

# SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER



## STAFF SHOUT OUT

A big thank you goes out to our substitute teachers. Without our help it would be very difficult to carry on our day to day operations. We greatly appreciate your time that you invest in the betterment of our students!

Welcome to December. As we are making the transition into Winter, it is important for us to share information regarding communications on school cancellations/late start/early dismissal in case of inclement weather. HPS 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. We have been notified in the past that people have not been receiving our text messages. We ask that your cell phone service provider to get assistance. 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 state listed that you listen to or watch for school related announcements. Living in Nebraska, we understand how quickly our weather can change. It is my goal to 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
<a href="#">KIX 106.7</a> / <a href="#">107.9 The Bull</a> / <a href="#">US 92 FM</a>	<a href="#">KOLN/KGIN TV Channel 10/11 Lincoln</a>



# THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

December 2024

We are on the tail end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2024-25 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. Get a hold of Mrs. Luedtke at [mitziluedtke@humphrey.esu7.org](mailto:mitziluedtke@humphrey.esu7.org) if you need assistance. A few things that I wanted to cover

- Please check the activities schedule and try to make a ball game, bowling meet, or a speech meet. The winter months are full of activities and there is always something going on with Basketball, One-Acts, FCCLA, FFA, and Speech.
- I will be sending out a concnet5 each week about low lunch balances. We are currently working with PowerSchool to try and figure out a way you can see your student's balance daily. Also, we are looking into a way for parents to pay online. I do not know the time table for these two things, but we are looking into it.
- Students will participate in an assembly on December 11<sup>th</sup> put on by the Platte County Sheriff's office about safe driving.
- There is only 3 weeks left in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Please keep track of grades as we get closer to the end of December. Communicate with your student and teachers to make sure that everything is taken care of.
- The weather is getting much colder. Please communicate with your child about dressing for the weather.
- 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 cold days, 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 to always ensure that the students and staff are safe to arrive at school. Please also ensure that your students are adequately dressed for outside recess.

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 and Mr. Bertrand are finalizing the details and we will provide any additional information 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.

We will be beginning our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester after our Winter Break. Our Winter Break will be from December 21<sup>st</sup> -January 6<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the teamwork that we have had with the staff, students, and parents. We look forward to having a great second half of the year.

We will be resuming school on January 7<sup>th</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*



## 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, classroom discussion, the effects of rumors, 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 Holiday 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 busyness. 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. 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. The FAFSA will release soon. Be watching for this and work to complete it in an efficient manner.
2. Continue or begin looking for scholarships. I email any and all scholarships I'm aware of. 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  
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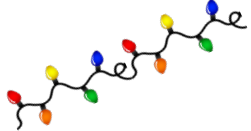
### IMPORTANT DATES:

12/5/24: District One Act @ CCC  
12/6/24: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Gingerbread Houses  
12/9/24: School Board Meeting  
12/12/24: Elementary Winter Music Concert  
12/11/24: FFA Meeting  
12/13/24: FFA Fruit Delivery  
12/18/24: Banking in School  
12/20/24: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter/1<sup>st</sup> Semester – Full Day of School  
12/21/24 – 1/6/25: Christmas Break  
1/7/25: School Resumes



# Humphrey Public School Activities



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> *FFA District Leadership @ Cross County *District UB @ Wayne *JH G BB @ Twin River (Monroe)	<b>3</b> *JH G BB vs Elgin @ HHS *JH/HS Christmas Concert 	<b>4</b> *Banking in School	<b>5</b> *District One Act @ CCC	<b>6</b> *3rd Grade Gingerbread Houses *HS G/B BB vs Clarkson Leigh @ HHS	<b>7</b> *JH G BB vs Clarkson Leigh @ HHS *B @ Newman Grove *HS G/B BB vs Battle Creek @ HHS
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> *UB State @ Lincoln *JH G BB vs Elkhorn Valley @ HHS *C Team G/B BB vs Clarkson Leigh @HHS *School Board Meeting	<b>10</b> *B @ Columbus Westbrook Lanes *JH G BB @ Plainview *HS G BB @ Plainview	<b>11</b> *FFA Meeting	<b>12</b> *Elementary Winter Concert 	<b>13</b> *FFA Fruit Delivery *HS G/B BB vs Howells-Dodge @ HHS	<b>14</b> *B @ Albion *JH G BB vs Fullerton @ HHS
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> *JV B @ Columbus	<b>17</b> *B @ North Bend *HS G/B BB @ Pender	<b>18</b> *Banking in School	<b>19</b> *B @ Newman Grove *HS G/B BB @ LHNE	<b>20</b> *JH G BB @ GACC  End of 2nd Qrt/1st Semester	<b>21</b> * JH G BB vs Howells-Dodge @ HHS *B vs TC Thunder @ Humphrey *HS G/B BB @ Lyons
<b>22</b> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">                         Christmas Break until January 7, 2025                     </div>	<b>23</b> ----- NSAA Moratorium -----	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">                         G/B Holiday Tourney at Friend                     </div>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	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.			





# December 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Flying Saucer Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar Dinner Bun	<b>3</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Meatball Sub Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar	<b>4</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar	<b>5</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Tater Tot Casserole Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar Dinner Bun	<b>6</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar
<b>9</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chicken & Waffles Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar	<b>10</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Pretzel Bites or Corn Dog Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar	<b>11</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chinese over Rice Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar Dinner Bun	<b>12</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Beef N Bean Burrito or Hot Dog Fruit/Veggie Bar	<b>13</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Fiestada Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar
<b>16</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Spaghetti Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar Bread Stick	<b>17</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Pull-A-Parts or Casserole Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar	<b>18</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Christmas Meal	<b>19</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar Dinner Bun	<b>20</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Hamburger on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Veggie Bar

Menus subject to change.

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.

Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am.  
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**HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS  
 BREAK.**

See you back Tuesday  
 January 7th!!





# Go Bulldogs

I want to thank our fall coaches and student athletes for all of their hardwork and dedication to their respective teams. Our football, volleyball, cross country, girls golf, unified bowling and play production teams showed improvement throughout the year and made us proud. Winter NSAA activities are now underway and started practicing on Monday, November 18, 2024. Check the school website or social media with team schedules. I know the student athletes always appreciate the support from spectators.

As you are all aware the second bond attempt was unsuccessful. The board and administration have been discussing next steps and will continue to work towards a solution to address our immediate needs as well as future growth. We greatly appreciate the support that is shown for our school and what we are working to accomplish!

Just a reminder that Humphrey Public Schools will not have school on the following dates for Christmas break. Monday, December 23 - Monday, January 6, 2025. There will be no school for students or staff.

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*



## NSAA Moratorium

The Gym will be closed for the NSAA Moratorium Sunday, December 22 - Thursday, December 26. There will be no activities allowed during this time.