



# Harding Newsletter

May 15, 2024

## The Pride of the East Side



**Class of 2024 Senior Photo**

### **Important dates:**

- Senior dinner is May 28th at 6:00pm at Harding, last day to buy tickets is May 22nd
- Graduation is June 3rd at 8:00pm at Roy Wilkins Auditorium in downtown St. Paul, graduation rehearsal is 8:00am the same day
- Last day of school for seniors is May 31st
- Last day of school for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders is June 10th

## Message on Increased Fire Drills

Good afternoon,

With an increased number of fire drills occurring due to students vaping/smoking in bathrooms, we will be continuing to focus on determining who is responsible and appropriate consequences will be given to the students involved. Please remember that anyone under 21 years old cannot possess tobacco and tobacco is illegal on school grounds.

Thank you,  
Harding Administration

**Lots of Award Winners to Recognize!**

Many Harding students are winners of the **2024 Ramsey County Bar Association Law Day Contest**. The theme this year is "Voices of Democracy" and students either wrote an essay or created an original work of art about an issue(s) of importance to them and how they can advocate for it through our democratic system. They will be honored at an award ceremony at the Ramsey County Courthouse.

**ESSAY CONTEST:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Ryan Thor

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Sara Jime

Honorable Mention 1: Dylan Ly

Honorable Mention 2: David Lee

**ART CONTEST:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Shiane Foote

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Miyah Vue

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Kayla Her

Honorable Mention 1: Cecilia Thao

Honorable Mention 2: Kalisa Yang

Honorable Mention 3: Riah Powell

Students from Harding's Dakota Language program competed in the **2024 Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Dakota Language Bowl**. The SMSC Dakota Language Bowl, drew speakers and language learners from all over Minnesota, South Dakota & so-called "Canada". The competition had 3 judges, all Elders and First Language Speakers.

Youth Beginner 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kallie Benavides & Jasper Hernandez

Youth Intermediate 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Maddie Hand & Sean Smith

Adult Intermediate 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Robert Henry Jr, Čhaské Henry, Jordan Iwan





Congratulations to Ms. Greupner (Harding band, orchestra & guitar teacher) who is a finalist for the **Twin Cities' Manilow Music Teacher Award**. Winning schools get \$5000 to buy instruments! **Please vote for Harding today! You can vote once a day through June 14!**  
[https://on.barrymanilow.com/tb\\_app/500553?skip=true](https://on.barrymanilow.com/tb_app/500553?skip=true)

Congratulations to **Harding Orchestra & Band students** who had a fantastic concert in the Harding Auditorium on Tuesday evening, April 30! All five ensembles made great music together, and it was wonderful to be able to recognize and highlight all of our senior instrumentalists:

Elijah Arnett, guitar	Faith C. Chang, flute	Faith M. Chang, violin
Jordison Curley, percussion	Cynthia Dang, viola	Nic Daugherty, percussion
Selina Flores Chacon, trombone	Bella Her, percussion	Ki'Nyah Hobson, violin
Sunday Htoo, trumpet	Andy Lor, alto saxophone	Calix Lor, baritone
Daniel Poirier, flute	Angel Rangel, violin	Aspen Rouillard-Horne, flute
Grant Rouillard-Horne, baritone	Tanner Rouillard Horne, percussion	
Kang Thao, clarinet	Cen Vang, violin	Cassara Yang, clarinet
Layue Yang, violin	Shawn Yang, alto saxophone	

WE WILL MISS YOU, SENIORS!

## Family Engagement Meeting

Meeting date: **May 20th**

Meeting time: 5:00 pm for dinner, meeting starts at 5:30 pm

We would love to hear from families about their wishes for next year as we set new goals.

If you need a ride please call 651-793-4700 to schedule an uber or lyft.

## Parent Portal for Attendance

We would like to remind parents that they have access to the [Parent Portal through CAMPUS](#) where they can view their students' attendance and mark if their student is sick, or has an appointment or other reasons the student will be absent.

If you don't know your username or password please call or email Trudi, our attendance clerk, for a temporary password. (651)774-6041 or [gertraud.kussmaul@spps.org](mailto:gertraud.kussmaul@spps.org)

## IB Exam Schedule

IB exams are coming up at the end of April- May. Please click the link below to look at the spreadsheet to see which days you will be testing depending on which classes you are taking this year.

[IB May 2024 Exam Schedule Public](#)

## Education Pathway Course for Next Year

Do you know of a current 9th - 11th grade student who...

- ...you think would make an amazing educator someday?
- ...loves to examine issues of equity, justice, and the future?
- ...is ready to challenge themselves with a college-level course next year that involves reading, writing, critical thinking, and visiting and volunteering in elementary schools?

Please email [lauren.rekonen@spps.org](mailto:lauren.rekonen@spps.org) with the names of any students who would like to take our Education Career Pathway Course for next year. Students who may be interested in a career in education should consider taking this class. These courses will earn students 3 free college credits!

## Senior Dinner

FOOD FUN ENTERTAINMENT SURPRISES FRIENDS MEMORIES LAUGHS

# The Senior Dinner<sup>^</sup>! *and SHOW!*

**A Harding tradition since 1990!**

**Come be part of history!**

**Tuesday, May 28. Harding Seniors ONLY.**

**Dinner at 6:00 pm. Show following.**

**Tickets: \$5.00 paid to Ms. Dadabo in the library.**

**Purchase tickets by Wed. May 22**

## Summer School

Counselors will be signing students who need credit recovery for summer school. Transportation will be provided, and you will get more information in May if your student needs to attend summer school.

### **Summer School Program Dates & Times:**

Session 1: June 24-July 18 (17 days), 8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

*No School Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5*

Session 2: July 22-August 13 (17 days), 8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

## Student Absences

Please remember to email our Attendance Clerk at [gertraud.kussmaul@spps.org](mailto: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:

-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 oversleeping.

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

## Contacting Harding High School

The Harding office phone number is **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**

Staff Directory link <https://harding.spps.org/about/staff-directory>

## Technology Help

If students need iPad help please contact Richard Matthes at [richard.matthes@spps.org](mailto:richard.matthes@spps.org) or call 651-744-3163.

## School Counseling Office

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**Have a Wonderful Day!**