

Tuesday Family Update December 8th, 2020

Coming Up and Going On

Admin Corner

Parent/Teacher Conferences are **Thursday, December 10th from 4-7 pm.** Please make sure to schedule your conferences to connect with your student's teachers to learn about their progress. If you have any questions, reach out to your student's teachers or Mr. Coyne, our 12th grade administrator.

Do you need an interpreter to attend the conference? Interpreters are available in Hmong, Spanish, Karen, and Somali. Let the teacher know if another language is needed. Write this request in the Calendly invite. Students may also directly ask their teachers to request an interpreter.

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).

If you have questions/concerns regarding your students' progress, please do not hesitate to contact your students' teachers, support staff, or administration.

Many of our seniors and families received information last week and this week in Advisory about a Credit Earn Back Program for seniors to have the opportunity to earn back the credit loss in Q1 from a failing grade. Please, take up this opportunity if this is your situation. It is important that you do better this quarter if you didn't pass a class last quarter, especially a required class. There will be more information to come about the contract that was mentioned in the email. Continue to reach out to your counselors, your Advisory teachers and your grade level Administrator. We are here to help you find answers to your questions or concerns. Let's get you back on track!

To our other students in grades 9-11, there is a plan in the works for you all too. Look out for communication from the District on how we can also support you in earning back loss credits as well.

Harding Administration:

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 Sports

SPPS Athletics Update

Harding will continue with winter sports virtually. Student athletes who wish to participate once athletics resume, must participate in the virtual practices. Watch for emails from the athletic office or the coach or visit Harding

IB Scholar Day

Wednesday, December 9th is IB Scholar Day for 2nd Quarter. We will be hosting virtual events that day to support learners in their academic and social emotional needs. Please plan to have students attend online events sent out by their advisors.

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	calendly.com/vang-lo/30min
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 <u>all</u> Harding students (grades 9-12) are welcome at 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

Japan trip 2022

Are you interested in traveling to Japan? In June of 2022, Harding will once again be taking a group of students to Japan on a school trip! This trip will be open to all current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. To find out details about the travel locations, cost and payment options, and other information, we invite students and families to join us for an information session on **Wednesday**, **December 9**, at 7:00 p.m. We will also be sharing details about how to sign up (space is limited!) and answer any questions you may have. Use the link to RSVP for the meeting! https://bit.ly/36DaY6M

Erik Brandt & Carrie Petroske

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 <u>ALL</u> 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.
- 2 Participants will identify the importance of expectations of school success for their children.



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 <u>Felipa.Cespedes@state.mn.us</u> 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 acompáñenos 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.



Inscríbase 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 <u>Felipa.Cespedes@state.mn.us</u> or 651-357-5642

Theatre Program

The Harding Theatre Program and the Acting class will be presenting fairytale readings to anyone interested in listening to students perform vocally. These fairytales will be shared through an email link. If you are interested, please reach out to Mr. Coleman at timothy.coleman@spps.org. We are planning to put the first story out during the second week of December and continue until the end of semester 1. These stories are for anyone from 4 years old to adults. We are trying to keep Harding Theatre alive during this trying time. We hope everyone is doing well, and we hope this will bring a little joy to everyone.

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.



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