



# Harding Parent Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

DOUGLAS REVSBECK

### Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year

We hope your son/daughter is feeling well connected with their daily routine and is comfortable talking with their teachers and other support staff at Harding.

Your involvement in their learning can make such a difference in their success. Here are some good ways to become involved and help them be successful.

- ▶ **Attendance** is a real key to success in school. When students are tardy, we call parents. The Campus Parent Portal will let you monitor attendance and academic performance. For questions about Parent Portal, please contact the Main Office at (651)793-4700.
- ▶ Students will do better when they know **someone cares how they are doing**. We are working with families to build caring relationships so all of our students feel connected at Harding.
- ▶ **Parent Teacher Conferences** are a good opportunity to talk with teachers and hear students talk about their progress. Our two fall conferences will be Thursday, October 12 from 4:00 -7:00 PM and Tuesday, October 17 from 3:00 - 6:00 PM.
- ▶ Encourage your student to join one of our many **clubs and sports programs**. Research shows that students who are involved after school activities enjoy school more and have more success.
- ▶ Keep up to date on your child's progress! On the Harding website, <http://harding.spps.org>, click "ONE STOP". Here **you can access student grades, missing assignments, iUpdate**, etc. through Schoology or Campus. Need help with your Parent log-in information? Call the Harding Office from 7am - 3pm at (651)793-4700.
- ▶ Contact your student's Counselor for tutoring and other available support at (651)793-4700.
- ▶ Encourage your students to appropriately use their iPads and other devices! Lots of tools and information on the Family Resources tab at: [www.spps.org/personalizedlearning](http://www.spps.org/personalizedlearning)
- ▶ Attend our **Parent Engagement monthly** meetings in which we work to create a community for parents and teachers collaborate to support students' educational experiences.
- ▶ The **Harding website** will have a new look and feel! The most noticeable change can be seen on phones, where the site automatically adjusts itself to the size of your screen. All of the information on the old site is still available on the new site.

Please take advantage of these opportunities to help your child. We want all of our students to be successful

- Douglas Revsbeck, Principal

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Harding HS has a Parent Involvement Committee made up of building staff who plan parent and family events throughout the year. Five events are planned by the Harding Team, with each event including a leader in each of five languages: Spanish, Somali, Karen, Hmong, and English. Meal service is included. All meetings are sponsored by the Title I program.

**This year's focus is to find out from parents and families what it is that they want Parent Involvement to do, to share, or to provide.**

The first event, a 'Parent Involvement Kickoff', is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 and begins at 11:00 a.m. The topic is "We're all Ears – Letting Harding HS know how to Support our Families". A meal will be served following the meeting, around 12:00 p.m. Signs for locations will be posted at the building entrance for every event.

The district also hosts two Parent Seminars at Harding High School during the year, presenting on topics chosen by Harding administration. This year's topics are: "Parents and Schoology" and "Parenting in the Digital Age". Again, the sessions will be offered in all 5 languages.

## EVENTS

**SAT., SEPT. 30** 11am - 1pm

Harding Parent Involvement Kick-Off

**TUE., OCT. 24** 5:30 - 8:30pm

Parent Seminar  
"Parents and Schoology"

**TUE., NOV. 14** 5:30 - 8:30pm

Parent Seminary  
"Parenting in the Digital Age"

**THU., DEC. 14** 5:30 - 8:30pm

Harding Parent Involvement Meeting

### For more information, please contact:

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Karen: Sawsunshine Timothy, (651) 744 – 6282, [sawsunshine.timothy@spps.org](mailto:sawsunshine.timothy@spps.org)

Hmong: Pong Vang, (651) 744 – 3223, [pong.vang@spps.org](mailto:pong.vang@spps.org)

English: James Bush, (651) 744 – 3218, [james.bush@spps.org](mailto:james.bush@spps.org)



Tuesday  
Oct 17  
4:30-7:30

### Youth & Family Wellbeing Resource Fair

Battle Creek Middle  
School  
2121 N Park Dr., St Paul

#### Enjoy FREE

- Dinner and Snacks
- Raffles & Prizes
- Hands-on Activities
- Massage
- Health/ Mental Health Screenings
- Ramsey County Resource Guide
- Sign up for Clubs, Scholarships, etc.



#### Connect with Resources and Support in Ramsey County

- |                         |                                       |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mental Health Experts   | Youth & Mentor Groups                 |
| School Help             | Case Management                       |
| Faith & Cultural Groups | Physical Health and Nutrition Experts |
| Basic Needs and Money   | Parent/Caregiver Support              |
| Youth Activities        | Juvenile Corrections                  |

Text "Wellbeing" to 651-504-6060 for updates and an EXTRA raffle entry!



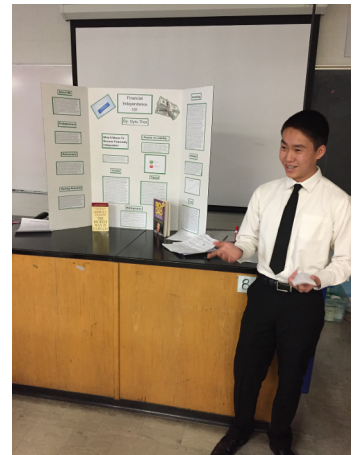
As we approach our second year as a full IB school we are excited to continue working hard at preparing students to be life-long learners! This school year we will focus heavily on the skills students need to become independent learners and be successful at Harding and beyond.

The Middle Years Program at Harding includes all of our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. It provides a framework of learning, which encourages students to become creative, critical and reflective thinkers.

The MYP encourages students to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and to the real world.

The traditional subjects include:

- ▶ English/Language and Literature
- ▶ Math
- ▶ Science
- ▶ World Language/Language Acquisition (a language other than the mother tongue)
- ▶ Social Studies/Individuals and Societies
- ▶ Physical Education/Health
- ▶ Tech/Design
- ▶ Art

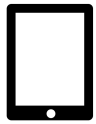


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In their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year, each student completes a personal project. This is a significant piece of work of the student's choice that is the product of the student's own initiative and creativity. We are beginning our work on the personal project this month. The majority of the work will be completed independently but they will receive guidance from their advisory teachers throughout the process.

If you have questions about the MYP or would like more information, you may contact the MYP coordinator, Shandyn Benson.

Shandyn.Benson@spps.org  
651-744- 3263



# TECH



# LIBRARY



Harding students have been issued an iPad as of Friday, Sept. 15. They have received:

- ▶ iPad
- ▶ Case with Keyboard
- ▶ Cord
- ▶ Charging brick



These iPads are an integral part of instruction and learning at Harding, and should be charged and in class every day.

## Please Note:

The Keyboard is part of the protective case and should be connected to the iPad at all times when the iPad is not being used.

The issued iPad is for the student's use only. It should not be used by other family members who may accidentally damage it. Your student is responsible for all parts being returned in good condition in May.

Please guide your students in using the iPad responsibly at home. Parents have every right to limit student screen time, determine where iPads are charged overnight, etc. For more ideas and support, check out **Resources for Families** at: [spps.org/personalizedlearning](http://spps.org/personalizedlearning)

Thank you!

Margie Motzel, Harding iPad Manager:  
[margaret.motzel@sps.org](mailto:margaret.motzel@sps.org), 651-744-3165.

## LibraryGo

LibraryGo is your child's free pass for books, music, homework help and so much more at the Saint Paul Public Library.

Students will have FREE access to e-books, e-magazines, music downloads, one-on-one online homework help, dozens of databases, and more!

For more information on LibraryGo visit <http://sppl.org/go/parents> or talk to your librarian.

## Featured resources for parents and students from Saint Paul Public Library

Whether you are looking to learn a new language or brushing up on subjects to help your student with their homework, the Saint Paul Public Library has a **free** online program for you and your family.



An effective, fun and engaging way to learn over 80 languages.



Nearly 1,000 online tutorials, practice tests, and e-books. Covers job search and workplace skills improvement, skill building in reading, writing, math, and basic science



Use the materials in this center to learn the basics of computers, from searching the Internet to using popular programs for word processing, creating spreadsheets and databases, implementing



Prepare for a professional exams, explore occupations or improve your workplace skills.

Go to <http://sppl.org/learning> for even more opportunities. You may also use these programs at your local library.



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## Greetings from Harding's Licensed School Counselors

As we begin this school year, we encourage students and their families to take an active role in their education by doing the following:

- ▶ Be in school **EVERY** day.
- ▶ **Understand** the academic requirements and policies for graduation.
- ▶ **Get involved** – students who are involved in activities do better academically.
- ▶ **Ask for help if you need it!** We are here to help students succeed. There are many services available at Harding – use them!

Please contact your student's Licensed School Counselor with any questions and concerns. We are assigned by your student's last name.

## COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

Mr. Shady works with all Harding students on their post-high school college/career plans. Stop by and check out the new College and Career Center!



Mr. Jamie Shady

[jamie.shady@spps.org](mailto:jamie.shady@spps.org)

651-744-3599

### IMPORTANT DATES

**SEPTEMBER 28**

National College Fair

**OCTOBER 1**

FAFSA window opens

**OCTOBER 28TH**

ACT

## DACA INFORMATION

Please consult with the professionals below regarding your individual situation. **Harding counselors are not qualified to advise families on legal issues.** The below information is **NOT** for new applications. It is for renewal applications **only**.

If your DACA status expires between Sept. 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018 your **renewal** application must be RECEIVED by Oct. 5, 2017./Si su status de DACA se vence entre el 5 de sept, 2017 y el 5 de marzo 2018 tu solicitud para **renovar** DEBE ser recibida mas tardar el 5 de oct 2017.

### Legal Support/Recursos Legales

Immigrant Law Center/DACA Renewals: Call (651)641-1011, Mon-Fri, 9-5pm

Mid Minnesota Legal Aid Immigration Law Project: Contact pro bono line at 612-746-3705 or email them at [probono@mylegalaid.org](mailto:probono@mylegalaid.org)

Volunteer Lawyers Network: 612-752-6677 on Mon, Wed and Fri from 9-1 pm.

### Organizations/Organizaciones

Navigate MN (<http://www.navigatemn.org>)

Saint Paul Mexican Consulate ([consulmex.sre.gob.mx](http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx))

# NJROTC

The “Knight Navy” - Harding’s Naval Junior ROTC unit is now in its 23rd year of existence, and started the school year with a unit enrollment of 131 cadets. With the retirement of Master Chief Bill Makela, and the corresponding reduction from three to two instructors, the unit is now designated a Company, rather than a Battalion. This year’s Company Staff is Mai Xee Vang - Company Commander, Katrina Pettis – Executive Officer, Lue Vang – Adjutant, Bobby Yang – Operations, Nhia Her – Company Senior Chief, Kang Thao – Administration, Becky Vue – Supply, Gao Sheng Thao – Public Affairs, Brian Walker – Community Service, and Za Thao – Training. Congratulations to these dedicated cadet leaders.

There are five NJROTC extracurricular teams that compete in local and inter-state competitions with other JROTC

**NJROTC is an elective credit class that focuses on citizenship development, self-discipline and leadership traits.**

units. These teams are Precision and Exhibition Drill, Color Guard, Academic Team, Orienteering and the Knight Navy Physical Fitness Team.

Last March, at the Area 3 West regional drill competition in Great Lakes, Illinois, involving

NJROTC units from 15 schools from across a 9-state region, Harding’s Knight Navy brought home five trophies out of eight events entered. This is the highest overall trophy any Minnesota unit has earned at this prestigious meet. The cadets also earned 13 of 20 physical fitness medals, remaining true to the Company’s motto that “push-ups make you smarter,” 1 of the 10 academic medals, and 2 of the 20 knockout medals.

Harding NJROTC will host the 9th annual “Great Northern All Team Sport (GNATS)” Blowout on October 7th. JROTC cadets from eight schools compete in single-elimination tournaments in Basketball, Volleyball, Dodge Ball, Flag Football, Soccer, Kickball, and Tug-o-War. Team members of the 1st place team in each of the sports are awarded medals to wear on their uniforms, and the overall winning JROTC unit wins possession of the GNATS Busted Ball Traveling Trophy. Johnson high school’s Air Force JROTC unit won the trophy last year, breaking the Knight Navy’s string of six years. The cadets are determined that the Traveling Trophy returns to Harding this year.

The cadets will be competing in Como Park’s Marine Corps JROTC unit’s “Devil Dog” drill meet on October 27 and 28 and Washington Technology’s Navy JROTC unit’s “Destroyer” drill meet in November. The final competition of the year will be



held in early March – the Area Three West Drill Competition in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Harding NJROTC performs thousands of hours of community service each year at Harding, local community centers, elementary and middle schools, and other worthy organizations. The cadets march in parades and do fund-raising to support picnics, dances, field trips, and week-long leadership training in Illinois in the summer.

The NJROTC Company and instructors (Senior Chief Rick Bailey and Lieutenant Commander Don Wisneski) would like to thank Harding administration, counseling staff, teaching staff, and custodians for their invaluable support of our program and salute the parents for supporting their cadets before and during these competitions and other events – BRAVO ZULU (“Well Done” in Navy parlance).

# AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

Boozhoo! American Indian Studies (AIS) is pleased to announce the expansion of our program offerings this year.

We are collaborating with Indian Education to bring Braided Journeys to Harding High School. The Braided Journeys Program focuses on community building and positive sense of belonging for our American Indian students at Harding.

Our Cultural Coach, Jack Auginash, is available to nurture community building among students, families, and school staff for student success.

In the library we have an office that will provide students a safe and inclusive space at the school. We have tutors available during the school day for academic support.

Outcomes for the Program include:

- ▶ Ease transition from middle school to high school;
- ▶ Develop kinship and community;
- ▶ Increase cultural services for students;
- ▶ Support student academic success;
- ▶ Increase connectedness for students and families to Harding High School;
- ▶ Increase graduation and attendance rates.



Indigenous People's Day is coming up soon, October 9th. The 11th grade U.S. History classes and AIS are collaborating to have our students participate in the Saint Paul community celebration. Our students will march in the "Protecting Mother Earth" themed parade, joining the students of the American Indian Magnet School. We will all rally at Mounds Park, where there will be speakers and cultural performances.

AIS is currently accepting applications from students who are interested in earning a Distinction in American Indian Studies. This is an academic and cultural honor that students earn by meeting several criteria. These include taking at least 4 year-long AIS classes, with 2 years of either Ojibwe or Lakota language, and maintaining a 3.0 G.P.A. Students also need to exhibit leadership and service in the Native community. However, this program is open to students of any and all cultural backgrounds. Approximately 1/3 of our Distinction graduates are non-Native students. If you are interested, please contact Angie Harper at [angie.harper@spps.org](mailto:angie.harper@spps.org).

## AIS and Indian Ed After School Groups

**Braided Journeys:** Meets 3 days per week. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays there will be After School Study, with tutoring available. On Thursdays there will be cultural activities based on student interest. Led by Jack Auginash, Cultural Coach. From 2:15-3:30 pm in room 1425.

**Drum Group:** Led by Barry Frantum, Lakota Language teacher. For students who would like to learn how to sing at the drum. Meets Thursdays, 2:15-3:30 pm, in room 1411.

# YEARBOOK

All students in all grades (9-12) need to get their pictures taken this year. Including Seniors!

Students will get picture in the school yearbook and a FREE student ID. Parents/Guardians will have picture package options to by student's pictures.



**Picture day is  
October 31st  
Retake day is TBA**

## What Seniors need to know for Yearbook 2017-2018

All Seniors **MUST** get their pictures taken this year by Life touch on Oct 31st. Photo consistency is essential to the professional appearance of the senior pages. To insure ALL Seniors pictures, get into the yearbook Seniors have two options:

ONE: You can use the image that Lifetouch takes on Oct. 31st and use that as your senior picture in the yearbook

TWO: If you want to have a photographer of your picking take your seniors photo, please take this information to your photographer to ensure that your photo meets the following requirements:

- Must be a portrait shot
- Image: Minimum 2.5 horizontal x 3.5 vertical
- Image resolution of 300 dpi
- JPEG FILE ONLY (No png or Tiff's)
- From the waist or chest up, you are the only one in the image,
- No sunglasses, hats or props
- No hands near the face
- No friends, family, children, significant other in the photo

When turning in your senior picture please make sure first and last name and student number is included in the email or when you drop of the image .

Email [Harding.yrbk.1718@gmail.com](mailto:Harding.yrbk.1718@gmail.com) or bring in photograph to room 1242 or 1409

Image **MUST** be submitted NO later then December 22nd 2017 (NO EXCEPTIONS) plan ahead so your image isn't missed otherwise we will use the Lifetouch photo instead.

Other things we will need from Seniors on or before December 22nd:

- Future Goals after high school:
- Name of Role model, Person who is special, mentor.

Optional fun to senior section:

Any photo's you would like to see in the yearbook from this school year taken at Harding or a Harding event (include the event, activities, sport photo was taken and who is in the picture)

Snapchat selfie of you, (can use filters) other Harding seniors may be in the picture please include first and last name, CIF.

If you have questions regarding yearbook:

Teresa Holmes in room 1242 or call: 651-744-3203 or email: [teresa.holmes@spps.org](mailto:teresa.holmes@spps.org)

Joe Paatalo in room 1409 or email: [Joe.paatalo@spps.org](mailto:Joe.paatalo@spps.org)

Yearbook Staff at: Email: [Harding.yrbk.1718@gmail.com](mailto:Harding.yrbk.1718@gmail.com)

Yearbooks from the last three years are for sale for a great deal:  
\$20 for 2017;  
\$10 for 2016;  
\$10 for 2015 books.  
\$30 for all three!  
Available until gone. Students can see Ms. Holmes in 1242.



# HARDING ATHLETICS

Fall sports began on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> with strong participation numbers in volleyball, soccer, football, tennis, cross country and girls swimming.

**Volleyball** is excited to have 50+ girls in the program! While that is a daunting number, it is also encouraging for future seasons. We are currently .500 in conference play with a particularly heartbreaking loss to Como Park on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Both **boys and girls soccer** teams have high participation as well and the boys program competes in one of the best conferences in the state.

The **girls' swim team** has lots of new swimmers with many girls on a swim team for the very first time. Their meets are held at Humboldt High School and they welcome fans. **Girls' tennis** is once again doing quite well and has beaten all the other St. Paul City Schools with a conference record of 5-0 and 5-5 overall so far. They are also an academic stand out team.



The **cross country** team is busy running at a variety of our beautiful parks and they carried on

their tradition of running to Bakken Field on Homecoming Day to deliver the game ball to the football team in their annual pre-game ceremony.

**Football** is in the middle of a tough season as many of last year's seniors graduated and the very young team is focused on a building year. Our student athletes would love to have more fans at their games. Please come support our Harding Knights! Visit [www.stpaulcity.org](http://www.stpaulcity.org) for game schedules.

Winter sports registration will begin in early November offering both **girls' and boys' basketball, wrestling, and boys swimming**. Students wishing to play a sport must have a recent health physical on file with the school. Look for an "Athletics" table during fall conferences for



Boys' soccer team cheers on the girls' soccer team

more information. Also, visit the Athletics page of the Harding website at [www.spps.org/harding](http://www.spps.org/harding).

Mr. Gerald Keenan and his many years of dedication to Harding High School will be honored at his retirement celebration and dinner on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Envision Hospitality in Oakdale. Family, friends, coworkers and former students will gather to honor and thank Mr. Keenan for his many years as a teacher, coach and athletic director. We thank Mr. Keenan for his loving service and wish him all the best in retirement.

The Harding H Club has been busy with events to support our Harding Athletics Program. The annual golf tournament held in August at Phalen Golf Course was a huge success but more Harding Alumni are wanted! Spread the word. They continually seek and welcome alumni/parent support and participation. Without their generous commitment of time, talent and treasure, Harding athletes would have less and for this we are grateful. Please visit [www.hardinghclub.com](http://www.hardinghclub.com) to see how you can get involved. The mission of the Harding H Club is to fund raise to assist Harding Student Athletics so they have the resources that enable them to compete at a high level. Through year round donations and annual events we hope to continue the tradition that was established in 1974. Hall of Stars – this year's Hall of Stars inductees will be honored at an awards dinner to be held at Harding on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Visit the Harding H Club for more information.



We are so happy to be back in school offering on-site health services to Harding students every day that school is in session. We are located next to the School Nurse and have been providing health services to our students for more than 40 years.

Our services are comprehensive. That means we can see students for things like physical exams, health problems like persistent headaches, asthma, etc. We also offer reproductive care such as birth control information and services, STD testing and treatment, etc.

We can help with stress management, counseling for lots of different problems that occur in every teen's life, a nutrition specialist who can assist with healthy eating and weight management and education about a variety of issues.

We don't charge students or their families for any of our care. We will happily accept insurance payments whenever possible. Come in and talk to any of the staff if you have any questions. We are here to help and look forward to meeting your student!

Questions? You can reach us at: 651-778-2884

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The Saint Paul Urban Tennis Program (SPUT) was created in 1991 as a pilot project through the Northwest Tennis Patron (now known as InnerCity Tennis). The SPUT mission is to provide tennis and education programming for underserved youth in St. Paul, helping kids to become better people, not just better tennis players. SPUT has been a community tennis program for a long time and has always focused on being part of the community. In April of 2017, they moved into Eastview and started to manage the rec center. SPUT wants to use its talents and strengths to meet the needs of the neighborhood and expand beyond a Tennis Program. At Eastview, SPUT would like to develop a comprehensive program plan that will build community through neighborhood socials and other programming. SPUT wants people to feel excited about living on East Side St. Paul and celebrate the neighborhood and its growth.

### What is happening at Eastview?

Free open gym

Monday: 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday: 3:00pm - 6:00pm Wednesday: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Friday: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday: 11:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday: Closed

For more information on SPUT or participating in tennis lessons, please visit the website (<http://www.stpaulurbantennis.org/>)

**Administration**  
153 Cesar Chavez Street  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
(651) 602-7500

**East Side Family Clinic**  
895 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, MN 55106  
(651) 602-7500

**Health Care for the Homeless/House Calls**  
438 Main Street  
St. Paul, MN 55106  
(651) 290-6814

**Health Start**  
895 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, MN 55106  
(651) 772-9757

**La Clinica**  
153 Cesar Chavez Street  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
(651) 602-7500

**McDonough Homes Clinic**  
153 Cesar Chavez Street  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
(651) 602-7500

**West Side Dental**  
478 Robert Street  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
(651) 602-7500

## EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 26

3 vs 3 Basketball Tournament

Registration Fee: \$1 per player

Prize: A large pizza

### OCTOBER 3

3 VS 3 Soccer Tournament

Registration Fee: \$1 per

player Prize: A large pizza