



December 2020 Newsletter

From the Superintendent's desk:

I'm sure I can safely say that we have never been through a semester of school quite like the one we are finishing up thanks to COVID-19. I don't want to wish time away from any of us because it is so valuable. I understand why many of us can't wait to say good-bye to 2020 and hello to 2021, I hope you do take the opportunity to reflect on some of the positives from 2020. If I had a Christmas wish, my wish would be that 2021 will bring some normalcy back to our students, staff, school, community and the entire country. While we look forward to the new year, I believe it is important to remember things are not going to magically change when we turn the calendar to January 1st. It is going to be important to continue to do what is right—wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands, etc. We have come too far to let this pandemic win now. I want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and happy new year.

As we enter the upcoming winter sports season, there are several changes that I want to bring to your attention. About two weeks ago, I shared out via the connect 5 system, the Humphrey-Lindsay Holy Family Winter Activities Protocol. I want to highlight some of the more important protocols with you to help our students stay in activities. All the protocols have been developed using current directed health measures (DHM) and NSAA mandates/guidelines. The following are expectations at Humphrey-Lindsay Holy Family home events. When we visit other schools, they may have different guidelines. HLHF teams, coaches, and fans are expected to comply with those expectations.

- 1. Everyone in attendance must wear masks covering your nose and mouth. The only exception are the players who are actively participating.**
- 2. Fan attendance for all indoor extracurricular activities is limited to household members of participants only. Grandparents will be considered as household members but you must sit together.**
- 3. The current DHM requires capacity to be capped at 25%. Two (2) tickets per roster player will be distributed when we have 4 games for all fans. When we have a JV/Varsity girl only or JV/Varsity boys only (2 Games in a night) three (3) tickets per roster player will be distributed. Student managers (max. of 3) will be allowed one (1) ticket only.**
- 4. Only those with a ticket will be allowed to pay admission into contests.**
- 5. Six feet of separation between parties is required at all activities.**

- 6. Families are encouraged to sit together with HLHF fans sitting on the west area of the bleachers and visiting fans sitting on the east area of the bleachers.**
- 7. Players and fans should not congregate on the court following the game.**
- 8. The concession stand will sell pop, water, pizza, and candy only. You are asked to please eat food in the cafeteria. No food may be brought into the facility by anyone!**
- 9. Hydration stations are available to fill bottles. Drinking fountains will not be available.**
- 10. We ask that families screen for COVID-19 symptoms at home.**
- 11. Wash hands frequently and properly social distance at least 6-feet if possible.**
- 12. If you answer yes to any of the following questions, we ask you not to attend the activity.**
 - a. Have you been in contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19?**
 - b. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 or are pending results of COVID-19 testing?**
 - c. Do you have the following symptoms? - fever over 100.4, dry cough, shortness of breath/difficulty of breathing, loss of taste or smell.**
 - d. Do you have two of the following symptoms: chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.**
- 13. Live Streaming - You can watch all home varsity girl and boy games as they will be livestreamed. A link will be posted on the HLHF social media pages and sent to opposing schools in advance of the games.**

Before I end this newsletter, I want to personally and professionally thank Mrs. Luedtke for all the time and effort she has put in the first semester and upcoming second semester livestreaming the many Bulldog activities. Her willingness to livestream Bulldog activities have made many people very happy because they are able to watch their kids and/or grandkids. Her acts of kindness are so appreciated by myself and many others, when you have a chance, send Mrs. Luedtke an email, text or tell her in-person how much you appreciate the time she willingly spends to livestream and bring our kid's activities into your homes. Thank you so much Mrs. Luedtke, you are Bulldog AWESOME!!

I want to end my newsletter as I always do by saying should you ever have any questions, please call and get the answers. This will help curb any misinformation and help eliminate rumors and your concerns. Clear and open communication between the community and the school are vital areas in the success of Humphrey Public School.

Happy Holidays

Mr. Sjuts





From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome to December! I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first semester for the 2020-2021 school year. As we finish up the first semester, please encourage your students to make sure they are getting all of their assignments completed on time and preparing for any tests they may have to ensure they will finish the first semester with the best grade possible.

It is that time of year again that our students showcase their musical talents. Due to the current circumstances, our performances are going to look a little different. We will not be holding our elementary concert in person. Instead, the students will record their performances during the school day and the recordings will be shared with parents. Our JH/HS concert will be in-person on Monday, December 21 at 7:00pm. Each student will be provided two tickets for immediate family members or grandparents to attend to stay within the directed health measures and the capacity guidelines. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we continue to provide these opportunities for our students.

Back in early November a reminder was sent to parents and students that **ALL** Humphrey Public School students PK-12 are eligible for **FREE** lunch and breakfast through the USDA program. Students are able to get their initial course for both breakfast and lunch free. Students are only charged for their seconds (\$0.90) or additional milk (\$0.45). I would highly recommend that parents encourage their students to take part in this great opportunity. This program will continue through the remainder of the school year. If you would like to start prepaying on your account for next year, please send money to Michelle. For those that owe for seconds, please continue to send a payment each month. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school. We would be happy to assist.

On Monday, November 30, Humphrey Public School completed a trial run of our remote learning schedule. We appreciate your assistance during this trial run. Mrs. Luetke sent out a survey to gather feedback from students, parents, and staff. We will review the data and make adjustments to our plan as needed. We appreciate that you take the time to complete the survey as your input is valuable. Again, this was a trial run. We definitely want to keep our students in school as this is where they learn best and are able to interact with their peers. We wanted to work out any issues in the event we have to go to remote learning.

As I wrap up my letter, please remember that my door is always open if you ever feel the need to talk about any concerns that you may have. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Until my next letter, have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Mr. King



Greetings from the Counselor

Way to go Bulldogs! If anyone were to ask me in August if we would have made it this far with in-person learning, I would have answered with “no”. I am so incredibly proud of the effort of our administration, students, staff, and community. Each and every one of you should be proud of yourselves! Go Bulldogs!

Elementary in review: This past month in elementary guidance, we spoke about kindness, feelings, drug awareness, empathy, healthy living and being and showing our thankfulness. We completed activities such as identifying feelings, developing coping strategies, 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, 5th and 6th 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-4th 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.
5. As always, be involved and cheer on your classmates who are involved in activities as well. A positive school environment involves you.

9th-10th 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.

11th 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 NES/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.

12th Grade:



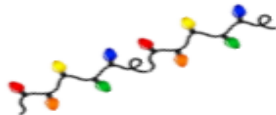




1. Many of you have your FAFSA completed. If not, work on completing it. If you need help with it, please ask. If you are waiting for the right time, I do understand. Please, share with parents the emails I send regarding financial assistance. After submitting the FAFSA, you should expect a Student Aid 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. 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.

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Humphrey Public School Activities



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 *JH G BB vs EPPJ @ LHF	2 *FFA Meeting 7:30am *District One Act @ Harvard	3	4 *HS G/B BB vs Clarkson-Leigh @ HHS 	5 *JH G BB vs Clarkson-Leigh @ HHS *HS G/B BB vs Battle Creek @ HHS *Bowling @ Newman Grove
6	7 *JH G BB @ Elkhorn Valley *One Act Practice *C Team G/B BB @ Clarkson *7:00pm Booster Club/Post Prom Mtg	8 *JH G BB @ Plainview *HS G BB @ Plainview	9 *State One Act 	10 *HS G/B BB vs Howells-Dodge @ HHS *Bowling vs Dodge Dual @ HHS	11 *JH G BB vs GACC @ LHF	12 *JH G BB vs Fullerton @ LHF *HS G/B BB @ Shelby-Rising City *Bowling @ Norfolk
13	14 *School Board Mtg 7:30pm	15 *HS G/B BB vs Pender @ HHS	16 	17 *HS B BB vs Auburn @ Fremont (JV/V) *Bowling vs Boone Central @ HHS	18	19 *JH G BB vs Howells-Dodge @ HHS *HS G/B BB vs Boone Central @ HHS *Bowling vs TC Thunder @ HHS
20	21 *7-12 Music Concert 	22 12:00 Dismissal NO PRESCHOOL End of 2nd Qrt/1st Semester No Breakfast/No Lunch *HS G/B BB @ Columbus Scotus	23 Christmas Break until January 5, 2021	24  ----- NSAA Moratorium -----	25 	26
27 - NSAA Moratorium	28	29 G/B Holiday Tourney at North Bend - TBA 	30	31 	Check out the website & watch for the most up to date information at www.humphreybulldogs.org Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information.	



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Menus subject to change. Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast. Choice of cold sandwich, milk, water and salad bar offered daily for lunch. Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am. USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.</p>				
	1 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chinese over Rice Broccoli Peaches	2 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Goulash Green Beans Pears Dinner Bun	3 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Dinner Bun	4 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Shredded BBQ Pork on a Bun Corn Mandarin Oranges
7 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Flying Saucer Mashed Potatoes California Blend Pears Dinner Bun	8 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Apple	9 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Soft Shell Taco Lettuce Peaches	10 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Popcorn Chicken Bowl Corn Pineapple	11 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Bulldog Burger French Fries Banana
14 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Soup/Chili Cinnamon Roll Orange Slices	15 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Sub Sandwich Corn Pears	16 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes Dressing Corn Dessert Dinner Bun	17 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Breakfast Pizza Tri Taters Applesauce	18 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Ravioli & Meatballs Green Beans Pineapple
21 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chicken Nuggets Corn Mandarin Oranges	22 No Breakfast No Lunch Early Dismissal	<p>HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS BREAK. See you back Thursday January 5th!!</p>		

