



Tuesday Family Update

March 2, 2021



Coming Up and Going On

Admin Corner

Dear Harding Students and Families,

What a great first week of I-PASS! Many of our students showed up ready to work with our teachers. Both students and teachers reported being happy to be back in the building.

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. Save the Date!** There will be a virtual informational session with Harding Administrators on March 8, 5:30-7:00pm via Zoom. 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.

Thank you,

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/98895869683>

Meeting ID: 988 9586 9683

Dial by your location

- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

For Karen join <https://meet.google.com/igv-gfcd-kau>

Join by phone: +1 205-286-9856

PIN: 220 953 369#

Shirts for Seniors 2021

Attention All Seniors! Order your t-shirts now by clicking on this [link!!!!](#)

Horticulture

The Horticulture instructor will be starting seeds in the greenhouse this week. We hope to transplant when we come back to school and the plan is to have some plants for sale. Tomatoes, peppers, basil, others TBD.

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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Spring 2021 IB-DP Exams Update

Dear IB DP students and families,

This winter, the IBO requested and reviewed data from schools and had extensive conversations with school administrators globally to ensure consistency and fairness to all IB students and schools.

Based on information the three IB DP High Schools in SPPS provided to the IBO, and in line with local and national health and safety restrictions, **the IBO determined that SPPS is unable to administer examinations.**

Therefore, IB Diploma Program students' results at Central, Harding, and Highland Park High Schools will be awarded using coursework marks, internal assessments, and predicted grades for the May 2021 examination session.

Things to keep in mind with this decision:

- All students will still earn an IB score for their learning this year. These scores will still offer the potential for earning college credit.
- All students currently pursuing the IB Diploma will still be eligible to achieve this important milestone.
- The focus for spring 2021 can continue to be on students during this complex time
 - With all that remains uncertain, including the increased anxiety students, families, and teachers are experiencing, this pathway allows teachers to maintain their focus on providing a quality IB learning experience, and supporting students' continued social- and emotional-learning needs.

Families and students with further questions about these changes should contact the IB Diploma Program Coordinators or Administrators at their respective high schools.

Central High School - ethan.cherin@spps.org

Harding High School - erik.brandt@spps.org

Highland Park High School - jason.schlukebier@spps.org

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), or feel free to sign up, online, at: [Harding Athletics Spring Registration](#).

Sincerely,
Coach Zamacona, Coach Grill and Coach Wright

Happening in FACS

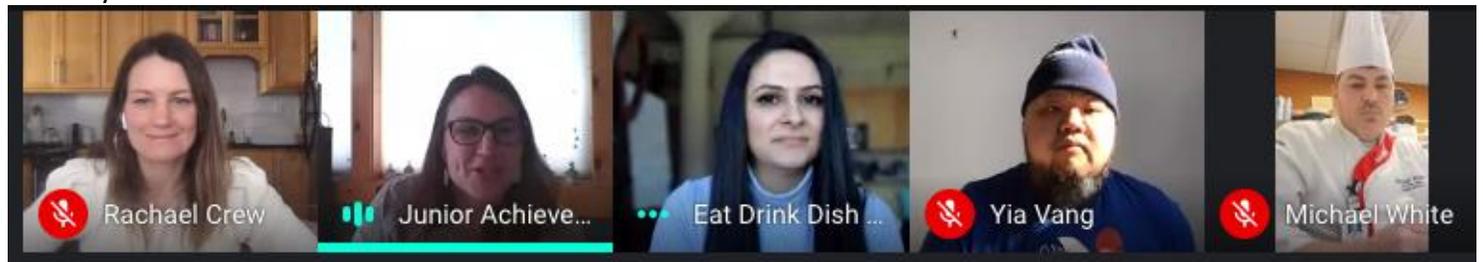
The Family and Consumer Science (FCS) department is hosting weekly Virtual Career Panels (Tuesdays 12-1pm) to introduce students and families to a variety of careers that are represented by the FCS department. Last week we heard from Culinary professionals, this week was Early Childhood educators. Please plan on joining us for the upcoming Virtual Career Panels. **Google Code: FCScareers 12-1pm**

Feb 23: Design: Interiors and Fashion

Mar 2: Food Systems and Production

Mar 9: Personal Finance

Culinary Career Panel from Feb. 9th



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
- 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

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.

ATTENDANCE:

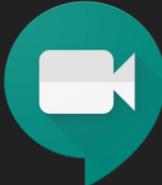
Please remember to call the attendance hotline each day your student is absent from school. If your child is absent from school, it is necessary for a parent/guardian to call the **Attendance Hot line at 651-744-3063** or **email megan.lee@spps.org**. Please leave the following information:

- 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!

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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