August 12, 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students:

Greetings. We hope you have had a great summer filled with activities you enjoy. This letter contains important information regarding the opening of school. Please read carefully. Visit **spps.org/harding** for this information in Hmong, Spanish, Somali, and Karen.

**SCHEDULES**

**Students and parents/guardians may view schedules on student/parent portal**

**beginning on Monday, August 26, 2019.**

Schedule corrections can **only** be made by emailing your counselor.

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**Ninth Grade and New Student Orientation/Open House**

**Open House** will be held for **Ninth Graders and students new to Harding and their families** from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 28, 2019.** After attending a formal presentation in the auditorium, ninth graders will meet their advisory teacher, get their schedule and have a chance to tour the building. All other new students will get their schedule.

Presentation in the Auditorium 4:45 p.m.

**Here are some additional reminders for parents and students:**

* On Friday, August 23 postcards will be mailed from the Transportation Department with your student’s bus stop and pick up time.
* Free and Reduced Lunch Forms have been mailed out from the district. Please complete and return to Saint Paul Public Schools in the postage paid return envelope. If you have any questions call 651-603-4950.You can also complete the form online at <https://mealapp.spps.org>. Harding High School is part of the CEP program which allows us to serve breakfast and lunch to all of our students at no cost. **To continue to be part of this great program we need every family to fill out a Free and Reduced lunch form.**
* Payment for a la carte items may be made by check payable to Nutrition Services and online at www.paypams.com. Please note if online payment is made it takes 48-72 hours before the account is credited.
* Lifetouch will be taking photos this year. Picture Day is Thursday, October 31 during the school day and retakes are Wednesday, November 27. It is important for each student to have his or her photo taken in order to be in the yearbook; you do not have to purchase pictures. ID’s are free for all students that have their pictures taken. A form will also be sent home with your student in mid October.

**● iUpdate Completion** includes the necessary **iPad Agreement** that is required for all students. Please complete the

iUpdate forms online at spps.org/onestop by September 6, to ensure your student has unrestricted access to their

iPad for their academic classes.

* **Harding High School hours are 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. All students must be supervised by a staff member to be in the building before or after these hours.**

**Remember, the first day of school is Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Students are to report before 8:30 a.m.** On the first day of school, all students are to report to their Advisory/00 period at 8:30 a.m.

Any questions please call (651) 793-4700. We are looking forward to a great year.