

HMONG COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY

Newsletter



May is a vibrant month full of excitement and anticipation at HCPA! As the school year draws to a close, we are busy with a variety of events and celebrations. From our annual school picnic to the awards ceremonies and graduation preparations, there's so much to look forward to.

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

Our Fresh Fruits and Vegetable program will be ending on Thursday, May 30th. There have been educational facts about the fruit or vegetable once a month in our newsletter and throughout our school.

We provided different selections of fruits and vegetables for snack time for Elementary and Middle School as well! We are looking forward to next year!



WARRIOR CAFE

The Warrior Cafe's last day open was Thursday, May 30th, 2024.

Thank you to our students in the Work Base Learning Class for a wonderful school year, you guys did such an amazing job. A thank you as well to everyone who has supported the cafe.



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OPTIMISM

May's Warrior Value is Optimism: Warriors see the opportunities of the future and are excited to learn more.

HMOOB SPELLING BEE

First, on Friday, our 3-12th grade students competed in HCPA's Auditorium in our annual Hmong Spelling Bee. Students in grades 3-5 each took turns in several rounds, working to accurately spell their given word in Hmong. According to our Hmong Language and Culture teachers, Koobmeej Lee and Soua Xiong, all students grew and had fun in the process!

"This year was a great year with a lot of great competitors. We even ran out of time and had to adjust the spelling bee because the competition was so fierce! It was filled with emotions, students becoming brave and believing in themselves, and overcoming stage fright. Even having students who were hesitant to join the Bee but eventually taking the top 3 places within it...all the students that made it to the spelling bee are champions in our eyes. They are our top spellers and the courageous volunteers who embarked on this challenge."

In the end, our top three in each grade level emerged. Our 3rd-5th grade podium winners were as follows:



3RD GRADE:

1ST: EUNICE THAO
2ND: ARIYA MOUA
3RD: LILY YANG

4TH GRADE:

1ST: NIXON XIONG
2ND: BRAYDEN YANG
3RD: NADIA VANG

5TH GRADE:

1ST: TSHAJ YEEJ KHANG
2ND: LUNA YANG
3RD: CASSADEE MOUA



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ELEMENTARY CONT.



ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT

On May 16th, we held our Spring Elementary Music Concert for all students and classes who have music this semester with Ms. Carey. Connecting to our K-12 work with RULER this year, the spring concert's theme was "Songs About Feelings." Kindergarten-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, and 4th-5th grade each sang two songs connected to different emotions, such as motivated, angry, relaxed, and happy. Additionally, between vocal performances, students from Xib Fwb Lis and Xib Fwb X's Hmong Language classes performed a Hmong Dance and played the Hmong Qeej. The finale was a Kindergarten-5th grade performance of Fraggie Rock/HCPA Rock featuring all elementary students.

INTRO TO THEATER VISITS OUR ELEMENTARY

Students in Ms. Carey's music class hosted some extra-special visitors – students from Mr. Steven Coleman's Intro to Theater class! The secondary students joined the group to talk about their work and experience in the class, opening elementary students' perspectives to all that goes into theater and theater productions!



A great time was had by elementary and secondary students alike. Thank you to Mr. Coleman and his class for joining and teaching our elementary Warriors!



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SECONDARY

SENIOR CELEBRATION

HCPA Senior Celebration Day was held on May 1st. Seniors were asked to choose their path after graduation by signing their name on a certificate. Representatives from colleges, universities, job programs, and the military were on campus to witness the signing and celebrate our students. Parents and family members were also here to support their soon-to-be graduates.



HMONG DANCE FIELD TRIP

Cretin-Derham High School in St Paul hosted a short event to showcase different Asian culture for AAPI Heritage Month. HCPA's Hmong Dance team was invited to perform and teach the student how do the famous Hmong Line Dance called "Loso".



8TH TO 9TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

The purpose of the event is to share information with middle school students and parents on what to expect in high school and graduation requirements. We have a good turnout and students who came were able to register for fall classes.



BAND, CHOIR & MARCHING BAND

This past week, our Music Department wrapped up their series of Spring Concerts. First, our 6th-12th grade Band students took the stage on May 8th for their annual Spring Showcase. This year's theme was "A Journey Around the World" and featured music from diverse and underrepresented composers, as well as folk songs from cultures around the world. Choir & Piano students shined on May 14th for their Spring Concert "Harmonies of Healing: Music for Troubled Souls." Each song shared a powerful message, including singing to a loved one far away and empowering our next generation of young women.

Both concerts took time to acknowledge their seniors in the program, and four special seniors received awards for their dedication and talent. The Nationally Recognized John Philip Sousa Band Award was given to senior Muaj Vaj, and the National School Choral Award went to Lai Chang. The Music Director's awards were given to Bao Kou Lee (Band) and Cassius Moua (Choir). Congratulations seniors!



On Saturday, May 18th, the HCPA Concert Band performed at the Minnesota State Capitol for the Songkran Festival. Our band students were invited to play the United States National Anthem and the Thai National Anthem to kick off the festivities. After performing, the students had the opportunity to explore the festival and eat to their heart's content. Now they are preparing for their next performance: 2024 Senior Graduation!

SPORTS

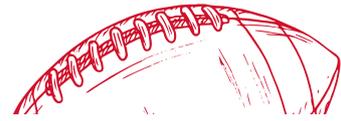
Boys Volleyball:

The boys volleyball team continues to excel on the court, reaching third place in the conference! Their final game versing our rivals, Roseville, on Thursday, May 30th to decides their path to the state tournament. As the strong seniors push the younger players, Coach Fong Vang's squad has become one of the toughest to beat in the metro. We cannot wait to see how their season ends.

For Coach Mee Vang's JV team, they will end their season against Roseville, finalizing their season with an overwhelming amount of wins. Along with the strong JV teams, the two JV2 teams (under Kevin Vang and Josh Xiong) finish as the top two teams in the city. Josh's team slightly edging out Kevin's team to claim the top spot!

Middle School Volleyball:

Culminating in yet another close game, Brent Ness' team narrowly edged out Jasmine Xiong's squad to secure the top spot in the middle school volleyball conference. Ness' undefeated team and Jasmine's nearly undefeated one even competed against, and beat, several high school teams in practice games, showing just how talented they are.



High School Flag Football:

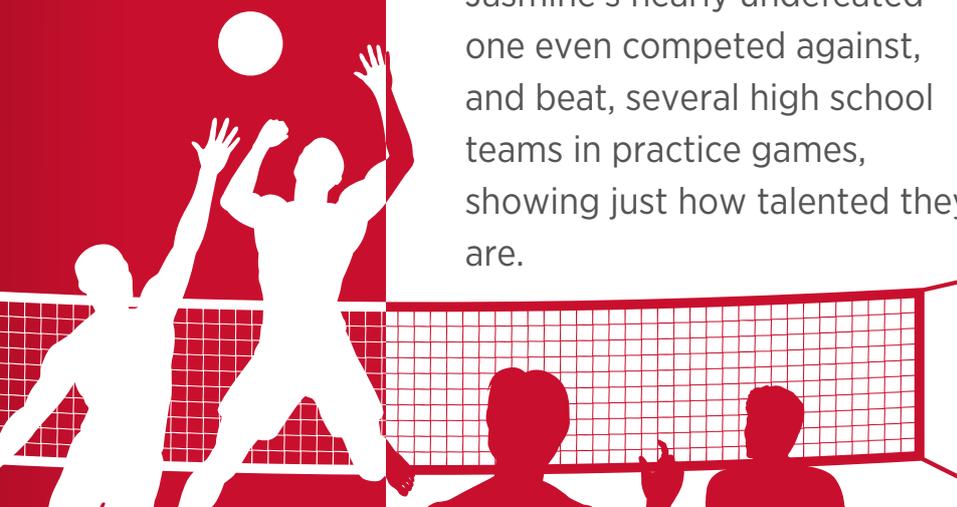
In their first year of existence, the HCPA high school flag football team came up just short of winning the state championship, losing a close final game 8-0 to High School of Recording Arts. With many young students looking to fill in the spots emptied by graduating seniors, coaches and players alike are looking forward to another big step in the next year.

Middle School Flag Football:

Playing in a league for the first time, the middle school flag football team exceeded expectations this year, advancing to the first round of the playoffs under coach Cheng Xiong.

Badminton:

Pang Fang's squad was a young and learning one, but still sent a group of girls to the state tournament who did remarkably well against tremendous opponents. Returning much of their starting varsity team, the badminton squad looks like it will bring a ton of momentum into their season next spring.



2023-2024 SCHOOL PICNIC

The students eagerly anticipate HCPA's Annual School Picnic, and this year was no exception. Held on Friday, May 31st, the picnic was a fantastic celebration

The event featured various exciting activities for everyone to enjoy, from games and sports to arts and crafts. Our community partners also played a significant role, offering engaging booths and activities that added to the festive atmosphere.



Our picnics are not just about fun—it is about coming together as a school community to celebrate our students' hard work and accomplishments throughout the year. The joy and camaraderie shared by everyone made this event truly special. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who participated and helped make this year's picnic a memorable success.



CHARTER SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION

HCPA hosted a Hmong Dance Competition on Saturday, May 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!



PARENT EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY (PEA)

The last session of PEA was May 22 which wraps up Parent Empowerment Academy for the school year. Thank you to all the families who participated, your presence and participation helped to make it a memorable and engaging experience and contributed to the depth of the discussions making it an insightful experience for all involved. We hope that you gained valuable insights and connections from the event. Please stay tuned for the next Parent Empowerment Academy sessions coming up in the fall.

HUMAN RESOURCES

HCPA is in full swing of hiring. If you know of anyone who is looking, please have them visit our website: <https://www.hcpak12.org/domain/91>



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HCPA WARRIORS

JUNE IMPORTANT DATES

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

JUNE 3RD

**9AM:
1ST GRADE/2ND
GRADE AWARDS**

**1PM:
KINDERGARTEN
GRADUATION**

JUNE 4TH

**9AM:
3RD GRADE/4TH
GRADE AWARDS**

**1PM:
5TH GRADE
AWARDS**

**JUNE 6TH | 11AM
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
EARLY RELEASE**

**JUNE 6TH | 6PM
SENIOR COMMENCEMENT
AT THE ROY WILKINS
AUDITORIUM (ST PAUL
RIVERCENTRE)**

**JUNE 17TH
SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS**

**JUNE 19TH
NO SUMMER SCHOOL**