



# Tuesday Family Update

## February 24rd, 2021



### Coming Up and Going On

## Admin Corner

### Dear Harding High School Families:

Quarter 3 conferences (virtual) will happen on **Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 4 to 7 PM**. All Harding teachers are setting up a conference schedule on an APP called Calendly. Complete details about how to access teachers' calendars and sign up for a conference slot is below.

Students should attend the virtual conference with parents and should assist parents to sign up using their iPads and Schoology accounts. Teachers will post their conference calendars in the 'Updates' section of each of their classes on Schoology.

When you sign up, please include your name and your student's name so teachers can prepare for you. A small number of Harding teachers may have conflicts on one of those evenings will be providing alternate conference dates and times. Please check the specific date for the specific teacher you want to see. Most will be on the 25th.

All teacher calendars will be accessible by 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021. Some are already posted. Here are detailed instructions. They are also available on the Harding's website.

### Welcome to the HHS Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences!

**Who:** Students are expected to work together with their parents to sign up for conferences.

**What:** Parents and students select a 10 minute conference time in calendar link-Calendly.

**Where:** Calendly link will be on each teacher Schoology page (updates section).

**When:** February 25, 2021 from 4 to 7pm

**How:** First time users: Watch the brief tutorial video below to sign up in Calendly. Decide what teachers you want to see for conferences. Students and parents together go to the individual teacher Schoology page to sign up. Sign in with student name and email, or with parent name and email AND include student name in message box. Since conferences are a scheduled time, teachers will help to monitor the time so they can get to the next conference appointment.

### Calendly Scheduling Tutorial

<https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cY6boF7vgK>

**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.

## I-PASS

What a great Day 1 of I-PASS! It was great to see students and staff again in the halls and rooms at Harding Senior High School. Though it was definitely different, students sitting in class doing work and receiving help from teachers was a wonderful sight to see. Every student who came seemed to adjust easily to this new learning environment. Many teachers reported that students responded well and were able to complete work. We hope to see more students in the days to come!

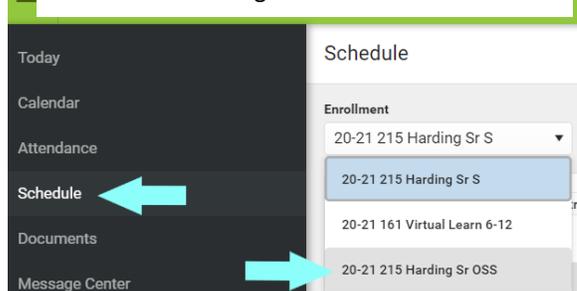
Student Drop-off and Pick-up: Please be timely if you are driving your student to Harding, especially during these colder months. IPASS times are from 12:30-3:00. Students will wait outside and will not be allowed to gather in the atrium or doorways. Right now, avoiding large indoor gatherings is an important mitigation strategy for schools.

If you would like more information about Harding I-PASS, please visit our [website](#) for more information. If you want to register your student for I-PASS, reach out to your child's counselors and they can help you get your students registered. There is limited space, so please do not wait.

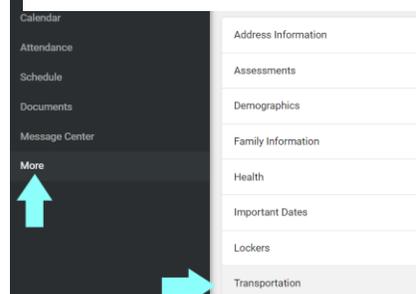
Students who have *not* chosen VLS/Opt-Out of In-Person, have been emailed an [interest survey](#) from Harding to their school email account. Many students have completed their form, please check with your student to make sure they have filled out their interest survey. *Students must be logged in to their school email to access the survey.*

If your student is already enrolled in I-PASS, you can see that information in Campus Parent Portal. Direction below.

**View Schedule** and change the enrollment to "20-21 215 Harding Sr OSS" .



**View Transportation** by selecting "More" from the left-hand menu. Then click on "Transportation" at the bottom.



**I-PASS is closed on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for ACT testing. We will not have in person support and busses will not run on this day.**

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact one of us.

Sincerely,

Your Harding Admin Team

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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)

Stephanie Nelson, MA, LMFT  
Manager, School-Linked Mental Health programs  
in Ramsey County  
[snelson@thechangeinc.org](mailto:snelson@thechangeinc.org)

## 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](mailto:ethan.cherin@spps.org)

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Highland Park High School - [jason.schlukebieer@spps.org](mailto:jason.schlukebieer@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](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

## Happening in FACS

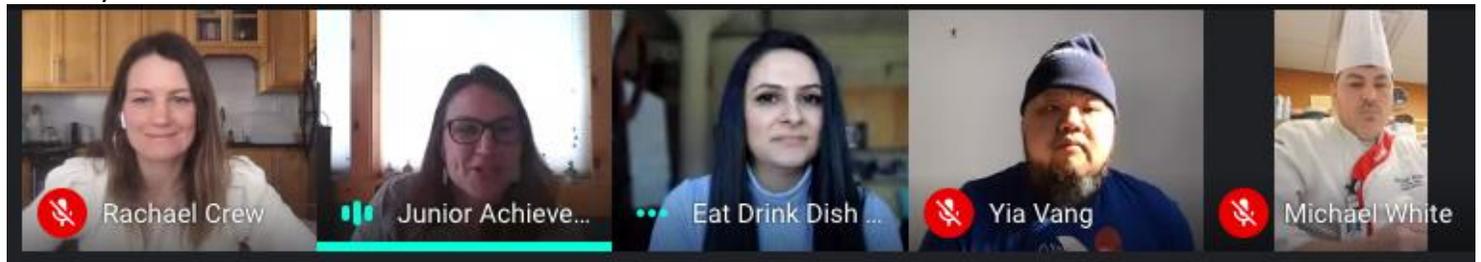
The Family and Consumer Science (FCS) department is hosting weekly Virtual Career Panels (Tuesdays 12-1pm) to introduce students and families to a variety of careers that are represented by the FCS department. Last week we heard from Culinary professionals, this week was Early Childhood educators. Please 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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Do you have friends or family that are thinking about choosing **Harding for the 2021-2022** school year? Please share this information with them.

Wondering if Harding is the place for you? Come to **Harding's Virtual Showcase, February 25<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm** Q & A Time – with Harding Staff members. Get your questions answered.

Anytime after 5:00 pm on February 25<sup>th</sup>: "Explore" the Halls of Harding virtually to learn about the programs and people that make Harding special. We hope you will choose Harding! It is a great place to call home. The link will be on the front page of Harding's website. [harding.spps.org](http://harding.spps.org)

**2021 Graduation**

**ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!** June 9<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching, and this is the last week to place your Graduation Gown order.

Your cap & gown is provided by the school and includes cap, gown and tassel for graduation.

Please follow this link to submit your sizes, [Jostens](#). Order Now!

## 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)

## 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 [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

### 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](mailto:betsy.dadabo@spps.org)  
8:30am - 9:30am  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Mr. Matthes  
[richard.matthes@spps.org](mailto:richard.matthes@spps.org)  
1:00pm - 3:00pm

District Support  
[familysupport@spps.org](mailto:familysupport@spps.org)  
651-603-4348  
7am-4pm

