



# Family Update

## April 22, 2021



### Coming Up and Going On

#### Admin Corner

Dear Harding Families,

Though short, our very first week of Quarter 4 Return to school went well. It was great to see students back in school interacting with staff and teachers. We have about half of our students returning to school in person while the other half stayed in Distance Learning. In the same light, I hope our virtual students also had a great start to the new quarter as well. Some of our teachers are offering live streaming from their classes, though it is quite a task for them to do so, it has been a great sight to see virtual students logging onto those classes. We are also able to continue with our Virtual Student support system to ensure our virtual students are also continuing to find success with virtual learning.

This week on Monday, our student leaders coordinated for students to participate in a statewide student-led walkout. Almost 400 of our students participated in the walkout from 1-1:47pm. Students walked out onto our football field and held a powerful event where our students shared personal stories, thoughts, experiences, poems about the impact of police brutality and injustice in our community. I am proud of our students for coordinating and carrying out a successful event!

As coming to school becomes a norm, I would like to ask that you continue to help us remind our students about safety protocols: Mask Up, Spread Out and Clean Hands. Thank you for your support in keeping our students and staff safe!

Have a great weekend.

Thank you,

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#### Virtual Learners Updates

Hello Harding Virtual Learners and Families,

We, Evelyn Nordquist and Patrick Coyne, are the assistant principals working with virtual learning for the remainder of this school year. Ms. Nordquist ([evelyn.nordquist@spps.org](mailto:evelyn.nordquist@spps.org)) will be working with all VL students and families in grades 9 and 10, and Mr. Coyne ([patrick.coyne@spps.org](mailto:patrick.coyne@spps.org)) will be working with all VL students and families in grades 11 and 12.

The number of virtual learners is high, so we are putting systems in place to support learning by distance that will be both proactive and responsive to student and family requests and needs.

Every teacher posts assignments with supporting instructions in Schoology by Monday morning of each week. They are also committing a minimum of 1 hour daily for office hours - online support available to VL students - Monday through Friday. These office hours, along with meeting codes and personal contact information (usually email) is found at the top of each staff member's Schoology course page (in the materials section). Additionally, a team of support staff is assigned to work with advisory classes and reach out to virtual learners to offer support and guidance. Counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, and case managers (for special education students) are all available through this process to support students socially, emotionally, and academically.

Families are encouraged to check Schoology with their students daily, and to reach out to teachers, counselors, social workers, or administration with questions and concerns. We are committed to helping all students in the virtual learning environment succeed for this final quarter of the year.

Thank you,

Evelyn Nordquist, Assistant Principal for Virtual Learners Grades 9 & 10 ([Evelyn.Nordquist@spps.org](mailto:Evelyn.Nordquist@spps.org))

Patrick Coyne, Assistant Principal for Virtual Learners Grades 11 & 12 ([Patrick.Coyne@spps.org](mailto:Patrick.Coyne@spps.org))

## Care Packages for Virtual Learners

Harding Students who are remaining in virtual learning may pick up a Harding Care Package by coming to the building on Fridays, from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

## Harding's Senior High School Continuous Improvement Plan 2019-2021

At Harding, we are committed to challenging the mind and spirit of all who enter our school community. Our students prepare for life beyond high school with a six-year plan that sets goals for post-secondary education. Harding is a Title I school, and per U.S. Education Law, we provide extra help for students to learn and graduate on time. Additionally, we carefully plan and document how to meet these outcomes on our School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP - linked below):

Harding Families are encouraged to learn more and become involved in our SCIP Team. Please view the public-view document on the Harding HS website (link: <https://www.spps.org/Domain/16765> ) and/or reach out to Principal Vang at [be.vang@spps.org](mailto:be.vang@spps.org) or 651-744-2780.

## General Information

### Meals

Curbside meal pick-up will be open Monday-Friday 10AM-2:45PM and on Wednesday open 3:30 pm-5:30pm. If you need meal boxes, please pre-order on the Nutrition Services website. <https://www.spps.org/Domain/16201>

### 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:

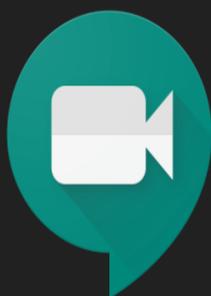
Please remember to call the attendance hotline each day your student is absent from school. If your child is absent from school, it is necessary for a parent/guardian to call the **Attendance Hot line at 651-744-3063** or **email [may.asuncion@spps.org](mailto:may.asuncion@spps.org)**. Please leave the 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
- Schoolology
- Login Problems
- Wifi Hotspots
- Google Apps
- And more!

**Ms. Dadabo**  
[betsy.dadabo@spps.org](mailto:betsy.dadabo@spps.org)  
8:30am - 9:30am  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

**Mr. Matthes**  
[richard.matthes@spps.org](mailto:richard.matthes@spps.org)  
1:00pm - 3:00pm

**District Support**  
[familysupport@spps.org](mailto:familysupport@spps.org)  
651-603-4348  
7am-4pm

