forward to work in the new Robotics wing and arena in the new middle school at HCPA.

Bass Fishing: Bass Fishing is starting their fundraising and early season meetings to prepare for when they can go out on the water as the weather gets warmer.

Cheerleading: HCPA will be starting a cheerleading program with practices and introductions to the sport this winter and spring, with it becoming a full-time club in the 2022-2023 school year.

eSports: eSports continues to excel both in person and virtually, pushing their opponents hard and sending one player to the state tournament for Super Smash Brothers.



Upcoming Important Dates:

- January 7th: Temporarily Distance Learning Starts
- January 24th: Students return to school On-Site
- January 17th: NO SCHOOL MLK Day
- January 28th: NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day for Teachers
- January 31st: Second semester Begins

Parent Advisory Committee:

The parent advisory committee's mission is for parents and staff to come together and provide advice and support for the school to help guide student's for success. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement. PAC will help encourage for more parent involvement with conferences, activities, support in the classroom, events and more school functions. If any parents are interested in being a part of the parent advisory committee, please contact Dao.Her@hcpak12.org.

Food Committee:

The Food Committee at HCPA focuses on students and staff coming together to learn about school's meal program so that they can put together the monthly breakfast/lunch menus. They will also volunteer events in the school and the community when it comes to food related opportunities. Their first meeting for this semester was on January 7th 2022 and have finalized the January menu attached. If any student, staff or parents would like more information on this, please contact Pakou.Thao@Hcpak12.org.

Student Ambassador Committee:

Student Ambassadors are selected to represent the student population at HCPA. Student Ambassadors are expected to exhibit qualities that HCPA look for in its students. Helping new students become accustom to HCPA, planning student activities, and partaking in volunteer opportunities are just some of the ways Student Ambassadors are giving back. Through their commitment to their fellow students and the school, they will develop the skills and confidence towards becoming better leaders. Recently the ambassadors completed a successful candy sale to fund activities for the remainder of the year. If you would like more information, please contact Ser.Vang@Hcpak12.org



Phase IV – Middle School Building Expansion Project

HCPA received the keys to the completed new middle school building on December 17th. All 7th graders have officially moved in and the building is being operated as of January 3rd. We plan to have all middle school moved over for second semester on January 31st 2022.