Dear Students and Families,

As we near the end of this challenging year, I want to thank our families for your support and partnership during this pandemic. Distance Learning has not been easy for many of all of us, staff, students, and families, but we cannot give up. We must continue to work together to motivate our students to show up and be focused. I am also appreciative of the feedback and encouragement you’ve given us as well, thank you, your insight helps us get better.

As we leave for winter break we want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable winter break. Students, take the time to wind down and rest so when we return you are refreshed and ready to tackle your assignments. We'll see you all in January.

Thank you,
Harding Admin Team

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)

Families and Students, do you need resources or activities over the winter break? The counselors and social workers have created 'Harding Calm Spaces' where students and families can go for calming and creative activities or get links to community and emergency resources.
https://sites.google.com/stpaul.k12.mn.us/hardingcounseling-calm-spaces/home

If you have a student in 11th grade, they will be starting to work on History Day projects in their Social Studies classes. History Day is something we all look forward to because this is a project that offers students an opportunity to research a historical topic or event that they want to learn more about! Students will choose and research their topics, and then present what they learned through a performance, storytelling, artwork, documentary, or research paper. Harding students have the opportunity to compete with other students in the regional and state competitions and can earn prizes and money!
**Student Class Schedules for Next Semester**

Students need Parent/Guardian permission to change course levels or drop a yearlong class, and should email their counselor right away to get. **All student requests must be made by January 8th, 2021.** If you have any questions about your student’s classes for next semester, please reach out to your student’s counselor or case manager.

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

- Go to [www.hardingyearbooks.com](http://www.hardingyearbooks.com)
- Now until December 31st 2020 $30.00 +tax
- 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](mailto:)

**Important Senior Deadline approaching Not much time left to submit your things...**

- Senior Portrait, Senior Baby Photo,
- Important Adult,
- Future Goal
- Favorite Quote

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)

**Seniors**

1. **Cap and Gown Orders:** Please try your best to submit your cap & gown measurements to Josten before you leave for Winter Break. Click on this [link](http://) to complete the form. The school will cover all costs for the cap, gown, and tassel for graduation. We would rather order now just in case the factory has delays.

2. **Graduation Input Survey:** Ideally, this spring we will be able to have a traditional in-person graduation ceremony. However, with the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to plan for an alternate scenario of a graduation ceremony at school, following any COVID guidelines. Please fill out this [form](http://) to let us know your thoughts on graduation ceremonies at school if a traditional ceremony is not possible.

3. **Online School Input Survey:** Seniors, we want to hear your voice! Please share your educational experiences to help guide the development of an online school in St. Paul. The interviews are designed to help us gain a better understanding of the kinds of things that create challenges for students in their school activities. Your answers are confidential, and your name will not be shared. Please click on this [link](http://) to schedule a listening session with Mr. Spence and see some sample topics. Thank you!
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.

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 Hotline 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:

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

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

Meal Pickup: Harding’s main entrance, daily from 8am-3pm. For other locations and more information is available online www.spps.org/fallmeals

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