

April 8, 2020

A message from Humboldt High School,

Dear Humboldt Parents and Students,

On behalf of all Humboldt staff we want you to know how much we miss you all and hope that the first three days of distance learning have gone well for everyone.

While there are many uncertainties before us, it is our goal to continue reaching out to you weekly as a check-in to see what if any services you may need. There have been many emails and calls sent to you and it's hard to know what is next but we are here to help. Your teachers are working very hard from home to make sure that lessons and information are available as well as help.

By now we hope that everyone is connected and getting school emails and has been able to see your child's work in schoology. Are there other things you need from the office or specific staff? We may not be able to see you in person but technology is so wonderful and we will get you the support you need. Let us help you make this difficult time less stressful. If there are services you need from school staff or Humboldt office staff please do not hesitate to contact us. Your families are a priority and we are all just trying to support each other on this new educational journey. I am happy to answer questions personally as are any of the office and school staff. We will all get through this together.

Humboldt staff will continue to reach out weekly with information and update you on changes and next steps as we receive them.

What questions do you have for us? What worries or concerns do you have?

Stay safe Hawks!

Dulce Meza-Family Liaison

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Message from Principal Sodomka:

Parents and guardians, thank you for learning with us as we adjust to our temporary new normal.

Did you know, we've had 917 of 1113 students log onto to Schoology to work on their Distance Learning projects over our first two days? We are working toward 100%.

Thank you for your continued support and please take time to talk to your child about their academics to expand their learning.

We will be providing weekly updates to families and tips to support. Such as:

- Our staff directory (<https://www.spps.org/domain/4577>) is an easy way to access staff email, and
- If you need technology support, please call 651-603-4348, email familysupport@spps.org or visit www.spps.org/ipadhelp

If you have other questions or concerns, feel free to call or text during work hours on my SPPS cell at 612-382-3663 or email at Michael.sodomka@spps.org.

Finally, please take time to get outside, maintaining social distance from others, to break from screen time and connect with our natural world.

Stay healthy and breathe deep, Mike Sodomka
Humboldt Principal

Attendance - Daily Connect Course

Are you receiving automated calls that your child has been marked absent for one or more classes for the previous day? If so, here is why:

- 1. Students must complete the “Daily Connect” activity every day, in their “Daily Connect” Schoology Course, to be marked present.**
- 2. If students do not complete this activity, BUT still do other school work, they will still be marked absent.**

This Course is NEW for all students, and was created for us to be able to take attendance through Distance Learning.

If Students or Families have questions regarding how to access the Daily Connect through Schoology, email your Advisory / Foundations Teacher.

Library Resources for Student and Families.

We have a number of sites that will be helpful to parents/guardians and students.

For a complete list of all the Reading, Research, Listening and Learning Tools that are offered by the State of Minnesota, Saint Paul Public Libraries and Saint Paul Public Schools. Students and families can go to [Saint Paul Public School Virtual Library](#) and access these online resources.

For reading and listening only.... Use these sites.

[High School Digital Reading and Listening Home](#)

[Middle School Digital Reading and Listening Home](#)

Additionally, we have created a live help site where you can talk with a Saint Paul Public School Librarian. [Library Chat Help](#) is available from 8-5 Monday-Friday, 10-noon Saturday and 4-6 on Sundays.

If you need any help and would rather contact me, please do so. My email is daniel.liljedahl@spps.org