

# Wednesday Family Update January 20th, 2021



## Coming Up and Going On

## Admin Corner

Hello Harding Students and Families!

As of yesterday, you should have received the communication from our District about the In-person Academic Student Support Program at the secondary sites. I have created a slide deck to be available on our website starting tomorrow for you to review and learn more about how we are planning our support program at Harding. We are working on getting this information out to our families in multiple languages. Please check back often as I will be updating this slide deck on a regular basis as I receive the updates in our planning.

If you have any questions that cannot be found in the slides, please reach out to anyone of the Administrators here at Harding. Our preferred contact information while we are working remotely is listed below. You can also continue to call our main line and the message will be passed on to us.

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we continue to develop a plan that will be safe and supportive for our students and staff.

Your Admin Team,

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## Changes to Meal Service Starting January 25<sup>th</sup>

Due to the upcoming changes across SPPS, the last day of home meal delivery will be this Friday, January 22nd.

# Starting Monday, 1/25, meal boxes are available for pickup Monday-Thursday at Harding's main entrance from 8 am – 3pm and other select schools.

Essential Home Delivery will be available to a limited number of students learning virtually who are fragile or cannot leave their home to pick up meals. Please fill out <u>this form</u> to request home delivery.

Visit SPPS's website for additional pickup locations and community food resources.www.spps.org/covidmealsHmongSpanishSomaliKaren

#### Happening in Music

The Harding Music Department is presenting a virtual concert on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via YouTube. This concert will feature the Harding Bands, Choirs and Orchestra, as well as original student compositions and solo performances. The link will be posted on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> on the Harding Performing Arts Page and the concert will stream live on YouTube and be archived for later viewing. We hope you can join us!



### Important Reminder: Quarter 1 Credit Earn Back Opportunity

Based on the challenges students continue to face in distance learning, SPPS is offering an opportunity for all 9-12th grade students who earned a NP grade in one or more classes during the first quarter to earn a D in the first quarter by successfully earning a passing grade in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. **2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ends on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, any passing grade, A+ thru D-, will result in students receiving a grade of D- for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

Please have your student continue to work with their teachers and counselor to recover first guarter credits toward graduation. These grading changes for the first quarter strive toward equitable grading practices. We understand that distance learning, along with the stress of living through a pandemic, has an impact on our students.

### **Career** Chat

On Wednesday, 1/13/21, we hosted a Career Chat on Media Communications. We had six accomplished and diverse career panelists shared their story and professional experiences with our students. Career Chat is a monthly program, offered by the Counseling Department at Harding High School for our students to hear and explore different career paths from current professionals and college students in the field. Thank you to the Get Ready Program for their support with this program as well. The February Career Chat will be on Business. If you have any questions and/or suggestions of future career chat topics, please email Mr. Lo at vang.lo@spps.org.



Harding High School- School Counseling Department presents:





Date: Wednesday, 1/13/2021 | Time: at 12:00 PM (lasts 1 hour) Google Meet code: HardingCareerChat2021

Students & Staff: Join us by using the above Google Meet code!

We will have these amazing & accomplished Career Panelists:



CRAIG RICE Filmmaker/ Instructor. Mpls College of **TPT - Twin Cities** Art & Design



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Producer/

Filmmaker.

PBS



Show-PBS

FREDERICK MELO Bureau Chief/ Reporter St. Paul Pioneer

Press



ABDI MOHAMED Freelance Journalist, Sahan Journal & Rewire



TYRESE LEVERTY Journalism college Student, University of Minnesota

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#### Get Ready Program

Parents/Guardians,

Get Ready a federally funded program through the Minnesota Office of Higher Education will be presenting an online workshop on **Thursday January 21st** from **6:30-8:00PM** providing families with tools for communications methods that can help create a more positive relationship in the home and school.

Workshop: Positive Relations with your Students

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:

- Describing the characteristics of positive and healthy relationships between parents and students, and between parents and school.
- Practicing communication skills that foster positive family and school relationships.
- Identifying the role of modeling to provide positive examples for students.
- Explain different ways of setting a good example to serve as a positive role model for their children.
- Plan specific steps to improve relationships and modeling that positively affect school success for their children. Register Online: <u>https://tinyurl.com/GetReadyMN4</u>

Folks will have the opportunity to register up until January 19th. However, to receive a packet by mail must register by January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

\*\*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 Felipa.Cespedes@state.mn.us or 651-357-5642

Padres/Guardianes,

El programa Get Ready de la Oficina de Educación Superior de Minnesota ofrece otro evento de participación familiar el miércoles 20 de enero. El taller se centrará en cómo fomentar relaciones positivas con su estudiante para ayudar con la comunicación en el hogar.

Sesión: Relaciones Positivas con Su Estudiante

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:

• La sesión describirá las características de las relaciones positivas y saludables entre padres y estudiantes, y entre padres y escuela.

- Identificar y practicar el papel del modelado para brindar ejemplos positivos a los estudiantes.
- Explicar diferentes formas de dar un buen ejemplo que sirva como modelo positivo para sus hijos.
- Planear pasos específicos para mejorar las relaciones y modelar que afecten positivamente el éxito escolar de sus hijos.

#### Inscríbase en línea: https://tinyurl.com/GetReadyMN3

La inscripción está abierta hasta el 19 de enero, 2021.

Para poder recibir un paquete informativo en el correo, debe registrarse antes del 14 de enero, 2021.

\*\* ¡Los primeros 50 padres / tutores que se registren y asistan a esta sesión recibirán una tarjeta de regalo de \$ 25! \*\*

#### Ordering Yearbooks for 2020-2021 school year

- Go to <u>www.hardingyearbooks.com</u>
- 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

Questions please email:<u>teresa.holmes@spps.org</u> or call/text: 612-405-2226 Submit photos to: <u>hardingportraits@gmail.com</u>

#### 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

#### Technology Help:

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Harding students can receive help daily with iPads, technology, and library service.



651-603-4348 7am-4pm

#### Meal Services:

Saint Paul Public Schools will continue to provide free meals to students while they are in distance learning. The last day of home delivery is Friday, January 22.

**Essential Meal Delivery:** Is reserved for SPPS students who are medically fragile or cannot leave their home to pick up meals. To register, fill out this form.

**Meal Pickup:** Harding's main entrance, Monday-Thursday from 8am-3pm. For other locations and more information is available online <u>www.spps.org/covidmeals</u>