

# SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER



## STAFF SHOUT OUT

A big thank you goes out to our amazing custodial staff (Robby, Brandie, & Todd) for their hard work in getting our school ready for the 2024-2025 school year! We greatly appreciate your efforts!

Welcome back to all staff and students for the 2024-2025 school year! I hope you had a relaxing, fun filled, and enjoyable summer. The administrative team is ecstatic to begin another school year. This year's teacher in-service will be held Monday, August 12 through Wednesday, August 14. The first day of school for students is Thursday, August 15, which will be a 1:00pm early dismissal.

With a new school year, we have new staff members joining our team. I want to welcome Travis Friesen who will be teaching 7-12 Social Studies and Weights. Jane Schnitzler will be joining our Special Education Department as a Para. Finally, Brandie Gronenthal has joined our custodial team. We are fortunate to have them as part of our Bulldog family!

Our Humphrey-Lindsay athletic teams have been gearing up for the upcoming seasons. I encourage you to check the website often for schedules or time changes. New this year is the added cooperatives for Play Production, Girls Golf, and Speech. We are excited to watch our Bulldogs compete!

As we begin a new year, we do our very best to streamline our communications and get them out in a timely manner. I would encourage you to check the website often for any changes that are made. We will continue to use our Connect 5 messaging system to send out text messages and emails with information or changes to any schedules.



# Go Bulldogs

The Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch forms will be included in the Back to School packets. I encourage all parents to fill this form out because should your family qualify for a free/reduced price meal, the school district also receives funding based on our free and reduced number of children. This federal program helps fund academic assistance known as Title I for our school. We also receive federal and state reimbursement for every reduced or free meal which helps our school breakfast and lunch program. All information submitted is kept confidential and is known by only Pam Friesen and Mr. Rathje.

I am very excited to begin my ninth year at Humphrey Public Schools and third year as superintendent. I look forward to serving the district to the best of my abilities. Humphrey is a phenomenal place to be and I look forward to being here for years to come. I will continue to do my very best to 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 Schools!

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 an awesome school year. GO BULLDOGS!

*Mr. King*



## Open House

HPS will host an Open House on Tuesday, August 13 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Drop off your school supplies, see your new classroom, meet your teacher, and pick up your back to school packets. A free meal will be provided!



# THE BULLDOG

## NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

August 2024

I hope all of you have had some time to do something that you enjoy and spend it with people who you enjoy. The start of the 2024-2025 school year is just a few short weeks away. I wanted to take the first newsletter of the school year to bring a few things to your attention.

- Make sure that all fall sports participants have their sports physicals completed before August 12th. Student cannot participate until they have their physical.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation will be held at HHS starting at 6:00pm on August 8th. This should not take any longer than about an hour.
- Please take the time to review the Student/Parent handbook for this academic year. There are a few things to point out. 1. Students who are ineligible are able to become eligible right away if their grades are brought up (with my approval). 2. I will send out a warning list for the D/F list every Friday (via Connect5) to parents. The D/F list will be released every Monday. 3. **Cell phones are to be placed in the student's locker. I am going to be a stickler about cell phones (more so than I have been).**
- As activities begin, if you would like to allow your student to go to a school activity to watch, such as football, volleyball, cross country, and softball. Please complete the following. 1. Call the office to allow your student to be released for that activity. I ask that you do this at least a day before the event. 2. Have your student complete a yellow release form by the teachers so that any class work is understood. I am asking the students to complete these steps to eliminate any confusion in the office, classroom, and cafeteria. Please do not call the day of the activity to have your student released to go watch a meet. Please plan ahead of time.
- Tech Bootcamp is now to be completed online. You will still need to come to school and pay for your child's computer fee along with sign the computer agreement.
- Spanish classes will now be offered in house starting this year. Mrs. Jill Preister will now be teaching Spanish.
- Please welcome Mr. Travis Freisen to HHS this school year. Most of you already know Mr. Freisen as he has been our head track coach for some time and has also helped with basketball. Mr. Freisen will teach strength and conditioning, Jr high social studies, and a few other classes. We are excited to have Mr. Freisen this year.

Mr. Kirby



Humphrey Students, Staff, & Community,

I am sure that you have been anticipating the arrival of the 2024-2025 school year. First off, I am excited to have all of the students and staff back in the building. It has been a GREAT summer but look forward to seeing all of the smiling faces and memories that we will make this school year. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of the students and families that make up our school district.

We have a new staff member that I would like to introduce. Jane Schnitzler will be coming on our team as a para. We are excited to add her to our staff. She lives in the Humphrey area. We are excited to add her to our staff.

We will be having our Open House and Yard Games on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The event will begin at 6:00. Please take the time to come over to meet your child's teacher and tour the school.

For updates to our calendar and events as well as any announcements, please visit the school website. The website has valuable resources on it and can be useful with information regarding your child's education. If you cannot find what you need, please contact the school and we will work to get you the information that you are seeking.

As a reminder, unless you qualify for free or reduced meals, you will have to pay full price for the school meals. Please look for the Back to School packet that will be sent home for the free or reduced meal application.

Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. Another indicator of success is student attendance. It is imperative that students are consistently at school to ensure learning and achievement. We hope you will make your child's attendance a priority this year and that you will continue to be involved in your child's education.

This school year will be filled with many new challenges and experiences for all students and staff. We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC school year and cannot wait to see our students when they walk in the door on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. with all students meeting in the main entry way and then dismissed to their classroom. Dismissal from school that day will be at 1:00 p.m. The school opens at 7:30. Those that would like breakfast will do so at this time also. I hope you have enjoyed your summer and we are looking forward to our new school year.



Educationally Yours,

Mr. Josh Rathje  
Humphrey Public School  
PK-6 Principal  
Phone: 402-923-1230



How can it be August already?! Summer was fast and furious as always. I hope all of you were able to enjoy some family time, sunshine, and all of your favorite summer activities. We are so excited to see all of our students back in our hallways and classrooms. With the new year approaching, please take a minute or two to sit down and discuss with your child the importance of being kind to one another. There truly is no reason to make someone else's day miserable by picking on them for something that is usually out of their control. We always do our best to keep a bully-free environment here at school, but we are in need of your help, too. If we partner together, all students benefit. Thank you for taking the time to talk with them!

Throughout the school year, if there is ever a time where you believe your child needs to speak with someone about anything regarding their social or emotional needs, please, reach out to me. My email is: [camio@humphrey.esu7.org](mailto:camio@humphrey.esu7.org). Calling the school would also work or utilizing the school webpage "contact me" portion under the counselor page. I am here to help however I am able.

Similar to past years, we will be implementing our school wide screeners this year. This is a way in which we provide tier one support to all students in our building. We utilize this information to provide insight on whether our students may benefit from some additional social and emotional support. We will continue to utilize our evidence based curriculum, Positive Action, for social and emotional learning where all students K-12 will receive lessons on health and well-being, social skills, emotional regulation, and more.

Elementary: We will be implementing more small groups this upcoming school years. Small groups are just like small groups in a classroom where information and activities occur with smaller number of students to enhance the overall retention of the information. Additionally, we are able to target certain skills more directly when students are grouped strategically based on areas of strengths and needs. All elementary students will also receive instruction on social and emotional learning each week to aid in their overall development as a person. This is through the Positive Action curriculum we purchased with our mental health grant last summer.

Junior High: This seems to be an extremely challenging couple of years for students. Please, make sure to continue to check in on their well-being throughout the school year. Students, please, reach out to me if there is something you feel like you need to talk about. That's why I'm here. Please, also remember the importance of knowing what your child is doing on social media. Students, please, make sure you are practice safe technology use while on social media and the internet. Lastly, remember that you all are uniquely and wonderfully made. We love what each and every one of you bring to our school and are so excited for another school year!

High school: Don't blink. Before you know it, it will all be over. Soak in all of the memories you can. Take advantage of school events. Support each other. Join the student sections. Build the relationships that may or may not last a lifetime. Live in the moment and enjoy the opportunities that come your way. Become who you want to become and chase your dreams. Now is the time to start. Please, advocate for yourself and let me know how I can help throughout the school year. I cannot wait to see all that you all are about to accomplish in year 2024-2025. Please, always remember that it is a great day to be kind to one another. Go Bulldogs!

It is a great day to be a Bulldog!

Miss Oelsligle  
pK-12 School Counselor  
[camio@humphrey.esu7.org](mailto:camio@humphrey.esu7.org)



## **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Tuesday 08/13/2024:** Open House 6:00 – 7:30pm

**Thursday 08/15/2024:** First day of school PK3 & K-12.  
1:00pm Dismissal

**Friday 08/16/2024:** First day of school for PK4

**Monday 09/02/2024:** No School. Labor Day

**Tuesday 09/10/2024:** Picture Day

**Wednesday 09/18/2024:** 1:00pm Dismissal. Teacher  
In-Service

**Wednesday 09/25/2024:** No School PK-6. Career day  
for grades 7-12.

**Monday 09/30/2024:** No school. Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

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conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily

bulletin for the most up to date information. Check out the  
website & watch for the most up to date information at

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# HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

JULY 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

	No School
	1:00pm Dismissal
	Teacher Work Day
	P/T Conf. (No School)
	PK First/Last Day
	No School (PK-6)

JANUARY 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**03** Staff PD Day @ ESU 7  
**06** Teacher In-Service  
**07** Students Return to School

**January** Teacher Days: 21  
 Student Days: 19

AUGUST 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**12** Start of Fall Practice  
**12-14** In-service for all teachers  
**12** Open House  
**15** PK-12 First Day (1:00pm Dis.)  
**16** PK4 First Day

**August** Teacher Days: 15  
 Student Days: 12

FEBRUARY 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

**03** P/T Conferences  
**07** No School (P/T Comp Day)  
**26** Early Out – 1:00pm (In-Service)

**February** Teacher Days: 19  
 Student Days: 18

SEPTEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**02** No School: Labor Day  
**18** Early Out (In-Service)  
**25** No School (PK-6)  
**30** P/T Conferences (No School)

**September** Teacher Days: 20  
 Student Days: 19

MARCH 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**03** Start of Spring Practice  
**05-08** State GBB  
**06** End of 3rd Quarter 46 T/43S  
**07** No School (State GBB)  
**12-15** State BBB  
**14** No School (State BBB)

**March** Teacher Days: 19  
 Student Days: 19

OCTOBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**04** NO School (P/T Comp Day)  
**18** End of 1st Q. 45 T/40 S days  
**25** State Cross-Country  
**23** Early Out – 1:00pm (In-Service)

**October** Teacher Days: 22  
 Student Days: 22

APRIL 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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27	28	29	30			

**02** Early Out – 1:00pm (In-Service)  
**18-21** Easter Break

**April** Teacher Days: 20  
 Student Days: 20

NOVEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**6-9** State Volleyball  
**01** No School (Fall Break)  
**18** Start of Winter Practice  
**27-29** Thanksgiving Vacation

**November** Teacher Days: 17  
 Student Days: 17

MAY 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**03** Graduation  
**08** Last Day PK-3  
**09** Last Day PK-4  
**22** Last Day K-12  
**22** End of 4th Quarter 49 T/47 S  
**23** Teacher Inservice  
**21-24** State Track

**May** Teacher Days: 17  
 Student Days: 16  
 2nd Semester Teacher Days: 96  
 Student Days: 92

DECEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**20** End of 2nd Q. 45 T/45 S  
**23-27** 5-Day Moratorium

**December** Teacher Days: 15  
 Student Days: 15

1st Semester Teacher Days: 89  
 Student Days: 85

JUNE 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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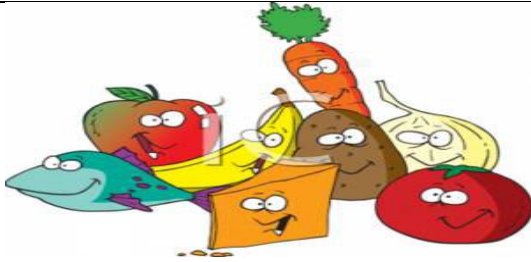
Total 24-25:  
 Teacher Days 185  
 7-12 Student Days - 177  
 PK-6 Student Days - 176

**Note: If school days/instructional hours need to be made up, days will be added to the end of the school year.**



# Humphrey Public School

## August 2024 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Menus subject to change.</p> <p>Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast.</p> <p>Choice of PB&amp;J sandwich with cheese stick or yogurt, milk, water and salad bar offered daily for lunch.</p> <p><i>Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am.</i></p> <p>USDA is an equal opportunity provider &amp; employer.</p>				
			<p>15 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hot Dog Grill Out Chips Fruit &amp; Veggie</p>	<p>16 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
<p>19 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Southwest Pull a Part/ Goulash Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>20 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>21 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken over Rice Mini Corn Dog Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>22 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Nachos &amp; Trimmings Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>23 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
<p>26 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>27 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Spaghetti Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Breadstick</p>	<p>28 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sub Sandwich Chips Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>29 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>30 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Fiestada Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Breadstick</p>



# Humphrey Public School August 2024 Activities



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 *7 <sup>th</sup> Grade orientation 6:00pm	9	10 
11 	12 *HS Fall Sports start *Teacher In-Service *School Board Meeting	13 *Teacher In-Service  <b>Open House 6:00 - 7:30pm</b>	14 *Teacher In-Service	15 <b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (PK3 &amp; K-12)</b> <i>1:00pm Dismissal</i> *Teacher In-Service 1:00pm *SB vs O'Niell *Value Up Assembly 6:30pm	16 <b>PK4 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>	17
18	19	20	21 *Spirit squad practice 6:45am	22 *SB vs Blue Hill/GACC	23 *FCCLA Meeting 7:15am *VB 5:50pm & FB 7:00pm Gatorade Scrimmage	24 *SB Tourney @ Wayne
25	26 *SB vs Yutan/Mead *VB Jamboree vs Cedar Bluff @ HHS	27 *JV/V SB @ Pender	28 *Spirit squad practice 6:45am	29 *VB @ Bancroft (C/JV/V)	30 *Spirit squad practice 6:45am *FB vs Neilgh-Oakdale @ HHS	31 *SB @ Geneva Tourney