

Tuesday Family Update March 9, 2021



Coming Up and Going On

Admin Corner

Dear Harding Students and Families,

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join last night's Virtual Parent Meeting. We appreciated the opportunity to hear your questions and concerns. This information and a recording of last night's meeting is available on <u>Harding's website</u>.

The date to sign up for virtual learning for quarter 4 and through the remainder of the year is this Thursday, March 11th, 2021. Families that previously enrolled their student in Virtual Learning School (VLS) or opted out of In-Person Academic Student Support (I-PASS), must fill out this form again if you want them to remain in virtual learning.

Students who do not sign up for Virtual Learning will be scheduled for in-person learning beginning on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. If you have any questions, you can reach out to anyone of us on the Harding Admin Team.

Thank you,

Your Harding Admin Team Be Vang, Principal <u>Be.Vang@spps.org</u> Evelyn Nordquist, Assistant Principal (Grade 9) <u>Evelyn.Nordquist@spps.org</u> Craig Guidry, Assistant Principal (Grade 10) <u>Craig.Guidry@spps.org</u> Xong Moua, Assistant Principal (Grade 11) <u>Xong.Moua@spps.org</u> Patrick Coyne, Assistant Principal (Grade 12) <u>Patrick.Coyne@spps.org</u>

Course Registration for 21-22

- Monday, March 15, 2021: Students will receive Pre-Registration Information
- Monday, March 22, 2021: Students will complete the online course registration form

We are excited to start planning for next year and to help our students explore and select courses. During Advisory classes on Monday, March 15, and Wednesday, March 17, students in Grades 9-11 will receive information about Harding's many course offerings for the next school year. This information can also be found on Harding's website. Please take time during this week to review this information with your student and help them plan carefully.

While there will be multiple opportunities for students to learn about our exciting course offerings, we encourage students to make use of all of Harding's resources to help them plan. During distance learning, we strongly recommend that students connect with their current teachers about course options for next year. Students may reach out to their current teachers by email, phone, google meets, or during IPASS times. Additionally, Harding Counselors are available to help students with their overall academic plans. Students can schedule a virtual meeting with their counselor here.

Course Registration for 21-22 Continued

On Monday, March 22 students will complete an online course registration form during their advisory. Please email your student's counselor or IEP case manager if you have any questions about course registration.

Students are expected to take the classes they select. At Harding, student course requests are the foundation of how we build the master schedule and make staffing decisions. For this reason, there are limitations in the fall for students to make adjustments.

Thank you,

Harding's Master Schedule Team



You're Invited!

Virtual Family Engagement Meeting March 25, 2021 5:30-7:00pm

For English, Hmong, Spanish, and Somali Join Zoom https://zoom.us/i/99635132603 Meeting ID: 996 3513 2603 Join by phone: +13126266799,,99635132603# US (Chicago) For Karen join <u>https://meet.google.com/igv-gfcd-kau</u> Join by phone: +1 205-286-9856 PIN: 220 953 369#

Shirts for Seniors 2021

Attention All Seniors! Order your t-shirts now by clicking on this <u>link</u>!!!!

Harding Baseball

Greeting from the Harding Baseball Coaches.

The weather is getting nicer, and spring is on our minds. It's been a difficult 12 months and not being able to physically attend school, or be in social gatherings has added to our stress. However, joining the Harding Baseball Program would be a great opportunity to be part of the Harding community. On the team you will partake in social and physical activities that will create strong minds, healthy bodies and lifelong friendships.

If you have any interest at all, please email Coach Zamacona (<u>Mike.Zamacona@spps.org</u>), or feel free to sign up, online, at: <u>Harding Athletics Spring Registration</u>.

Sincerely, Coach Zamacona, Coach Grill and Coach Wright

We could all use a little help during challenging times.

SPPS families and staff may call for brief phone support, referrals to community resources, or ongoing mental health services.

WHO PROVIDES THE SERVICES?

Services are provided by school-based mental health practitioners and professionals from communitybased agencies.

HOW ARE THE SERVICES PROVIDED?

- Mental health services are currently provided virtually. In-person services will be available as schools transition to in-person learning.
- Brief support, referrals to community resources are provided over phone.

~A partnership between your Saint Paul Public School District, MN Department of Human services, and community-based agencies (Wilder, Metro Social Services, MN Community Care, Change Inc.).

Contact: (651) 262-5858 (M-F, 8AM-4PM)

Stephanie Nelson, MA, LMFT Manager, School-Linked Mental Health programs in Ramsey County snelson@thechangeinc.org

Harding Yearbooks

ORDERING HARDING YEARBOOK

- Go to www.hardingyearbook.com
- February 1st until April 9th at \$35.00 plus tax
- Personalize your book for \$5.00 extra
- No Yearbooks sold after April 2nd and extra books will not be ordered (You will NOT get a book if you try to buy after this date no extra books can be ordered after this date as we can only order what we can pay for)
- Online orders only
- Questions please email: teresa.holmes@spps.org

ACCESS for ELLs Testing

Taking Place March 1 - April 1

ACCESS for ELLs is a standardized test that measures students' academic English growth and proficiency in listening, reading, speaking and writing. If your child is currently identified as an EL student, he/she is required to take this test. This test provides important information for your child and Harding High School. The results of this assessment help Harding staff make sure that your student is receiving the language support he/she needs and placed in classes that are appropriate for him/her. This test also determines if your student is ready to exit the EL program.

Please note: the ACCESS test must be completed in person. This means your child will need to report to Harding on the dates we share with you to take the test. The test will take two afternoons to complete.

You have the right to refuse ACCESS testing for your student. *If you <u>do not want your child to take the ACCESS test</u> <u>this year</u>, please contact one of the EL teachers below by email, text or phone call. Please include your child's <i>name, grade, and their student ID number in the message*. If you have already filled out and returned the letter that was sent to your home from the district, your response has already been recorded and you do not need to submit it again.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Parvi or Ms. Xiong.

Xue Xiong Xue.Xiong@spps.org 612-888-6517 Anna Parvi Anna.Parvi@spps.org 651-504-5580

Spring Sports

Spring Sports Registration is now open. Register online for baseball, softball, boys' tennis, golf, track & field, badminton, or adapted bowling. Lacrosse is offered as a cooperative program at Central High School. <u>Register</u> <u>online March 1st - March 16th.</u> Visit our <u>Harding Athletics Website</u> for more information

General Information

Meals

Changes to curbside meal box pick up starting 3/8/2021. On 3/8/2021 curbside will be open Monday-Friday 7:30am-11:30am and on Wednesday open 3:30pm-5:30pm. If you need meal boxes, please pre-order on the Nutrition Services website. <u>https://www.spps.org/Domain/16201</u>

Until March 8th we will be open Monday-Friday 8am-3pm and Wednesdays 3pm-5:30pm.

Contacting Harding High School

The Harding office phone number is 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: <u>firstname.lastname@spps.org</u>.

ATTENDANCE:

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 Hot line at 651-744-3063** or **email megan.lee@spps.org**. Please leave the following information:

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

