



# Tuesday Family Update

## January 13th, 2021



### Coming Up and Going On

#### Admin Corner

Happy New Year Harding Students and Families!

We hope that you and your family were able to enjoy some rest and relaxation over winter break and spend some time reflecting on the past year and think about the opportunities of the new year. Though it was a challenging 2020 for all of us, in reflection I can only look forward optimistically and have hope for a better 2021 than what we had in 2020.

As we approach “Re-open SPPS” planning for the secondary schools, I want to make sure you are aware of Harding’s plan for re-opening for student support. This information can be found on our website @ [WWW.Harding.spps.org](http://WWW.Harding.spps.org) in the coming days here. You can also read up on the district’s Re-open plans on the district website at [www.SPPS.org](http://www.SPPS.org).

In these trying times, we will continue to strive to meet the needs of our students the best way we can. Thank you for your partnership and support. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or anyone of my assistant principals.

Lastly, we would like to remind parents and students of the opportunity for students to earn credit back from first quarter. Information can be found on page 2 of our newsletter and is available on the district website.

Sincerely,

Be Vang, Principal

Evelyn Nordquist, Assistant Principal (grade 9)

Craig Guidry, Assistant Principal (grade 10)

Xong Moua, Assistant Principal (grade 11)

Patrick Coyne, Assistant Principal (grade 12)

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Admin Message

I want to welcome all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students & families. I am so glad that you are here, and it is going to be a great start to the new year!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email ([craig.guidry@spps.org](mailto:craig.guidry@spps.org)) or my work cell phone (651-285-9286).

Craig Guidry, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal

#### Happening in Sports

Attention basketball players and wrestlers! It is not too late to register. In-person practices begin at Harding on Thursday, January 14th. Visit the Quick links Section of the [Harding Athletics Website](#) for registration requirements and information.

## Important Reminder: Quarter 1 Credit Earn Back Opportunity



Based on the challenges students continue to face in distance learning, Saint Paul Public Schools 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 second quarter. Second quarter concludes in two weeks, ending on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**In the second quarter, any passing grade, A+ thru D-, will result in students receiving a grade of D- for the first quarter.**

Please have your student continue to work with their teachers and counselor to recover first quarter 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. We do not want situations outside of our students' control to negatively impact their future.



## News from Ms. Combs Class

Health Care Careers classes completed research projects on a career they chose from culminating lessons this quarter. The presentations have been above and beyond expectations with both content and presenting! We have also had great attendance in google meets during these peer presentations.

## Ordering Yearbooks for 2020-2021 school year

- Go to [www.hardingyearbooks.com](http://www.hardingyearbooks.com)
- 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: [teresa.holmes@spps.org](mailto:teresa.holmes@spps.org) or call/text: 612-405-2226

Submit photos to: [hardingportraits@gmail.com](mailto:hardingportraits@gmail.com)

## 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:** <https://tinyurl.com/GetReadyMN4>

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](mailto:Felipa.Cespedes@state.mn.us) or 651-357-5642

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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 acompañenos 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.

**Inscríbese 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.

## General Information

### 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
- 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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## Meal Services:

Saint Paul Public Schools will continue to provide free meals to students while they are in distance learning.

**Meal Delivery:** Weekly meal boxes can be delivered to your home. To register at [www.spps.org/fallmeals](http://www.spps.org/fallmeals)

**Meal Pickup:** Harding's main entrance, daily from 8am-3pm. For other locations and more information is available online [www.spps.org/fallmeals](http://www.spps.org/fallmeals)

*Note: If you are already receiving home delivery, you do not need to re-register.*