



# Harding Newsletter



May 21th, 2021

## Admin Corner

Dear Harding Community,

In the last newsletter, I wrote about the issue of students leaving campus without proper documentation and wanted to seek parent input on our pick-up process. Below are the links to the pick surveys for your input on this topic. Please help us collect this data because your input is appreciated as we continue to work on addressing this issue. The survey will close on Friday, June 4th.

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: Coming Soon!**

Thank you for attending the Parent Meeting on Monday, May 25th. If you missed our Parent Meeting and would like to review these slides you may access the slides from that meeting on our website at <https://www.spps.org/harding>.

Here are the questions to the answers asked at that meeting:

Q: Do Focus Beyond students walk at the June graduation or do they walk for the summer ceremony?

A: Focus Beyond students walk in June. However, they don't get their paper diploma after the ceremony.

Q: Will the graduation ceremony be live-streamed?

A: Yes, the ceremony will be live-streamed by the district. A link will be provided so you can share with family and friends at a later date.

Be sure to check our website for Senior updates at <https://www.spps.org/harding>.

Thank you and be well.  
Your Harding Admin Team

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## Cap & Gown Information

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

**In person students** – On June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> during Advisory. If all obligations are cleared, students will receive their cap and gown.

**Virtual students** can come to Harding on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 promptly 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.

There will be no full-dress rehearsal.

**Please save this information!** It includes 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:
  - We are still working on a solution.
- Each graduate will be allowed four (4) tickets.
- ADA Seating please drop off at Rice Park entrance.
- Well-fitting masks will be required for all participants.
- We will follow SPPS Covid guidelines.
- Guests who do not follow masking and other guidelines will be asked to leave.

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

## 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.

## Acknowledgments

Chemistry teacher Anne Zielske is a MN finalist for a PAEMST Award, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. We wish her the best as she awaits the final decision.

## 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.

## Vaccines for 12+



Youth under 18 years old, must be accompanied by an adult. **12+**

# FREE COVID VACCINE

Pfizer vaccine

**Sunday May 23rd**  
**The Jk Movement Center**  
1063 Iglehart Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
**12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

To schedule your appointment please call **Johnny Allen** at: **651-558-7815** or **Helen Martin** at **612-601-3619**

**SCHEDULE TODAY**

DISCLAIMER: All attendees consent to media activities, (i.e video and photographs)



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## General Information

### Meals

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

Home delivery is starting again on June 21<sup>st</sup> until August 26<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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## Contacting Harding High School

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

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## Student Absences

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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](mailto: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

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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



### In-Person Mondays-Thursday

- Students must physically be in the building for teachers to mark students present.

Portal



- On Fridays, students or Parents must complete daily attendance check-in using Campus Portal

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## Technology Help

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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!

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

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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](mailto:be.vang@spps.org) or 651-744-2780.

