



Tuesday Family Update

January 26th, 2021



Coming Up and Going On

Admin Corner

Dear Harding Family,

Thank you for your support as we continue the school year in distance learning. I am writing to you today with more details about the in-person support that will be offered at Harding High School.

As we prepare to add this support, there will be no instruction January 29-February 3. Distance learning will resume on Thursday, February 4. It is important to keep in mind that **distance learning will remain the primary learning model for all students at this time. This new program is a way to offer some in-person connection with teachers and peers for those students who want/need it.** There will be no new instruction during this in-person time.

Students will come to school if identified for in-person support, starting the Monday after the COVID-19 case rate for Ramsey County remains under 30 cases per 10,000 people for two consecutive weeks. At this time, the earliest possible start date is Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

9-12 Schools

- Students who are identified as needing additional support will come to school for 2.5-hour appointments.
- In-person support will be offered Monday-Thursday from 12:30- 3 p.m. The number of days a student will come is based on need and other data points.
- To start, students who need support to graduate or pass their classes, multilingual learners, special education students, and those who need additional social-emotional support will be prioritized.
- We are working on ways to provide additional support for as many students as possible as the school year progresses.
- The approximate number of students on-site at a time will be 11-14 per classroom, or about a third of total enrollment.
- Fridays will be distance learning days.
- If you do not want your child to be considered for on-site support, please let us know please let us know by [filling out this form](#) by January 29.
- If you have not already filled out the form, please have your student complete the interest survey emailed to their student gmail account last Thursday, 1/20/21.
- Students will be identified by a set of criteria and receive support in core subject areas as well as selected electives.
- Students will be grouped together in the room with 7 or 8 peers and spend the 2.5 hours in the same classroom with the same teachers all through the support cycle.
- Planning for the start of the in person student support at Harding for semester 2 all classes will start at 8:30 am instead of 9:00 am. In addition, our asynchronous day has been changed from Wednesdays to Fridays for 2nd semester.

Thank you,

Be Vang,
Principal

Upcoming Changes for Next Week Distance Learning

- January 29th – February 3rd: No School for Harding Students
- Thursday, Feb 4th: **Starting at 8:30 am Maroon Classes: Advisory and Periods 2, 4, and 6**
- Friday, Feb 5th: **Starting at 8:30 am Gold Classes: Periods 1, 3, 5, and 7**

*Going forward in Quarter 3 and 4, our asynchronous learning days are moving to Fridays from Wednesdays. Please view [Harding's website](#) for the regular bell schedule for distance learning.

Quarter 3 Week 1: Feb 1-5

	Monday Feb 1 st	Tuesday Feb 2 nd	Wednesday Feb 3 rd	Thursday Feb 4 th	Friday Feb 5 th
8:15-8:25	No School	No School	No School	Advisory <i>Check Schoology & Explore Independently</i>	
8:30 - 9:10 <i>Reserved for Whole Group same time learning</i>				Advisory	1
9:15 - 10:55 <i>Reserved for Whole Group same time learning</i>				2	3
10:00 - 10:40 <i>Reserved for Whole Group same time learning</i>				4	5
10:45 - 11:25 <i>Reserved for Whole Group same time learning</i>				6	7
11:30 - 12:25				Lunch/Travel	
12:30 - 3:00				Periods 1-7 <i>Check Schoology Explore Independently Explore Together Teacher Office Hours</i>	

Important Reminder: Quarter 1 Credit Earn Back Opportunity

Based on the challenges students continue to face in distance learning, SPPS is offering an opportunity for all 9-12th grade students who earned a NP grade in one or more classes during the first quarter to earn a D in the first quarter by successfully earning a passing grade in the 2nd quarter. **2nd quarter ends on Thursday, January 28th, 2021.**

In the 2nd quarter, any passing grade, A+ thru D-, will result in students receiving a grade of D- for the 1st quarter.

Please have your student continue to work with their teachers and counselor to recover first quarter credits toward graduation. These grading changes for the first quarter strive toward equitable grading practices. We understand that distance learning, along with the stress of living through a pandemic, has an impact on our students.

Happening in Music

The Harding Music Department had their first ever Virtual Concert that premiered live on YouTube on Tuesday, January 26th. It included large group ensembles, 2 commissioned works, 1 world premiere, many student solo projects AND a piece written by former Harding alumna, Douachi Yang!! The concert is about 30 minutes in length and can be found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJTeRDLKXwo&feature=youtu.be>



Sports

The Harding winter sports have begun. Currently, the St. Paul Schools has a [No Spectator Policy](#). We look forward to a time when spectators will be allowed in -- hopefully soon! However, contests held in our main gym will be available via professional livestreaming. For a subscription of \$10.99/month you can watch any/all games and contests held in the St. Paul High School main gyms and stadiums. Visit [NFHS Network](#) to subscribe. These include: girls and boys basketball (JV and Varsity) and wrestling.

Watch for spring sports online registration to begin soon. Visit [Harding Athletics](#) for more information.

Changes to Meal Service Starting January 25th

Due to the upcoming changes across SPPS, the last day of home meal delivery will be this Friday, January 22nd.

Starting Monday, 1/25, meal boxes are available for pickup Monday-Thursday at Harding's main entrance from 8 am – 3pm and other select schools. Wednesday hours are extended to 8:00 am – 5:30 pm.

Essential Home Delivery will be available to a limited number of students learning virtually who are fragile or cannot leave their home to pick up meals. Please fill out [this form](#) to request home delivery.

Visit SPPS's website for additional pickup locations and community food resources. www.spps.org/covidmeals

[Hmong](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Somali](#)

[Karen](#)

Ordering Yearbooks for 2020-2021 school year

- Go to www.hardingyearbooks.com
- 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](#)

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

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!

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. The last day of home delivery was Friday, January 22.

Essential Meal Delivery: Is reserved for SPPS students who are medically fragile or cannot leave their home to pick up meals. To register, fill out this [form](#).

Meal Pickup: Harding's main entrance, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8am-3pm; and Wednesday from 8am - 5:30pm. For other locations and more information is available online www.spps.org/covidmeals