



Harding Newsletter



May 28th, 2021

Admin Corner

Dear Harding Community,

We are down to the last two weeks of school left for our students, we are almost at the end of this trying and challenging year, let's all finish strong as I am sure we are all ready to put this year behind us so we can have a fresh start next school year. I want to thank all of you for the extra miles you all have gone for our students this year. Let's keep it up and work to get all of our students to the finish line.

Here are area's we would like parent and family feedback on as we develop plans and procedures for next year.

- 1) Parent-Teacher Conferences: For several years Harding has held evening conferences, yet we know many families have unique schedules and evolving needs. This year we explored new technologies due to distance learning and started to consider alternatives to better serve families. Please complete this form to provide your feedback:
<https://forms.gle/KvaVS84ogNWiMBvy5>
- 2) Thanks to the few parents who filled out this Pick-Up Process survey. We are still looking for your input, please take a few minutes to fill this out for us. Your input will help us re-assess and re-design Harding's pick-up procedure to prioritize safety for our students and staff.

Please complete the following online survey:

English: <https://forms.gle/AnLoZw8m5vLVargp7>

Hmong: <https://forms.gle/nkbym3urztm331Y67>

Somali: <https://forms.gle/EnM8GB5ehjkzR8ar7>

Spanish: <https://forms.gle/JB8LvL7RSMtQ1uNb7>

Karen: <https://forms.gle/NOZxfUk96A9ageoe6>

Finally, please see *below for Senior Graduation News*.

Thank you and be well.

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NJROTC Harding Knight Navy

The “Knight Navy” - Harding’s Naval Junior ROTC has been participating in a “Vietnam War Pushup Challenge” to commemorate the sacrifice of the 58,318 names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC. The event started on December 1 and will finish on May 31 (Memorial Day). The initial goal was for the cadets to collectively do a pushup for each name on the wall – 58,318. With over 70 cadets and one instructor participating, this number was surpassed on January 8. The current pushup tally as of May 25 is 192,289, with one more recording on the 26th and 27th. The cadets more than tripled their original goal and gained upper body strength in memory of Vietnam veterans. Bravo Zulu (well done in navy parlance) cadets!

Human Geography Class

Mr. Miller's Human Geography class participated in a listening/planning session with the organization: reconnectrondo.com. Students listened to a live presentation and then asked questions about the proposed land bridge that will reconnect the historic Rondo neighborhood.

Senior Cap & Gown Information

Seniors MUST complete this [SURVEY](#) to receive their Cap and Gown.

In person students – On June 1st seniors will receive a Passport to Graduation. The passports include obligations that need to be completed in order to receive a cap and gown. Some of these obligations include: returning iPad/charger, library materials, instruments, uniforms, calculators, and completing the senior survey.

Completed passports will be collected on June 3rd during Advisory. If all obligations are cleared, students will receive their cap and gown.

Virtual students can come to Harding on June 3rd and report directly to the auditorium to receive the Passport to Graduation.

All seniors are invited to stay after cap and gown pick-up for the senior luncheon.

Update on Year-End Events

Dear Harding Parent,

The graduation ceremony for the class of 2021 is on Thursday, June 10th. The ceremony will be held at [Roy Wilkins Auditorium](#), 175 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55102: The doors will open at 4:00 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 5:00 p.m. (once the ceremony has started entry will not be permitted).

Graduates who are not able or do not want to participate in person will be recognized in the commencement ceremony. Ceremonies will be livestreamed, recorded, and cablecast for remote and later viewing.

Important information about the ceremony:

- Graduates, staff, and guests are expected to follow [SPPS passive screening guidelines](#) and stay home if they are experiencing symptoms, are sick, or exposed.
- Parking instructions:
 - Travelers is donating their parking lot off of 5th Street. (if there is not a Wild playoff game!) We are buying up parking spots in the Science Museum parking ramp off Kellogg Blvd.
- Each graduate will be allowed four (4) tickets (students will receive tickets on June 3rd).
- Well-fitting masks will be required for all participants.

Senior Class Advisor: Jayson Spence (email: Jayson.Spence@spps.org)

Accomplishments

Harding College Book Award Winners – 2021

Book Awards are given to academically promising 11th grade students from highly competitive universities. They are an acknowledgement of the hard work of these students and their future promise.
9th & 10th graders: to be considered for these awards, you need to be taking mostly Accelerated and/or IB DP classes, academically achieving, and serving your community.

Dartmouth College (New Hampshire) – Chi Ia Vue
Wellesley College (Massachusetts) – Calla Lee
Harvard University (Massachusetts) – Max Rouillard–Horne
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities - CFANS – Jose Urbina
Yale University (Connecticut) – Tina Le
Johns Hopkins University (Maryland) – Brandyn Lo

Health Start Clinic

Harding Health Start Clinic is open!! We are providing full services in the clinic as well as telehealth appointments.

Have your teen stop by the clinic or feel free to call us directly at 651-632-2194 to schedule an appointment.

Harding Rising Campaign 2021: Uplifting Student Voice

Harding students are working in collaboration with local activist/artist to create art to uplift their voices. Around the theme of "Justice, Unity, and Respect" art will be revealed at Harding on Wednesday June 9th during advisory. A live stream option will be available as well.

Summer iPad Information

Students returning to Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) in September 2021 will not be required to turn in their district technology at the end of this current school year (June 2021).

District-issued iPads and hotspots can continue to be used by SPPS families throughout the summer to support learning. A variety of opportunities and resources will be available on all student iPads this summer.



If families do not want to keep their SPPS iPad or hotspot over the summer, these devices can be returned to your student's school at the end of the year along with the charging cable and block.

All graduating seniors and families not returning to SPPS in the 2021-22 school year should return their SPPS iPad, charger and any other learning materials to their school at the end of the year. If families change enrollment to another school district outside of SPPS over the summer, please return the iPad and charging cable to [1930 Como](#) or [360 Colborne](#). iPads that have not been returned will be deactivated and families will be contacted requesting their return.

The SPPS Board of Education recently approved the purchase of new iPads for students and staff. New iPads and similar iPad cases are expected to arrive this summer and will be ready when students return to school in the fall.

Families can expect their students will exchange their current iPad for a new device upon returning to school in the fall. Please look for additional information from your school in the coming weeks.

Sports

Fall Sports Registration will begin on Monday, May 10th. Visit the [Harding Athletics Website](#) to register online. Fall Sports begin in early August.

General Information

Meals

Harding Meal Pick up is changing: June 11th is the last day curbside will be open daily. Starting on June 21st until August 26th curbside is only open on Tuesdays between 10am-1pm at the front entrance.

Home delivery is starting again on June 21st until August 26th.

Please sign up for home delivery at <https://www.spps.org/Domain/16201>

[Summer Meals / Summer 2021 Meals](#)

Meal Box Pickup - June 21-August 26, 2021. Free meal boxes will be available to pick up at the following locations. No registration is required. Children do not need to be present to pick up meals. Please

remember to practice social distancing (stay at least 6 feet away from other people) and wear a mask when picking up meals.



Free Nutritious School Meals For Kids 18 And Under

Only a click away, the Free Meals for Kids mobile app will help families and kids find free meals at schools and other sites across Minnesota during school closures.

How it works:

- 1** Download the Free Meals for Kids app to your cell phone.
- 2** Use the app to find the nearest site providing meals and meal packs by GPS.
- 3** Click on the nearby site and use the Meals Updates tab for more details.
- 4** Share the app with friends, neighbors and on social media.

Free Meals for Kids can be downloaded at Apple or Google Play app stores.

There are free meal sites across the state at schools, bus stops, libraries, community centers and parks. The app provides location, directions to the site and hours and days of distribution. More sites are added daily. For more information: www.hungerimpactpartners.org

Contacting Harding High School

The Harding office phone number is [651-793-4700](tel:651-793-4700). When we are working remotely, the office staff will be checking voicemail daily. If you need to reach a teacher or staff member directly, please contact them through email.

All staff emails addresses are: firstname.lastname@spps.org and can be found on Harding's [online staff directory](#).

Student Absences

Please remember to call the attendance hotline each day your student is absent from school. If your child is absent from school, it is necessary for a parent/guardian to call the [Attendance Hotline](#) at **651-744-3063** or

email may.asuncion@spps.org. Please leave the following information:

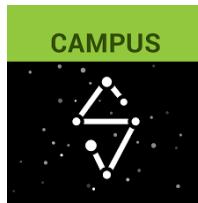
- Student name
 - Student number
 - Day and date(s) of absences
 - Reason for the absence
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Attendance Process for Quarter 4

Due to the multiple modes for learning this quarter, please make sure to review how student attendance is recorded daily. For information on how to use Campus Portal, please visit [Harding's webpage for attendance](#).

Virtual Everyday

- Students or Parents must complete daily attendance check-in using Campus Portal



In-Person Mondays-Thursday

- Students must physically be in the building for teachers to mark students present.
 - On Fridays, students or Parents must complete daily attendance check-in using Campus Portal
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Technology Help

Harding students can receive help daily with iPads, technology, and library service.

iPad & Technology Help



Meet with us!
<http://g.co/meet/hardinghelp>

- iPads
- Schoology
- Login Problems
- Wifi Hotspots
- Google Apps
- And more!

<p>Ms. Dadabo betsy.dadabo@spps.org 8:30am - 9:30am 2:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p>Mr. Matthes richard.matthes@spps.org 1:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>District Support familysupport@spps.org 651-603-4348 7am-4pm</p>
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Harding Senior High School Continuous Improvement Plan 2019-2021

At Harding, we are committed to challenging the mind and spirit of all who enter our school community. Our students prepare for life beyond high school with a six-year plan that sets goals for post-secondary education. Harding is a Title I school, and per U.S. Education Law, we provide extra help for students to learn and graduate on time. Additionally, we carefully plan and document how to meet these outcomes on our School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP - linked below):

Harding Families are encouraged to learn more and become involved in our SCIP Team. Please view the public-view document on the Harding HS website (link: <https://www.spps.org/Domain/16765>) and/or reach out to Principal Vang at be.vang@spps.org or 651-744-2780.

