



Harding Newsletter



May 14th, 2021

Admin Corner

Dear Harding Community,

As you all may have heard, the Governor and CDC has lifted the requirements for masks, however, SPPS and St. Paul is still observing the MASK-UP mandate, so please help us remind students to continue to wear their masks to school. I know I will continue to wear my mask until the end of the school year.

We are down to the final stretch for our seniors. Seniors, keep it going, finish strong! You got this. Continue to come to school, turn in those assignments, and get yourself ready to walk across the stage and receive that diploma! I cannot wait and I want to see you all up there! Reach out to your teachers and counselors if you are not sure where you are with your credits and classes

Families, thank you for your patience with us as we continue to make arrangements for the graduation ceremony and our End of Year Senior Luncheon. Families, unfortunately, the luncheon is only open to seniors and will take place on June 3rd during the school day. Graduation details will continue to come out to you all in next week's newsletter as they are finalized and information will be presented at the Monday Night Parent Engagement Meeting from 5-6pm. If you cannot join us on Monday, the information is also posted on our website. Meeting links will be posted on the website on Monday.

Last but not least, help me congratulate Ms. Maureen Rueber for the 50 years she's dedicated to Harding. We are so glad to have her!

I hope you will have some time this weekend to enjoy the weather and outdoors.

Thank you and be well.

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Update on Year-End Events

Class of 2021 Yard signs are here. Pick yours up at Harding near the Main Office from 8:30 until 3:00 Monday-Thursday.

Due to the complexity of ensuring safety while hosting multiple large events during a continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the district has mandated **Harding High School to not host in-person prom, honors nights, all night party, or schedule any field trips this school year.**

Although our choices are limited, and attendance is restricted. We want to honor and celebrate our seniors' accomplishments. Harding will be hosting one virtual and one outdoor event to recognize the class of 2021.

- **Virtual:** The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held the morning of June 1st; from 10:45 until 11:45 during advisory, **however spectators will not be allowed to attend in person for this event. We will live stream the ceremony using Google Meet. A recording of the ceremony will also be available.**
- **Outdoor:** The Senior Luncheon will be held on June 3rd, from 11:50 am until 2:30 pm, **but no guests, parents or volunteers will be allowed to participate in the event.** All outdoor school-based activities must follow SPPS safety protocols for outside activities, which follow the outdoor guidelines established by the Minnesota State High School League. Mask wearing will be required with social distancing enforced for students and staff.

The Graduation Ceremony will be held at Roy Wilkins Theater, in-person, on Thursday June 10th 2 tickets per student.

Please look for more information about these events in the coming weeks.

Harding Senior Class Advisor, Mr. Spence

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB DP) Updates

IB DP EXAMS AND COVID-19

If it had been a normal year, Harding students would be in their third week of IB DP exams right now. However, because of the pandemic and all issues related to it, all of the written IB DP exams were cancelled in St. Paul Schools. Similar to last year, final IB DP results will be awarded based on a combination of external and internal assessments, teachers' predicted grades, and mathematical models that reflect the historical performance of individual DP schools. Students will learn about their final grades in early July.

Many Harding DP teachers are still assigning mock exams as final assessments for their classes, and parents and guardians can support their IB students by encouraging their students to try their best, to stay organized, to always ask for help, and to make sure their students are getting enough sleep and are eating healthy, balanced meals.

Harding's Academic Hall of Fame Inauguration

The next time you're at Harding, stroll through the "Harding Knight" area and you'll see the Academic Hall of Fame that features plaques of Harding IB Diploma Recipients from 1995 through 2020. We are very proud of this addition to our school and look forward to adding more plaques in the near future!

2020-2021 Harding IB Diploma Program Report:

Harding's IB Diploma Program continues to grow, with more and more students challenging themselves with IB DP classes. It is our goal that EVERY student who attends Harding takes at least one IB DP class either in 11th or 12th grade (or both!).

The class of 2021 has 14 students striving to earn the IB Diploma. These students have taken at least 3 "Higher Level" and 3 "Standard Level" IB DP classes and exams, as well as complete an Extended Essay (EE), "Creativity, Activity & Service" (CAS) hours and expand their minds with the Theory of Knowledge (ToK) class. Here is the list...

2021 IB Diploma Candidates

Marvin Contreras

Aishat Daud

Por Ge Her

Gustavo Ibarra

Steve Landaverde Caballero

Alisia Lemmons

Jordanna Marshall

Jacqueline Martinez

Tochi Onuegbu

Jefferson Rivera Landaverde

Diamond Thlang

Bway Dee Wah

Mayura Yang

Ashley Yurkovich

Upcoming Event by Get Ready

Description: Planning for High School: Knowing Your Options

Presentation topics include: knowing your postsecondary options, things to consider when exploring postsecondary options, understanding how to pay for postsecondary option

Date:

- Tuesday, May 11th – English Session
- Tuesday, May 18th – Spanish Session

Time: 6:30-7:30PM

Platform: Google Meets (Link will be sent to confirmed participants)

How to register/join:

- English – <https://tinyurl.com/GetReady511>
- Spanish- <https://tinyurl.com/GetReady518>
- Open to students and staff, staff please register under “community member”



Please reach out if you have any additional questions. Let me know if there are any other staff I should connect about this opportunity as well!

Thank you,

Mai Ong Herr

Postsecondary Pathways Coordinator, Get Ready/GEAR UP

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Retirement News



Ms. Maureen Rueber has been a Harding High School staple for the last 50 years. She has spent her whole career at Harding, which is, as far as we know, the longest any St. Paul Public School staff has been at a single school. She has taught as a Family Consumer Science (Home Ec) teacher, run the school cafe, been the test coordinator, run student leadership programs, organized student retreats, Cheerleading coach, connected school to business and post-secondary institutions and been a staff support person and all around mother of Harding High School for 50 YEARS!!!

She has the answer to every question, she is deeply invested in knowing all the staff and something about each person and their family. She takes the time to stay in touch with past students and staff, remembers important days and reaches out to let you know you are being thought of.

Her work ethic is like no one else. She is usually one of the first one's here (before 6am!) and the last to leave(6pm!). Maureen has helped to support students, families, teachers and administration since 1971, and does so many things to help make everyone's job easier, to make people feel valued and appreciated, and to create a sense of belonging and community.

She meets each day and student with a smile and an amazing sense of teacher style (everyday she matches her glasses, shirt and shoes and now her masks:) Leopard is her favorite!

We are so proud to call Maureen Rueber a Harding Knight and want to congratulate her on 50 fabulous years! Thank you for all you do!

Summer iPad Information

Students returning to Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) in September 2021 will not be required to turn in their district technology at the end of this current school year (June 2021).



District-issued iPads and hotspots can continue to be used by SPPS families throughout the summer to support learning. A variety of opportunities and resources will be available on all student iPads this summer.

If families do not want to keep their SPPS iPad or hotspot over the summer, these devices can be returned to your student's school at the end of the year along with the charging cable and block.

All graduating seniors and families not returning to SPPS in the 2021-22 school year should return their SPPS iPad, charger and any other learning materials to their school at the end of the year. If families change enrollment to another school district outside of SPPS over the summer, please return the iPad and charging cable to [1930 Como](#) or [360 Colborne](#). iPads that have not been returned will be deactivated and families will be contacted requesting their return.

The SPPS Board of Education recently approved the purchase of new iPads for students and staff. New iPads and similar iPad cases are expected to arrive this summer and will be ready when students return to school in the fall.

Families can expect their students will exchange their current iPad for a new device upon returning to school in the fall. Please look for additional information from your school in the coming weeks.

Sports

Fall Sports Registration will begin on Monday, May 10th. Visit the [Harding Athletics Website](#) to register online. Fall Sports begin in early August.

General Information

Meals

Updated times for curbside meal pick-up.

Curbside will be open Monday-Friday 10AM-3PM and on Wednesday open 10am-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 and can be found on Harding's [online staff directory](#).

Student Absences

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:

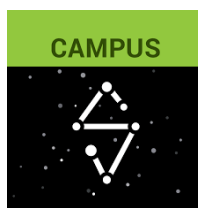
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| - Student name | - Student number |
| - Day and date(s) of absences | - Reason for the absence |

Attendance Process for Quarter 4

Due to the multiple modes for learning this quarter, please make sure to review how student attendance is recorded daily. For information on how to use Campus Portal, please visit [Harding's webpage for attendance](#).

Virtual Everyday

- Students or Parents must complete daily attendance check-in using Campus Portal



In-Person Mondays-Thursday

- Students must physically be in the building for teachers to mark students present.
- On Fridays, students or Parents must complete daily attendance check-in using Campus Portal

Technology Help

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



The graphic is a black rectangle with white and teal text. At the top, it says 'iPad & Technology Help'. Below that is a teal speech bubble icon containing a white video camera icon. To the right of the icon, it says 'Meet with us!' followed by a teal link: 'http://g.co/meet/hardinghelp'. Below the link is a bulleted list of topics: iPads, Schoolology, Login Problems, Wifi Hotspots, Google Apps, and And more!. At the bottom, there are three columns of contact information for Ms. Dadabo, Mr. Matthes, and District Support, each with an email address and a time range.

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| Ms. Dadabo betsy.dadabo@spps.org 8:30am - 9:30am 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Mr. Matthes richard.matthes@spps.org 1:00pm - 3:00pm | District Support familysupport@spps.org 651-603-4348 7am-4pm |
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Harding 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 or 651-744-2780.

