



Harding Newsletter

October 16, 2023



Welcome To Harding High School

Hello Harding Families,

We hope you are having a wonderful school year so far. We want to remind you that all the staff are here to support families and students in as many ways as we can. As midterm grades have come out and we move further into the quarter, we want to make sure our students are staying on track to pass all classes. Communication between teachers, students, and families is important so we can identify why students are struggling to keep up with their academic work. We want to make sure everyone is succeeding and putting their best foot forward. Let's continue to learn and grow together!

Sincerely,
Harding Staff

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Harding AVID Team

Greetings Harding Community,

As autumn paints our surroundings with vibrant hues, we're thrilled to embrace October's spirit. AVID returns to welcome students, parents, and educators. Focused on academic excellence, personal growth, and college readiness, we're dedicated to nurturing bright futures.

This October, we illuminate an essential strategy: the "Cornell Note-Taking Method." Divide notes into key ideas and crucial summaries. This technique fosters active engagement, identification of vital concepts, and concise review summaries.

Collaboration thrives within AVID's supportive community. Embrace collaborative study groups and peer learning to conquer academic aspirations and cultivate vital life skills. Together, we shape promising paths.

Stay tuned for dynamic AVID events and enriching workshops. Our commitment is to provide guidance, resources, and a firm academic foundation. Cheers to a year of growth, achievement, and the pursuit of excellence.

The AVID Team

School Pictures & IDs

School Pictures Retakes are on October 18th Please get your picture taken if you haven't already!

- Students will receive their 1st ID FREE and after it lost, stolen or missing students will need to Pay \$2.00 for a replacement
- Students MUST have their school ID on them at all times
- To get into sporting events or school dances students must have their school ID

Auto Shop Field Trip

Some auto shop students went to visit a real auto shop on a field trip on October 13th. They had a lot of fun seeing how the skills they are learning in class can be used in a real job.



Winter Sports

Winter Sports Registration - Begins October 16th !

For registration information go to this link <https://sppshardinghighschool.schoolteams.com/> . Please note that as of July 1, 2023, SPPS Athletics per-season participation fees have increased to \$60 or \$30 if a family qualifies for free/reduced lunch economic assistance. Student-athletes must have an up-to-date sports physical on file.

Winter Sports

Girls' Basketball - Starts 11/13/23 - Coach Porshay Poe - porshay.poe@spps.org

Boys' Basketball - Starts 11/20/23 - Coach Steve Solaja - stephen.solaja@spps.org

Boys' & Girls' Wrestling - Starts 11/20/23 - Coach Glenn Meyers - glenn.meyers@spps.org

Boys' Swimming - Starts 11/27/23 - Coach Emily Danich - emily.danich@stpaul.k12.mn.us

Cheerleading - Coach Wendy Williams - wendy.williams@spps.org

Girls' Gymnastics (hosted at Johnson High School)- starts 11/13/23- Coach NN Roeun-
nntxawm.x.roeun@gmail.com-Captain's practice (open to anyone) - Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10
3:30p-5:30p

Please contact Athletic Director Otto Kraus (otto.kraus@spps.org, 651-744-3153) with any questions.

Family Knight

Thank you to all who came out to Family Knight. We enjoyed getting to know families and sharing some of the amazing things that Harding and its students have to offer.



Spring Internship Opportunities

Districtwide Career Pathways Program



SPRING (February - May)

All 9th - 12th grade students (after completing Career Seminar) may apply for a PAID internship and also earn high school credit.

- Application is open from **Oct. 1 - 31**
- Interviews & Placement in November
- **Dec. 1st** is the deadline to complete Career Seminar before spring internships

Summer internship application opens in February

Sign up on this [link https://righttrack-app.stpaul.gov/applicant_form/account_registration](https://righttrack-app.stpaul.gov/applicant_form/account_registration) if you're an SPPS high school student interested in applying for a paid Spring 2024 Internship.

Please contact your Work Based Learning Coordinator if you have questions about the Career Seminar course:

Harding HS- Jerry Utecht 651-744-3210 jerry.utecht@spps.org

Message From the CCC

Harding College and Career Center

- October is College Knowledge month! All seniors received a visit in their English class from Mr. Shady and Ms. Katie last month to learn more about senior year, postsecondary planning, applying to college, financial aid and more. **During October all MN state colleges and universities waive their application fees so it is FREE to apply!** We encourage all seniors who are thinking about 2- or 4- year college after graduation to start applying now.
- College rep visit season is in full swing, Juniors and Seniors should regularly check their CCC Schoology group to sign up and see who will be here when.
- On October 5th we took 80 juniors and seniors to the National College Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center to visit with over 150 colleges and universities!

- On October 17th we will be taking 80 juniors to Career Connect Day at the St. Paul RiverCentre to connect with a wide variety of career options and industry professionals!
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is undergoing many changes and updates for the coming year and will open in December, not October 1 as in previous years. Visit fafsa.gov for more information. While you are waiting for the form to open, both students (seniors only) and parents/guardians (of seniors) should create an FSA ID to get a head start.

If you or your child has questions or needs help with anything related to college/career, do not hesitate to stop by the CCC or reach out to Jamie Shady - jamie.shady@spps.org or Katie Kovacovich - kkovacovich.ach@spps.org.

Wilder's SUD Program



Wilder's SUD program is partnering with high schools across the Saint Paul School District to provide alcohol and substance use supports for students and their families. Our aim is to decrease overdoses and other concerns related to substance use by providing prevention education and support, consultations for students, families and school faculty.

- **Wilder's SUD Team** is on-site at Harding, Humboldt, Central and Washington High Schools at least 2 days a week. Consultations are available by e-mail or phone Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00pm.
- **Team includes** Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselors (LADC), Mental Health Professionals, Certified Peer Recovery Specialist and Mental Health/SUD Interns
- **Other services provided through referrals:** Substance use assessments (Rule 25/Comprehensive Assessments), individual SUD treatment, and outpatient or residential SUD Treatment.

- Walk in's Welcome for support, consultations and resources!
- Contact one of the building School Social Workers or Counselors to learn more about the referral process.

SUD Contact 651-280-2147 | recovery@wilder.org



Student Absences

Please remember to email our Attendance Clerk at Gertraud.Kussmaul@spps.org or 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 Hotline at 651-744-3063](tel:651-744-3063). Please leave the following information:

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| - Student name | - Student number |
| - Day and date(s) of absences | - Reason for the absence |

If you need to pick up your student early, before the end of the school day, please call the office at least 2 hours in advance of the departure time.

Only certain reasons for being absent will be counted as excused. An absence is excused if it is for an illness, a medical appointment (mental health and dental count), religious holiday, or an extreme family emergency.

Unexcused absences are vacations, missed bus, car problems, needed at home, weather, or overslept.

Just because you call in does not mean the absence will be marked as excused.

Contacting Harding High School

The Harding office phone number is [651-793-4700](tel:651-793-4700). School office hours are 8:00-3:30. If you need to reach a teacher or staff member directly, please contact them through email.

All staff email addresses are: firstname.lastname@spps.org and can be found on Harding's [online staff directory](#).

Technology Help

If students need iPad help please contact Richard Matthes at Richard.Matthes@spps.org or call 651-744-3163.

School Counseling Office

Shanie Xiong (A - F) shanie.xiong@spps.org or 651-744-1428

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HAVE A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR!