



Wednesday Family Update

October 14, 2020

Coming Up and Going On

Harding Administration Corner

DL 2.0 is starting to see a routine developed as we complete the fifth week of school. We want to encourage students to continue to attend all their synchronous classes and complete their work. We just completed grades for Mid-quarter and we will be sending home reports to families to inform you how your child has been performing thus far. Please make sure to connect back to your child's teachers with any questions and concerns you might have about their progress marks. We strongly encourage parent involvement so that your child can find DL 2.0 successful.

If you have any questions or concerns you can reach anyone of us at the contact information below.

Be Vang, Principal,
Email: be.vang@spps.org, Google Voice number: (901) 231-9804

Evelyn Nordquist, 9th Grade Assistant Principal
Email: evelyn.nordquist@spps.org

Craig Guidry, 10th Grade Assistant Principal,
Email: craig.guidry@spps.org, Google Voice number: (507) 225-2923

Xong Moua, 11th Grade Assistant Principal,
Email: xong.moua@spps.org

Patrick Coyne, 12th Grade Assistant Principal,
Email: patrick.coyne@spps.org

iPad Help

If your iPad is damaged or needs to be replaced, please report the issue by emailing or calling Saint Paul Public Schools Technology Services:

- Email: familysupport@spps.org
- Call: 651-603-4348 from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please leave a detailed voicemail and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

If you are having problems with your iPad, you may also contact your student's teacher or our school. After a report is made, a member of the SPPS technology support team will contact you about replacement options to continue distance learning in Saint Paul.

If you are having issues logging into Schoology or other district-approved apps, please visit spps.org/ipadhelp.

You can come to the google meet **hardinghelp** between 8:30-9:30 and 1:00-3:00 for further iPad help.

Have a PLAN B

If you've gotten an iPad and it's just not working, if you don't have an iPad yet, **you can use another tablet or computer to log in for class.**

Get Involved

There are several upcoming **virtual events** to engage with the Harding Community. Next week is a Parent Engagement meeting and Open House. *See page 3 for details.* Conferences are October 22nd and 27th from 4-7pm, and we will be sending the details in the very near future.

Welcome from Harding's School Counseling team. We're here to help students and families with academic support, social emotional support and college and career readiness. Counselors are assigned by your child's last name. Please reach out to your child's counselor if you have any questions.

Erika Huss (erika.huss@spps.org)	Last Names: A, B, C, D & E
Cynthia VanOverbeke (cynthia.vanoverbeke@spps.org)	Last Names: F, G, H, I, J & K
Edward Xiong (edward.xiong@spps.org)	Last Names: L, N, O & P
Vang Lo (vang.lo@spps.org)	Last Names: M, Q, R & S
Mana Vue (mana.vue@spps.org)	Last Names: T, U & V
Marianna Sullivan (marianna.sullivan@spps.org)	Last Names: W, X, Y & Z
Jamie Shady (jamie.shady@spps.org)	College & Career Center
Tami Johnson (tamara.johnson@spps.org)	American Indian Studies

Social workers are the connection between school, home, and the community. We support students who are experiencing social and mental health concerns. We advocate for students to promote academic success and we assist in interventions for students struggling with attendance and truancy. Social workers also connect students and their families to resources, such as services for homeless students and to a variety of helpful community and county agencies. Please reach out to the social work team if we can help.

Hannah Pettersen (hannah.pettersen@spps.org)	9th grade & special education students
Phua Yang (phua.yang@spps.org)	10 th grade & special education students
Beth Breen (beth.breen@spps.org)	11 th grade & special education students
Brian Giesen (brian.giesen@spps.org)	12 th grade & special education students
Joan Gudorf (joan.gudorf@spps.org)	Serving special education students
Jill Winter (jill.winter@spps.org)	Serving special education students

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.

Health & Wellness

For Health Questions Please Contact:
Thomas Stinson
Licensed School Nurse
Email: Thomas.Stinson@spps.org

Immunizations

Even though SPPS students will start the year in distance learning, it is important to make sure your child's immunizations are current and provide records to your child's school. Learn more at spps.org/studentwellness.

COVID-19 Student and Family Guidelines

Saint Paul Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our students, staff and their families. To ensure this commitment is met, we have developed and will continue to revise the [COVID-19 Guidance for Students and Families](#) in response to the everchanging Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

COVID Testing Resources

Visit the [Minnesota Department of Health website](#) to find a location providing free COVID-19 testing. Reminder: Check with your insurance provider before making an appointment to make sure the office visit fee will be covered.

Student Mental Health

We recognize that school closure, distance learning, and COVID-19 may cause extra stress to many in our school community, including families, students and staff. Reach out to your student's counselor or social worker if needed.

Sport Physicals

Students in secondary schools need a physical exam every three years to participate in sports. Download a copy of the physical exam form from spps.org/sports and take to your health care provider.

Face Coverings in SPPS

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz has directed that masks or face coverings must be worn throughout Minnesota in all indoor public spaces - including school buildings. This new executive order applies to all visitors, staff and students (kindergarten and older). SPPS staff and visitors have been expected to wear face coverings since April. Pre-K students are not required to wear face coverings under this order.

- Read more about Face Coverings at spps.org.

******REMINDER: There is NO school on 10/15 & 10/16******

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 office via the Attendance Hot line 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

You are Invited!

Virtual Family Engagement Meeting

October 19 2020

5:00-6:00 pm

Virtual Open House, starting at 6:00pm, will follow the parent meeting.

Google Meeting Join Codes:

Hmong Language:

meet.google.com/pzf-tqzf-nab

Xovtooj: 1-502-309-9295

PIN: 146 454 301 #

Spanish Language:

meet.google.com/axp-kouk-ngb

Por telefono: +1 470-273-8692

PIN: 897 418 613 #

English Language:

meet.google.com/cex-asgg-gdu

Somali Language:

<http://meet.google.com/yan-rtfy-xgs>

Karen Language:

<https://meet.google.com/iqv-qfcd-kau>

Join by phone + 1 205-286-9856 PIN: 220 953 368#

Starting October 20th: Math and Science (STEM) Tutoring.

9th-12th Graders: Need help with math, chemistry, physics, etc? Want a focused study space with friends? Come to online STEM tutoring sessions. Tutors are Harding High School Alumni. Ask us about life after Harding.

Meeting Times: Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 pm & Thursdays 4:00-6:00 pm with the Google Meet Code: HardingHelp

The Harding Japan Trip will be postponed to June 2022.

This change creates the opportunity for new travelers to join our group and we'd love to bring more Harding students along. Would you like to travel to Japan on a school trip? Contact erik.brandt@spps.org or carrie.petroske@spps.org for more information.