



Wednesday Family Update

December 16th, 2020



Coming Up and Going On

Admin Corner

We appreciate you staying engaged in your students' learning! Please continue to encourage your student(s) to mark themselves present daily, to attend all synchronous classes and complete all assignments. Encourage your student(s) to always ask for help when needed. The staff at Harding are committed to helping all students to succeed. Please continue to partner with us to maximize learning for your student(s).

Credit Earn Back Program under way for all of our students. Families, please help us encourage our students to take advantage of this opportunity. We have staff working directly with all seniors who need to earn back credit on what they have to do. Staff mentors are reaching out and connecting to all seniors to provide support and encouragement to get our students onto graduation this June.

If you have any questions, please connect with your student's counselor or administrator.

Your Harding Admin Team,

Be Vang, Principal

Evelyn Nordquist, Assistant Principal (grade 9)

Craig Guidry, Assistant Principal (grade 10)

Xong Moua, Assistant Principal (grade 11)

Patrick Coyne, Assistant Principal (grade 12)

In Chemistry

The General Chemistry team just finished delivering Chemistry Materials Kits to over 200 students! The kits allow us to make models of abstract concepts of chemistry and to do some laboratory-type activities. As a team of science teachers and language specialists, we know hands-on materials are proven to support students with a variety of learning styles and English language levels. Plus, it's just more fun to DO chemistry rather than only talk about it! We are grateful to Ecolab and National Grid Renewables for the financial support needed to make these kits.



Chemistry teacher, Ms Zielske in front of her kit-mobile



One of the kits

History Day is here!

If you have a student in 11th grade, they will be starting to work on History Day projects in their Social Studies classes. History Day is something we all look forward to because this is a project that offers students an opportunity to research a historical topic or event that they want to learn more about! Students will choose and research their topics, and then present what they learned through a performance, storytelling, artwork, documentary, or research paper. Harding students have the opportunity to compete with other students in the regional and state competitions and can earn prizes and money!

Culinary Arts

Culinary Arts students are going on a virtual field trip to the *University of Minnesota's Food Science and Nutrition* department to learn about Food Habits: A Journey into the Customs and Culture that shape Your Eating Behavior. Harding students will analyze their food choices and the cultural influences around what, when and how they eat.

Student Class Schedules for Next Semester

Next week during Advisory, students will learn about their classes for quarter 3 and 4 and how to request a schedule change. Students need Parent/Guardian permission to change course levels or drop a yearlong class, and should email their counselor right away to get. All student requests must be made by January 8th, 2021

Parents, you can assist by talking with your student about their future courses and post-secondary plans. Additionally, parents can remind students to join advisory google meet next week: **9:00-9:40 am on Monday, December 14 and Thursday, December 17.**

If you have any questions about your student's classes for next semester, please reach out to your student's counselor or case manager.

Counselor Email	1st Letter of Student Last Name	Link to Schedule an appointment
Erika.Huss@spps.org	A, B, C, D, E	calendly.com/erika-huss/erika-huss
Cynthia.Vanoverbeke@spps.org	F, G, H, I, J, K	calendly.com/cynthia-vanoverbeke/30min
Edward.Xiong@spps.org	L, N, O, P	calendly.com/edward-xiong
Vang.Lo@spps.org	M, Q, R & S	https://calendly.com/vang-lo/15min
Mana.Vue@spps.org	T, U, V	calendly.com/mana-vue/30min
Marianna.Sullivan@spps.org	W, X, Y, Z	calendly.com/marianna-sullivan30minappt
Jamie.Shady@spps.org	College and Career	calendly.com/jamie-shady
Tamara.Johnson@spps.org	American Indian Support	calendly.com/tamara-johnson

Happening in IB

Parents and guardians of current and prospective Harding Senior High School IB Diploma Program and Career Program students are invited to attend: **Harding High's (IB) International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and Career Program Information Night!**

Where: Virtually! Use your Harding student's iPad to join our GoogleMeet. **Meet name: HHSIBNight**

When: Wednesday, December 16th

7:00 – 7:35PM: Main program

7:35 – 8:00PM: Break-out sessions

Who: parents of all Harding students (grades 9-12) are welcome to attend.

Why: to inform the Harding community about our IB Diploma and Career Programs.

*the presentation will be given in English. If you require translation services, please contact Erik Brandt – erik.brandt@spps.org

Seniors

- 1) Cap and Gown Orders:** Please try your best to submit your cap & gown measurements to Josten before you leave for Winter Break. By going to the following web address, www.gradsmn.org/harding-cg, you will be able to complete the form. Your cap & gown is provided by the school and includes cap, gown, and tassel for graduation. We would rather order now just in case the factory has delays. The address again is: www.gradsmn.org/harding-cg
- 2. Graduation Input Survey:** Ideally, this spring we will be able to have a traditional in-person graduation ceremony. However, with the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to plan for alternate scenarios. With that in mind our alternative scenario will be a graduation ceremony at school, following any COVID guidelines. **Please fill out this [FORM](#) to let us know your thoughts on graduation ceremonies at school if a traditional ceremony is not possible.**
- 3. Online School Input Survey:** Seniors, we want to hear your voice! Please share your educational experiences to help guide the development of an online school in St. Paul. The interviews are designed to help us gain a better understanding of the kinds of things that create challenges for students in their school activities. Your answers are confidential, and your name will not be shared. Please click on this [link](#) to schedule an interview with Mr. Spence and see some sample questions. Again, the address to schedule an interview is, <https://forms.gle/AqWDPheemNM53CL29>. Thank you!

Get Ready (English)

Get Ready partnering with the University of Minnesota Extension Program to offer a series of family/guardian workshops. The next workshop will be virtually held on Wednesday, December 16, in Spanish and Thursday, December 17, in English. The event is open to **ALL** families/guardians at Harding, in SPPS and in the community. Please see the following for workshop information that can be shared with families/guardians, students and the community.

Get Ready, a federally funded program through the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, will be presenting another online workshop on **Thursday, December 17, 2020 from 6:30 -8:00PM** providing families with tools for school year success.

Workshop: Connecting Home & Learning

This workshop will focus on middle school and high school students from Get Ready's partnered schools.

Please join us for a night of learning about:

- The benefits to set expectations and have structure at home as a tool for positive environment
- Understanding key elements of structure in the home for school success.
- Discussing factors that help students succeed.
- Participants will identify the importance of expectations of school success for their children.



GET READY

Preparing Students for Tomorrow

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
EXTENSION

m OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Connecting Home & Learning
Online Workshop
Thursday, December 17th - 6:30-8:00PM
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/GetReadyMN>

Register Online: <https://tinyurl.com/GetReadyMN>
Folks will have the opportunity to register up until December 14th. However, to receive a packet by mail must register by December 6th, 2020.

****The first 50 parents/guardians who register and attend this session will get a \$25 gift card!**

For additional questions, please contact Felipa Cespedes at Felipa.Cespedes@state.mn.us or 651-357-5642

Get Ready (Spanish)

El programa Get Ready de la Oficina de Educación Superior de Minnesota ofrece otro evento de participación familiar el miércoles 16 de diciembre. El taller se centrará en comprender los elementos clave para conectar el hogar y la escuela.

Sesión: Enlazando Su Hogar y el Aprendizaje.

Este taller está dirigido a padres/guardianes de estudiantes de escuela secundaria y preparatoria de las escuelas asociadas con Get Ready.

Por favor acompañenos a una noche educativa sobre:

- Expectativas y Ejemplos de estructura
- Los padres discutirán los beneficios para establecer expectativas y tener estructura en casa como un herramienta para positivo ambiente
- Los participantes identificarán la importancia de las expectativas de éxito escolar para sus estudiantes
- Los participantes comprenderán los elementos clave de la estructura en el hogar para el éxito escolar.



Enlazando Su Hogar y el Aprendizaje
Taller
Miércoles, 16 de diciembre- 6:30-8:00PM
Registrarse: <https://tinyurl.com/GetReadyMN1>

Inscríbese en línea: <https://tinyurl.com/GetReadyMN1>
La inscripción está abierta hasta el 16 de diciembre, 2020. Para poder recibir un paquete informativo en el correo, debe registrarse antes del 6 de diciembre, 2020.

** ¡Los primeros 50 padres / tutores que se registren y asistan a esta sesión recibirán una tarjeta de regalo de \$25!

For additional questions, please contact Felipa Cespedes at Felipa.Cespedes@state.mn.us or 651-357-5642

Harding Knight Navy

The "Knight Navy" - Harding's Naval Junior ROTC unit recently completed its biennial (every other year) comprehensive inspection with Commander Joe Hankins, the NJROTC Area 3 Manager. All aspects of the inspection went smoothly and CDR Hankins was very impressed with the appearance and conduct of the cadets. Cadet Company Commander Ka Vang spearheaded the unit's first ever virtual briefing with her staff in attendance to assist. This year's cadet staff are Lieutenant Pa Houa Yang (adjutant), Senior Chief Petty Officer Jahia Khang (command senior chief), Ensign Mai Lee Yang (executive officer), Lieutenant Junior Grade Aiden Yang (operations), Ensign Candy Zamora (administration), Petty Officer First Class (PO1) Vang Xiong (community service), PO1 Kiara Lee (supply), PO1 Sheng Yang (safety) and PO1 Samantha Yang (public affairs). Bravo Zulu! (well done in navy parlance) cadets.

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: firstname.lastname@spps.org.

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
- Schoolology
- Login Problems
- Wifi Hotspots
- Google Apps
- And more!

Ms. Dadabo betsy.dadabo@spps.org 8:30am - 9:30am 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Mr. Matthes richard.matthes@spps.org 1:00pm - 3:00pm	District Support familysupport@spps.org 651-603-4348 7am-4pm
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Meal Services:

Saint Paul Public Schools will continue to provide free meals to students while they are in distance learning.

Meal Delivery: Weekly meal boxes can be delivered to your home. To register at www.spps.org/fallmeals

Meal Pickup: Harding's main entrance, daily from 8am-3pm. For other locations and more information is available online www.spps.org/fallmeals

Note: If you are already receiving home delivery, you do not need to re-register.

Ordering Yearbooks for 2020-2021 school year

- Go to www.hardingyearbooks.com
- Now until December 31st 2020 \$30.00 +tax
- January 1st until April 2nd 2021 \$35.00 +tax
- Personalize your yearbook for 45.00
- No yearbooks sold after April 2nd
- Order online ONLY

No student ID can be made this year since there are no school pictures. [Minnesota state ID information](#)

Important Senior Deadline approaching Not much time left to submit your things...

- Senior Portrait, Senior Baby Photo,
- Important Adult,
- Favorite Quote
- Future Goal

School Portraits Requirements for Grade 9-11

Since Harding is not able to have lifetouch come to school and take school pictures we are asking students and families to take a picture of their Harding student and submit it for the yearbook Please see here for [Requirements for student picture submission](#) **Pictures for grades 9-11 Due December 20th by midnight** If a student does not submit a photo the current picture in campus will be used for the yearbook

Questions please email: teresa.holmes@spps.org or call/text: 612-405-2226

Submit photos to: hardingportraits@gmail.com

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

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