



# Tuesday Family Update

## March 24, 2021



### Coming Up and Going On

#### Admin Corner

Dear Harding Community,

I hope this letter finds all of you taking care of yourself and each other during these difficult times. With so much going on in our communities, we want to make sure our students and families know you are in our thoughts and we are here for you. Our communities are in pain, and we are hurting. As the landmark trial of Derek Chauvin moves forward, many of us find ourselves in a mix of feelings and are looking for solid ground to make sense of what justice will be served.

With the recent and ever-increasing events of anti-Asian crimes, like the devastating mass shootings last week, many of us are experiencing and feeling anger, fear, and hurt. Especially as these crimes come into our communities in St. Paul with the recent bus stop threats. It's easy for us to fall into an abyss of emotions.

All of this has been devastating, and I know I have found solace in connecting with others for support and processing. We want you to know we are here to support you. No one should have to fear for their lives as they walk out of their homes and into their communities. In times like this, I hope we can find strength and hope in how we will show up to support each other.

Next week, we are hosting a series of meetings to hold space for students and families to process these events, and come together to listen and heal. The meetings will be held on the following nights for our students and family according to language groups. Zoom meeting links will be posted on our website. I hope you can join us. Staff, feel free to join us as well.

Monday (3/29): English 5-6pm and Hmong 6:30-7:30pm

Tuesday (3/30): Spanish 5-6pm and Somali 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday (3/31): Karen 5-6pm

Thursday (4/1): All students and families 5:30-7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting Information for all dates above:

<https://zoom.us/j/96507837405>

Meeting ID: 965 0783 7405

Or by phone: +13126266799, 96507837405# US (Chicago)

I will host a students-only session on Friday (3/26) from 1:00-2:30. Students, use Google Meet Code Hardingprincipalvang1 to join. Staff, you are more than welcome to join as well, but I want to remind you that this space is for students to process and share and staff will participate to listen.

My admin team and I want to make it very clear to our students and staff that we will not tolerate any form of racism, racial harassment, or bullying in our building. I will do everything in my ability to ensure our BIPOC students and staff are and feel safe while at Harding and that they are heard and listened to. Despite these events, we are united and we cannot be divided.

Please reach out to me or anyone of my admin team, your child's counselor, social worker or teachers and any other staff for support. If you have any concerns or questions about these meetings, feel free to reach out to me.

Your Harding Admin Team,

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## Admin Corner – Additional Notes

Dear Harding Students and Families,

Here are some reminders for I-PASS, please help us remind students about these practices:

- Stay home if you are feeling sick (remind students to conduct a passive screening before leaving home)
- Always wear a clean mask to school (masks are always available from the bus driver)
- Drop off students to school on time
- Pick up students from school on time

Thank you for your support in helping us run a safe I-PASS program for all students and staff.

Looking forward to a return to school on **April 14th**.

**Invitation Below: Save the Date – Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm!** This meeting will provide information for families about our plans for a return on April 14th and share district information so parents can make an informed decision for Quarter 4. Please join us on this night to learn more about our options.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to anyone of us on the Harding Admin Team for more information.

Have a great week,

Your Harding Admin Team

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## You're Invited!

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

For English, Hmong, Spanish and Somali join  
<https://zoom.us/j/99635132603>

For Karen join <https://meet.google.com/igv-gfcd-kau>  
Join by phone: +1 205-286-9856  
PIN: 220 953 369#

## Course Registration for 21-22 (THIS WEEK!)

- **Monday, March 15, 2021:** Students will receive Pre-Registration Information
- **Monday, March 22, 2021:** Students will complete the online course registration form
- **Friday, March 26, 2021:** Registration is due for current 9-11 grade students

On Monday, students learned how to register for classes during their advisory class. Students should check their school email for the link to register. The link to register is available on [Harding's website](#). Registration for current 9-11 grade students are due on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment to have a discussion with your student about what classes they have selected. For information about the registration process at Harding, please visit our webpage [here](#).

Harding offers a variety of courses. 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](#).

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 community-based 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)

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in Ramsey County  
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### 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 ([Mike.Zamacona@spps.org](mailto:Mike.Zamacona@spps.org)), or feel free to sign up, online, at: [Harding Athletics Spring Registration](#).

Sincerely,  
Coach Zamacona, Coach Grill and Coach Wright

## 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 do not want your child to take the ACCESS test this year, please contact one of the EL teachers below by email, text or phone call. Please include your child's 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.

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## Harding Yearbooks

### ORDERING HARDING YEARBOOK

- Go to [www.hardingyearbook.com](http://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](mailto:teresa.holmes@spps.org)

## Japan Trip

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 a lunchtime information session on Wednesday, March 24, at 12:30 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!  
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## Harding Senior High School Continuous Improvement Plan

2019-2021

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.

## 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. <https://www.spps.org/Domain/16201>

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: [firstname.lastname@spps.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@spps.org).

### 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](mailto:megan.lee@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
- Schoolology
- 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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