

Warren G. Harding Middle School

August 2017 Parent Newsletter – Welcome Back!



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From the Principal

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! The Harding Middle School staff is eager to welcome back nearly 800 students. We are excited to work together with students, families, and community members to help achieve our Vision and Mission:

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We look forward to our collaboration!

Joy Linqvist, WGHMS Principal
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Beginning of the Year Reminders...

- Classes start at 7:45am every day. Dismissal is at **2:40**; with an early out on Wednesdays at **1:10pm**
- Students must be out of the building 10 minutes after dismissal and off campus after 15 minutes.
- Student drop off and pick up are on the West side of the building ONLY.
- Remember, students are not to wear flip flops or slippers to school. Must have hard bottoms.
- **Harding will be providing BINDERS for each student. Binders will contain: folders, spiral notebook, and pencils. Students must have his/her binder with them every day for every class.** Students may be their own binder.
- Parents watch for a messenger email sent out Friday evenings recapping the week and listing the next week's events. If you do not receive an email please let us know in the main office.
- Stay up to date with events, celebrations and important dates by checking our website often: harding.dmschools.org
- 'LIKE' the Harding Wolf Pack Facebook page **AND** follow Harding on Twitter @HardingWolfPack

School Hours – Dismissal times have **CHANGED!**

Doors open at 7:20am Classes begin at 7:45am
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri **Dismissal: 2:40 pm**
Wednesday Dismissal: **1:10 pm**

Upcoming Events:

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER ONLINE!!!

Monday 8/21: Athletic Practices Begin!

Volleyball, Cross Country, & Football

Monday 8/21: Back to School Night

5:00-6:30pm – 6th Grade Only: Enter by Main Office

6:30-7:30pm – 7th & 8th Grade: Enter at GYM

Wednesday 8/23: First Day of School at 7:45am

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*Early Dismissal at 1:10pm

Monday 9/4: Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 9/5: First Cross Country Meet at Camp Dodge 4:30pm

Thursday 9/7: First 8th gr. Volleyball Game at Harding 3pm

Friday 9/8: Parent Advisory Council

Monday 9/11: First 7th gr. Volleyball Game at Weeks 3pm

Monday 9/11: First Football Game at Roosevelt HS 4pm

Friday 10/6: North HS Homecoming

Thursday 10/12: School Pictures

October 16-20: Advisory Teachers Conference Call

Tuesday 10/24: ELL Conference Night 4-7pm

Thursday 10/26: Conferences 4-7pm

Friday 10/27: Professional Development – NO SCHOOL

Stay up to date by checking our website and Harding Wolf Pack Facebook page often: harding.dmschools.org

Harding School Uniforms:

This year students will wear a plain black polo (along with Harding logo purple polos) with Khakis or Black Pants. Black pants must have pockets and zipper to be considered part of uniform. *Leggings, sweatpants, and athletic pants are not allowed.*

Harding will not have black polos for purchase. These can be purchased at any store (Example: Old Navy, Walmart, Target, etc...).

At Harding Middle School We Are...

C – Collaborative

P – Professional

R – Respectful

Talk with your student about ways he/she can display CPR behavior at Harding **AND** at Home.

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Harding Middle School Athletics & Activities

2017 Athletics	Contact Person	Location	Days & Times
Cross Country	Scott Anderson	North	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-4:00p
Volleyball	Mrs. Jensen (7 th) Ms. Reynolds (8 th)	Harding	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-4:00p
Football	Mr. Wynters Mr. Hixon	North	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 3:00-5:30p Wednesdays: 2-4pm
Cheerleading	TBD	Harding	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-4:00p
Basketball (Girls)	Mrs. Bennett Mrs. Knock	Harding	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-4:00p
Wrestling	Mr. Hixon	North	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-4:00p
Basketball (Boys)	Mr. Gianaras Mr. Simpson	Harding	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-4:00p
Swimming (Boys)	TBD	North	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-4:00p
Swimming (Girls)	TBD	North	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-4:00p
Track & Field	Mr. Anderson Ms. Guetzko	Harding	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-3:45p
Soccer (Boys)	Mr. Simpson	Harding	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-4:00p
Soccer (Girls)	Ms. Schroll	Harding	Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:40-4:00p

Afterschool Activities	Contact Person	Location	Days & Times (Start time 2:45pm)
Movement 515: Poetry Workshop	Mrs. Steffen	Room 129	Starting mid-September. Follow HS Schedule
Cultural Dance Club	Ms. Kendzora	Auditorium	Mondays until 3:30pm
Media Club	Mrs. Rudd	Room 249	Tuesdays until 3:30pm
Harding Breakers	Mr. San	Cafeteria	Wednesdays until 3:00pm
Al Exito	Sra. Burleson	Cafeteria	Thursdays until 3:30pm
Artpack Visual Arts Club	Mrs. Strait	Room 205	Thursdays until 3:30pm
Debate Club	TBD	TBD	TBD
Intramurals (6 th Only)	Mr. Soard	Auditorium	TBD
Drama Club	TBD	TBD	TBD
GSA	Mrs. Rudd	Room 249	TBD

Athletic/Activities Coordinator for Harding

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