



From the Superintendent's desk:

Welcome to November. I want to start my November newsletter with information regarding communications on school cancelation/late start information in case of inclement weather as we are making the transition from fall to winter. Humphrey Public School will continue to utilize the Connect 5 messaging system for weather related postponements and cancellations. We have been using this system for communications for the past several years. If you have not been getting information, please contact the school office to ensure we have the most up to date phone numbers and email addresses. The district will also utilize area radio and television stations as well. I've included the radio and television stations below that I will contact. Hopefully there is one station listed that you listen to or watch, for school related announcements. Living in Nebraska, we understand how quickly our weather can change and at the most inopportune time, such as when buses are in the middle of their routes. The decision to go with a 10:00 a.m. late start or cancel school is one of the more difficult decisions I make. Please know that I will base every school/weather related decision on the safety of our students. Regardless of the decision I make, you as parents must make the FINAL decision, to either send them or keep them at home. This is your decision to make! If you decide to send them, make sure students understand the same thing I tell the bus drivers, which is, leave early, slow down, take your time, and if you're late, that is fine because I want everyone to arrive safely. Generally speaking, I will make weather related decisions by 6:15 a.m. When conditions warrant, I will announce the night before so parents have an opportunity to make necessary arrangements.

Radio Stations	Television Stations		
<u>KIX 106.7</u> / <u>107.9 The Bull</u> / <u>US 92 FM</u>	KOLN/KGIN TV Channel 10/11 Lincoln		

Humphrey St. Francis will be hosting this year's Veteran's Day program on Friday, November 10, 2023 starting at 9:30 a.m. The program will be for all community members, both Humphrey Public and St. Francis staff and students, but especially for our veteran's living in and around Humphrey. The Veteran's Day program provides us the opportunity to recognize and pay tribute to veterans for their sacrifice and service to our country.

I want to thank our fall coaches and student athletes for all of their hardwork and dedication to their respective teams. Our football, volleyball and cross country teams showed improvement throughout the year and made us proud. With our fall sports seasons wrapping up, our One Act season is getting underway. There will be a couple of opportunities to come and watch their performance. They will be participating in the St. Francis One Act Festival on Monday, November 13th and will also have public performances at a later date prior to district competition. I know they

would greatly appreciate your support. Winter NSAA activities will begin practicing on Monday, November 13, 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 November & GO BULLDOGS!!!

Mr. King



THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

November 2023

The 2nd quarter of the year is now in full swing and fall sports are coming to an end. With that, winter and all it has to bring is on its way. There are a few things that I wanted to cover as we get into the dead of winter.

- Please be aware that as the temperatures drop that student wear appropriate clothing. I understand that this is easier said than done, but please have that discussion with the students.
- Congratulations to the HLHF Volleyball team for making it to the state tournament on November 1-3 in Lincoln.
- Basketball and Bowling will begin practice on November 13. Please make sure that your child has their sports physical completed.
- 7th grade parents, I did have a conversation with the 7th grade class and their grades. Please talk with your student about keeping up with their grades and have them ask for help if they need.
- The month of November may not have many ball games but there is still a lot going on. The One-Act team will have their EHC and district shows in November. FFA has their national convention in Indianapolis on November 1-3 Other things going on are November 8th the Jr/Sr classes will be going to UNL and on November 14th the 8th grade class will be taking a trip to Northeast CC. Last, Jr High girls' basketball will have their first game on November 13th.
- Sr parents, 2nd semester will start here in two months. IF you and your child are interested in the Humphrey Diversified Occupations program, please contact myself, Mrs. Graham, or Ms. Oelsligle. We will need to complete some paper work before the start of the semester.

As always, thank you



NOVEMBER *Elementary News*

From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:

Welcome to November! It is exciting to see the leaves falling. But with this brings cooler weather. Please remember to dress your child(ren) appropriately as we will continue to go outside for recess if the weather permits.

A reminder on some school days in November. We have no school on Friday, November 3rd. We will also have no school on November 22nd-24th for Thanksgiving Break.

I can't believe how fast the first quarter flew by. It seems to go faster and faster each year. Report cards have been sent home. If for some reason you did not receive one for your child, please contact the school and we will get one sent out.

The Veteran's Day program will be on Friday, November 10th and take place at Humphrey St. Francis this year. All are welcome to attend as we honor those who have served or are currently serving our country.

We will be holding a Bulldog Rally in the next couple of weeks. This event will highlight elementary students and their academic successes as well as students who received a positive office referral. It is a great time to show off all of the hard work that our elementary students have done.

Once again, our students in grades 3-6 will be taking the NSCAS State Assessments. This is a through the year test in which our students will participate in the winter and spring. The students in grades 3-6 will be completing Math and English-Language Arts tests. Grade 5 will also be completing a Science test. We will look to begin testing in early December. This means that your students should be getting an ample amount of sleep at night as well as a healthy breakfast in the morning before testing.

The 2nd quarter is underway and we have many activities before we have our break in December. 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 November!

Educationally Yours,

Mr. Rathje



Greetings from the School Counselor,

Harvest is off and running and so are our students. Continue to check with teachers about the homework and projects you need to complete if you are out of the building. I, too, am frequently out of the building. If you need my assistance and I am absent, please, feel free to email me, leave me notes, or communicate to me in any way that you can what it is that I can assist you all with. As always, please contact me if there is anything at all that I can do to help you.

Elementary in review: The past month in elementary guidance has focused on developing social skills that are beneficial for students in school, with learning, and at home. We spoke about respect, responsibility, fairness, and empathy. These different qualities all help to build more well-rounded students who are all accepting of each other. This is in correlation with our antibullying policy at school and with the nation because October is bullying prevention month. We also discussed bullying and how there is no place for it at Humphrey Public Schools. Please, continue to talk with your students about the importance of treating everyone kindly.

We have had limited instances of bullying currently this school year. We are hopeful that is because it is not happening and not because we do not know about it. Therefore, we ask if it is occurring to please communicate with us. We cannot help if we do not know. We ask that at home you are speaking about the importance of bully free schools. I encourage students to stand up to those who are bullying, support those who have been bullied, and do their best to never become a bully. If you are aware of bullying instances, please, talk to someone. We want our learning environment to be safe and effective for all of our students.

As we move into November, we will be working with positive classroom behavior, being a good friend, giving compliments, and being thankful. This leads into our Holiday Season and I want to wish all our Bulldog families a truly blessed one.

Junior High:

- 1. Now is the time to remember that our GPA matters a great deal in our future. Continue to work hard for your grades, ask help if you do not understand, and stay caught up on all of your work despite all other activities.
- 2. I also encourage you to begin joining the different clubs and organizations that Humphrey Public Schools offers for instance FCCLA/FFA, athletic teams, robotics, speech and play production, and attending school events to show and build your school spirit.

3. It is also never too early to start saving up for college or your future. This means the money for tuition, books, room and board, and especially spending money while you are at college. It also may be helpful when purchasing a vehicle or other necessity items upon graduation if you choose a different path than college. Keep thinking about what you would like to do in your future career and the steps it will take to get there. Remember, I am always here to help.

9th-10th Grade:

- 1. Continue to try your very best in your classes and completing class work. Your GPA has a direct effect on the amount of assistance you have for college, where you will be able to go to college, and even getting into college. If you work hard now, it will pay off in the future.
- 2. Continue to be or get involved within the school. It helps to build well-rounded individuals and looks wonderful on resumes too. Start saving up money for college and your future.
- 3. Check your school emails. I communicate through here frequently. There are some opportunities for under classmen to attend. I will email out many of these opportunities! Also, pay attention to posters outside of my office. They also have helpful information posted.

11th Grade:

- 1. As with the other classes, continue to work hard on your grades and activities you are involved in. It will pay off in the future.
- 2. I encourage you all to start talking about college more frequently. Talk to your parents about plans for paying for college. Then, keep that in mind as you research colleges. Now is the perfect time to visit colleges and find the best fit for you. You are allowed to go on college visits with parent permission. If you need help setting that up, please, let me know.
- 3. Another good idea is job shadowing. This helps you to figure out if a career is a good fit for you or not.
- 4. I also encourage you to meet with the college representatives that visit school. If you are for sure the college is not a fit, please stay in class. However, if it is a college you have thought about, please visit with them. It is a quick and efficient way to see if a college may be right for you.
- 5. It is never a bad idea to take the ACT. You can register at: <u>www.act.org</u> In preparation for the ACT, you all have access to your On To College accounts. There are many courses within there that help prepare you for numerous assessments, but is proven to be beneficial for the ACT.

11th and 12th Grade students:

 I have created On to College (John Baylor) ACT Test Prep accounts for you. John Baylor can be accessed at <u>www.ontocollege.com</u>. This is a great free tool for you to use in preparation for the required ACT. Your username is your school email and your password is your first name capitalized plus the year you graduate. For instance: johnbaylor@humphrey.esu7.org is the username and John2023 would be the password. Please, come see me if you have issues with either account. 2. On to College Prep, which uses John Baylor, will be implemented during the 11th grade Careers course in the second semester. This is to help with the State ACT Test all juniors will complete. With the correct use of these resources, ACT scores typically show a growth of 2-3 points. If you would like to register for an act visit <u>www.act.org</u> to register. If you qualify for free/reduced priced lunches, please see me for a test fee waiver.

12th Grade:

- 1. Continue working on maintaining high grades. Research has shown one of the biggest indicators for a successful college student is a student who has continued to maintain a high GPA while in high school. The high GPA can help to offset ACT scores that might not be as high as we would like. \
- 2. On the note of ACT scores, the last test date typically accepted by colleges for scholarships is the December 6th date. Some schools are willing to accept the February test date, but that is not guaranteed. You may register at <u>www.act.org</u>. Always pay attention to registration deadlines that are posted outside of my office and on posters throughout the school.
- 3. Continue to visit colleges. Find the right fit for you. Consider the location, cost, and degree options. If you would like help researching the college, please, see me and we can do that.
- 4. Create FSA Ids. This will be needed for the FAFSA when it releases in December.

As always, if there is anything that I can do to help in any of these processes, please, let me know. You may contact me in person, through phone, email, notes, etc. Whichever works for you, I will make it work for me.

It is a great day to be a Bulldog!

Cami Oelsligle pK-12 School Counselor camio@humphrey.esu7.org





Humphrey Public School

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Activities are s scheduling conflic for the most u	ubject to change due cts, etc. Please watch up to date information w.humphreybulldogs	the daily bulletin n. Thank You!	1 "Banking in School "National FFA Convention	2 * National FFA	3 "National FFA Convention "State VB NO SCHOOL	4
5 2FALL BACK MAXE CLOSER	6 "6th & 7th Grade to Husker G BB "EHC Honor Choir @ Wisner-Pilger "Booster Club/Post Prom Meeting	7 *Robotics Meeting	8 "FFA Livestock Judging In Columbus "UNL visit with Grades 10-12 "FFA Jr Officer Meeting	9 "FFA Loadership Night	10 "Veterans Day Program at HSF "FA Fruit Sales Due "Basketball Madnesss Grades 2-6	11 Veterans Day
12	13 "One Act at HSF "JH G BB vs Battle Creek @ HHS "School Board Meeting	14 *EHC One Act @ Leigh *College Visit - 8th Grade	15 "Banking in School	16	17 "FCCLA Meeting	18 "JH G BB Tournament @ HHS "JH Dance
19	20 *One Act Public Performance	21 HS G/B BB Jamboree @ LHF	22 No Thank	23 OSCHO	24 DOL Break	25
26	27 *JH G BB vs Twin River @ LHF	28 "JH G BB @ EPPJ	29 "Banking in School	30		

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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
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.		Hot Sandwich/Coid Cereal Beef Pattles Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit/Veggle Bar Bun	4 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chicken Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Veggle Bar	No School
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