



# HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Home of the Bulldogs*

From the Superintendent's desk:

Welcome to December. This is always an exciting time of year for students and staff. It is fun to get to hear everyone's "traditions" for the holidays and compare them to my own memories. I hope that you all enjoyed your time with family over Thanksgiving. I'm sure everyone is gearing up for the next holiday season, getting decorations put up, putting together travel plans and getting those shopping lists completed. I told myself that I was going to keep it simple with our outside lights this year, however, while sitting on the roof, clipping one light at a time to my gutters, I thought about the memories that I'm making for my kids, which then led me to doing more than anticipated, including telling my wife I needed to buy more lights. So much for keeping it simple.

The November school board election results have been made official. We had five spots on the board up for election, with all five current board members running. Those running were Kevin Kallweit, Alan Huettner, Ron Zach, Julie Preister, and Jenny Baumgart. We also had two additional individuals run for the open seats. Those were Kory Vering and Todd Gronenthal. The individuals that were elected to the board were Alan Huettner, Ron Zach, Julie Preister, Jenny Baumgart and Kory Vering. I want to thank all of the individuals for their interest in running for school board. Kory will be sworn in as an official board member at the January meeting. I want to thank Kevin Kallweit for his 14 years of dedicated service to the Humphrey Public School Board.

The December calendar is filled with multiple activities for the family to enjoy. Our winter sports season is underway. Along with basketball, bowling, and speech, our students will be putting on their annual winter music programs. I would highly encourage you to come out and support our talented students. If you are not able to attend in person, check out our live stream. The links to the events can be found on our website as well as Humphrey Public social media outlets. Thank you to Mitzi Luedtke and her live streaming students for providing this for those not able to attend. As a reminder when you attend our events, our administration, coaches, and students ask for your cooperation in displaying positive sportsmanship. We take pride in representing our school the Bulldog way!

I also wanted to note at the November board meeting, the board approved amending the school calendar so that we were able to host District Speech. **There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, March 6, 2023.**

As I end my letter, I will continue to do my very best to model the importance of respect for self and others, promote Bulldog pride in our school, provide a safe and productive environment and provide educational opportunities for our students and staff. It is my goal that every student has a positive and rewarding experience here at Humphrey Public School. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call or schedule a time to meet. My door is always open. Have a great December & GO BULLDOGS!!!

*Mr. King*



# THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

## December 2022

We are on the tail end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2022-23 school year. Please make sure that you and your child review their grades before the end of the semester. Please check PowerSchool for your child's most updated grades. Please contact Mrs. Luedtke at [mitziluedtke@humphrey.esu7.org](mailto:mitziluedtke@humphrey.esu7.org) if you need assistance. So, with that being said, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving as was able to get away from the everyday hustle and bustle. A few things that I wanted to cover

- One-Act season has come and gone and the students and coaches did a great job this year. If you see the cast, crew, and coaches please have a conversation about their program. They worked hard this year and did great.
- Basketball and Bowling are now under way and I wanted to make sure that everyone had a chance to look at the schedule. This is important because this year is full of away games. Make sure you come out and support the students and coaches.
- I will send out messages on Connct5 every week to notify parents and students of potentially being on the D/F list. I will then notify parents by mail if your child is on the D/F list. Please remember if a student has two F's then that student is not eligible for extracurricular activities. However, new this year, students are able to become eligible right away once their grades are brought up.
- I will also send out a Connect5 message to families who have a negative lunch balance every few weeks. Please remember that the USDA is no longer paying for public school lunches effective at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. If you have questions or want to know your balance, please call the office.
- Please speak with your child about the district rule for cell phones at school. Our rule is that students need to place their phone in their locker during the school day. If you need to contact your child during the school day, every 7-12 students have access to email during the day and parents can call the office and have a message delivered to their child. I apologize for the inconvenience, but cell phones have progressively become a larger issue for school districts across the country each school year.
- Last, if your child drives to school, please take the time to speak with them about winter driving.

Thank you.

*Mr. Kirby*



# DECEMBER

## *Elementary News*

**From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:**

Welcome to December! It is hard to believe that the 1<sup>st</sup> semester is nearing an end. Since we have had some ice and snow, it is beginning to look a lot more like winter. Please remember that it is ultimately the parents' decision to decide if their child(ren) should come to school based off weather and road conditions. Our goal is always to ensure that the students and staff are safe to arrive at school.

The students have been gearing up for their winter music concert that is set to take place on December 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30. Mrs. Whited is finalizing the schedule and we will provide additional details as the concert gets closer. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Whited through email or phone call at school.

As we continue to progress through the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, midterm reports for grades K-6 have been sent home. Please check your child's backpack and discuss these reports with them. This ensures that we are all on the same page regarding your child's education.

Individual Score Reports (ISR) for grades 4-6 were sent home a couple of weeks ago. These are from their spring NSCAS State Assessment tests from last school year. If you did not receive this or have questions regarding it, please contact the school and we discuss it with you.

While we are on the topic of NSCAS State Assessment testing, students in grades 3-6 will be doing our winter testing beginning on December 5<sup>th</sup> and going through December 9<sup>th</sup>. All students in grades 3-6 will be doing a Math test and an English-Language Arts test. It is important that your child is receiving an ample amount of sleep and a healthy breakfast before testing. Please encourage your student to try their best and take their time. These tests help us make instructional decisions regarding our curriculum and ways to improve our instruction to meet the needs of our students.

We will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Bulldog Rally before our winter break in December. We will once again be highlighting our elementary students and their academic successes as well as students who received a positive office referral.

Lastly, our Winter Break will be from December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be resuming school on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We will continue to keep moving forward and striving to be our Bulldog BEST everyday! Have a GREAT December and WINTER BREAK!

***Educationally Yours,***

***Mr. Rathje***

# DECEMBER

Greetings from the Counselor

I'm not certain how it is December when November just started yesterday, but here we are! 😊 In all seriousness, I hope everyone has had a great first half of our school year and that the second half is even better. Here's also to wishing all of our families a healthy and blessed holiday season!

Elementary in review: This past month in elementary guidance, we spoke about kindness, feelings, drug awareness, empathy, embracing our differences, healthy living and showing our thankfulness. We completed activities such as identifying feelings, developing coping strategies, teaching our classmates various skills, classroom discussion, and various crafts that are all over the school. What a wonderful time to celebrate all that we are thankful for as we enter into the Holiday season. Students also discussed being thankful for family, religion, school, friends, and good health. The students at Humphrey Public are extremely thankful, blessed, and great kids to work with.

Elementary in the future: In the month of December, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will do some research on colleges and be introduced to the terminology. Research shows the younger we introduce college and future career planning to our students, the more likely they are to plan and pursue a successful future. It's a perfect time for students to come home over the holiday season and talk to many family members about college and future careers. I encourage these discussions if possible. During this time, K-4<sup>th</sup> grade will work on social skills, especially good manners, caring for others, correct ways to disagree, and continuing to change the world through our kind ways. This leads into the Christmas season, which is a perfect time to talk about acting in this manner.

## **Junior High:**

1. Continue to think about different careers you would like to pursue. Narrowing your search down at a younger age will help as you make your decision in your high school career about what path lies ahead for you.
2. Ask me questions, ask your teachers questions, ask your family questions. That is the best way to get answers. 😊
3. Continue to save money for when you do go to college or enter the real world after high school. You will definitely be glad you did.
4. Remember that your grades can directly affect your future as well. Take the time to complete projects and homework assignments thoroughly and to the best of your ability. You are the people who will benefit the most from that. Colleges are starting to accept GPA over ACT scores for scholarships and admittance. Make sure your early high school years don't leave a lasting negative effect on your future.
5. As always, be involved and cheer on your classmates who are involved in activities as well. A positive school environment involves you.

### **9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grades:**

1. Start researching the careers you have been thinking about. Look at different colleges that would be a good fit for you.
2. Have a conversation with your parents about how college is going to be paid for. Are your parents going to help? Will you pay for most of it? Are they going to pay for books? Cost plays a big part in determining where some students go to college. Having this conversation early, will help prevent stresses later on.
3. Many of you are involved in activities right now. Remember to stay caught up on your schoolwork. Life doesn't halt because we are busy, we have to learn to succeed despite the business. On that note, I encourage you all to be involved and support those that are also involved.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

1. Narrow down your career options and visit those schools that have the option. If you are undecided, that is okay. Many colleges won't have you declare until after your first year, but it is best to have thought about different majors so that you go into college with some idea.
2. I encourage you to consider taking the ACT before the state testing date. The ACT has replaced the NESA/NSCAS for juniors. All juniors in the state of Nebraska will take an ACT given at school in the spring. By taking an ACT before then, you will have more confidence and be better prepared for the spring ACT date. As many of you know, a good ACT score can truly help your future. If your score is not where you want it, don't panic. By taking the test early, there is time to study and try new techniques.
3. All juniors will take part in the John Baylor Test Prep. As stated before, buy into this and it will help.
4. Go on college visits. The only way to truly see if a college is for you is to get on campus and visit. This gives you the first-hand experience needed to make your decisions. If you need help setting up a visit or researching schools, please, come in and see me.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

1. Many of you have your FAFSA completed. If not, work on completing it. If you need help with it, please ask. If you are waiting for the right time, I do understand. Please, share with parents the emails I send regarding financial assistance. After submitting the FAFSA, you should expect a Student Aid Report (SAR). This will come to you in your email. This says that your FAFSA was received and if there are any other necessary actions to take with your FAFSA. If this report shows an income much larger than it should, we can still go back into the FAFSA and make the necessary changes. By completing it early, this allows for the necessary time to do so.
2. Continue or begin looking for scholarships. I have the Google Doc and update as I am made aware of scholarships. You may also use *ScholarshipQuest* at [Educationquest.org](http://Educationquest.org). Also, Peterson's, FindTuition, Cappex, and School Soup are free websites that may have more scholarships available for you.
3. Make sure you are applying for admission into the college you want to go to. If you are unsure, apply to both. See what scholarships you receive, compare pros and cons, double check that they have your major, and make your decision. Please, let me know if there are necessary transcripts or materials that I need to send in.

On an ending note, we have been lucky with decent weather so far this year. However, never trust Nebraska weather. Students, if you are driving, please have an ice scraper, an extra coat, or other necessary items for the winter. Parents, please make sure students are coming to school with coats, hats and gloves when necessary. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and blessed Holiday Season.

Cami Oelsigle  
K-12 School Counselor  
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### Dates to Remember:

12/08/2022: JH/HS Holiday Concert 7:00pm

12/12/2022: Elementary Music Concert 6:30pm

School Board Meeting 7:30pm

12/21/2022: 12:00 pm Dismissal for Staff & Students

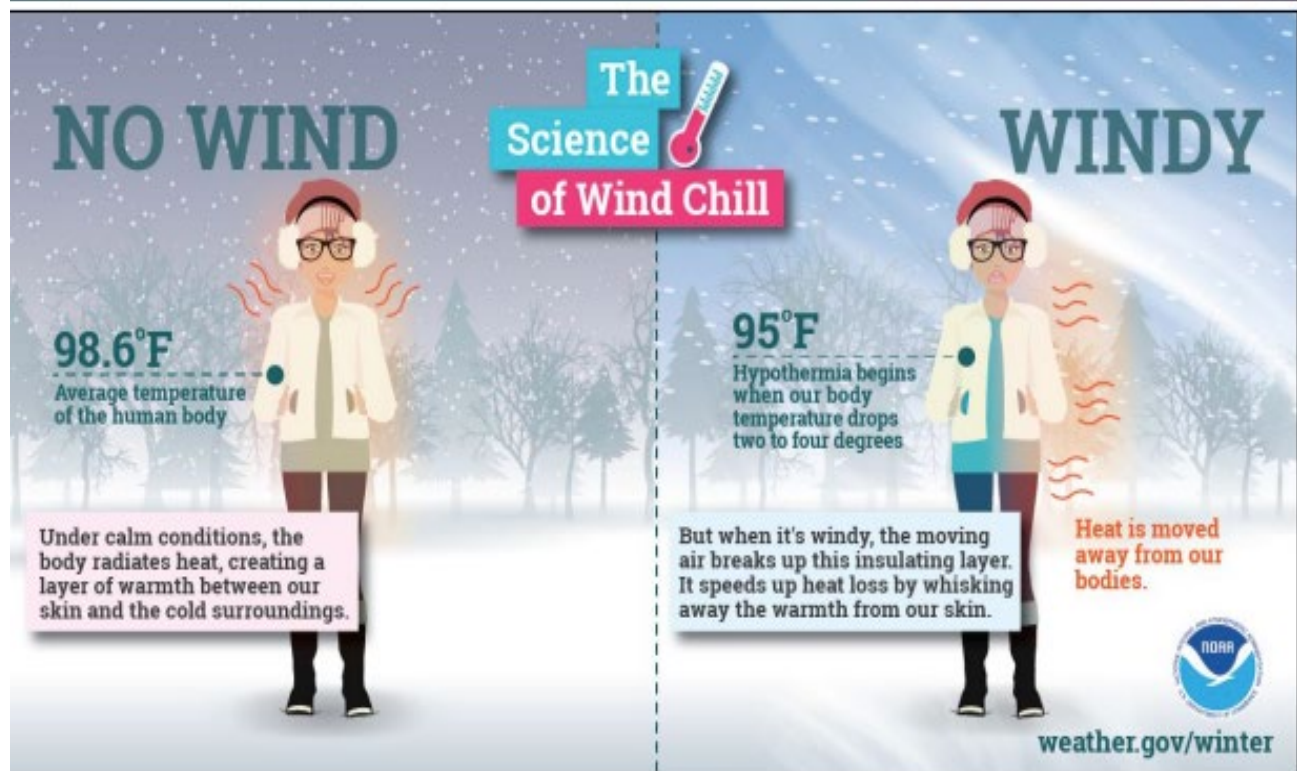
12/22/2022 – 01/02/2022: Christmas Break

01/03/2022: School resumes

**\*\*New\*\*** 03/06/2022: No School for students






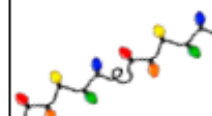






Please note that winter weather is among us. Make sure you kiddos have coats, hats, gloves, etc. for the days they go outside for recess.



# Humphrey Public School Activities



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Check out the website & watch for the most up to date information at <a href="http://www.humphreybulldogs.org">www.humphreybulldogs.org</a> Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information.			1	2 *3rd Grade Gingerbread Houses *FCCLA Meeting *HS G/B BB vs Clarkson-Leigh @ HHS 	3 *JH G BB vs Clarkson-Leigh @ HHS *Bowling @ Newman Grove *HS G/B BB vs Battle Creek @ HHS (FCCLA hosting soup supper)
4	5 *FFA District Leadership *JH G BB @ Elkhorn Valley *C Team G/B BB @ Clarkson Leigh	6 *Bowling @ Columbus Westbrook *JH G BB @ Plainview *HS G BB @ Plainview	7 *Cheer Practice *FFA Meeting *State One Act 	8 *Bowling @ Humphrey *JH/HS Holiday Concert 	9 *FFA Fruit Sorting *HS G/B BB vs Howells-Dodge @ HHS	10 *Bowling Tournament @ Norfolk *JH G BB vs Fullerton @ LHF
11	12 *Elementary Holiday Concert *Speech Practice *School Board Meeting 7:30pm 	13 *Bowling Dual @ North Bend *Connecting the Dots @ CCC for Sophomores *HS G/B BB @ Fender	14 *Dance Practice *Banking in School	15 *Bowling Dual @ Humphrey *HS G/B BB @ Lutheran High Northeast	16 *FCCLA Meeting 	17 *JH G BB vs Howells-Dodge @ HHS *Bowling Dual @ Humphrey *HS G/B BB @ Lyons-Decatur
18	19 *JH G BB vs GACC & HHS *Speech Practice *FCCLA Christmas Party	20 *HS G/B BB @ Columbus Scotus	21 12:00 Dismissal <b>NO PRESCHOOL</b> End of 2nd Qtr/1st Semester <b>No Breakfast/No Lunch</b> *Cheer Practice *End of 2nd Qtr/1st Semester	22 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Christmas Break until January 3, 2023           </div>	23 <div style="border-top: 1px dashed green; text-align: center;">             ----- NSAA Moratorium -----           </div>	24 
25  <div style="border-top: 1px dashed green; text-align: center;">             ----- NSAA Moratorium -----           </div>	26	27	28 <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             G/B Holiday Tourney at North Bend           </div> 	29	30 *Speech Practice	31  <div style="text-align: right;"> <b>HAPPY New Year</b> </div>





# December 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Menus subject to change.</p> <p>Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast. Choice of cold sandwich, milk, water, salad and fruit bar offered daily for lunch.</p> <p>Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am.</p> <p>USDA is an equal opportunity provider &amp; employer.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Cooks Choice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Cooks Choice</p>
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<p>19</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Cooks Choice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Cooks Choice</p>	<p>21</p> <p>No Breakfast No Lunch</p> <p>Early Dismissal</p>	<p>HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS BREAK.</p> <p>See you back Tuesday January 3rd!!</p> 	