



Harding Herald

September 2020

Joseph Niemantsverdriet, Principal
April Patton, Vice Principal
Melynda Schuckert, Counselor

Calendar

September

7 NO SCHOOL Labor Day

October

9 NO SCHOOL NEOEA Day
16 END OF 1st Quarter

Principal's Message

Good evening. This is Joe Niemantsverdriet, Principal of Harding Middle School.

Our teachers have shared many positives to celebrate throughout week one of our remote learning including students participating in collaborative learning opportunities using the breakout room feature of Zoom Pro and showing what they know about the content using a variety of technology tools such as flip grid, Jamboard, and Nearpod. Our students participating in eLearning LKWD for the first semester have begun their courses in APEX and it has been shared the first week has gone smoothly. Some of the Lakewood teachers monitoring student progress in APEX have begun to reach out to the students enrolled in the program.

In this Harding Update you will find updated information from nutrition services and information about Harding Builder's Club. Please remind your student if they are participating in remote learning for the first quarter to log into their first period class every day before 9:00am for daily attendance. If you have not already done so, please use the link under District 1:1 Technology Agreement Form to complete the form for each of your students.

Student Attendance for Students in Remote Learning

Students engaged in Remote Learning are required to login to their first period Zoom each day at 9:00am for attendance. Teachers will enter attendance into the school's system and we will be notifying parents of absent students using the automated calling system as we would when students are present in the building. If your child becomes ill and will not be on their Zoom classes for a day, please notify the Harding Middle School Attendance Line as you do when the students are present in the building. The Harding Middle School Attendance Line phone number is 216-529-4311.

District 1:1 Technology Agreement Form for All Students and Parents

All students enrolled in the Lakewood City School District must complete the District 1:1 Technology Agreement Form. Please use the link below for you and your child to complete and submit this form.

<https://forms.gle/p2xYYJGC7aB9HMWq9>

Fall iReady Diagnostic Assessments

Math and ELA teachers will have students completing the fall diagnostic assessments using iReady in the coming weeks. These assessments will be incorporated into Tuesday and Thursday class sessions. The specific dates for your child's assessments will be scheduled by their math and ELA teachers. During the iReady assessments, students will be required to have their cameras turned on so the teachers can monitor the students during the diagnostic assessments. As a reminder, these assessments allow the teachers to identify learning gaps and intervention needed. Students should identify where they feel comfortable taking the assessments within their learning environment and strive to eliminate distractions from this area. Some teachers will also be using the iReady Instructional component to help students to fill the learning gaps identified through the iReady Diagnostic Assessment. Teachers will communicate with you and/or your student when they plan to begin their iReady Diagnostic Assessments.

ChromeBook Repairs

The district technology department is holding Chromebook repair hours as listed below.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 - 12:30 at LHS, GMS, and HMS
Fridays 10:30 - 12:30 at LHS only

Athletic Calendar go to:

<http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/athletics>

Typical School Week for Remote Learning

Every school day – Students log in to their first period class by 9:00am for attendance.

Monday – Students login to the Zoom classroom for each course throughout the school day following the Remote Bell Schedule.

Tuesday – Students follow the plan their teachers have given them for the day. This may include small groups of students receiving intervention from their teachers, asynchronous learning activities, or teachers having the entire class login to Zoom for additional whole class activities. Regardless of the format a teacher is using for the day, the students should use the Remote Bell Schedule for their learning throughout the school day.

Wednesday - Students login to the Zoom classroom for each course throughout the school day following the Remote Bell Schedule.

Thursday - Students follow the plan their teachers have given them for the day. This may include small groups of students receiving intervention from their teachers, asynchronous learning activities, or teachers having the entire class login to Zoom for additional whole class activities. Regardless of the format a teacher is using for the day, the students should use the Remote Bell Schedule for their learning throughout the school day.

Friday – Students will engage in a Social-Emotional Learning Activities guided by their first period teachers. These activities will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Following this time, students may be engaged in additional intervention by their teachers, case managers, or service providers. For those students not engaged in these activities, they may use the remainder of the school day to complete any unfinished learning activities from the week to be submitted by the conclusion of the school day.

Message from our Guidance Counselor

HELLO & WELCOME BACK!!!

Here are some school counseling updates...

*PARENT COFFEE CHATS via ZOOM on TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS from 8:15-8:45am starting SEPT. 10th.

Click on the link below to join any coffee chat.

<https://ohconnect.zoom.us/j/99240100475?pwd=NTFsNDZmVGUzL0ViZEswNGNTRUNnUT09>

The purpose of these sessions will be to just check in and discuss anything that is going on with kids, school, lives, etc. in a virtual group setting. It will be super casual and everyone is welcome at any point within the chat time frames. If there are similar interests or concerns, we may invite guests at future meetings. This will be a great way to help support one another and have an outlet during these challenging times. If you have any questions please contact me at melynda.schuckert@lakewoodcityschools.org

*PLEASE remind your child to complete the SCHOOL COUNSELING GOOGLE FORM sent to their email if they haven't already. This form helps guide the school counseling programs that will be created to support students this school year.

*I would like to introduce Joella Dietz-Haught. She will be doing her school counseling internship with me this school year. We are grateful to have her as another resource for our students.

From Joella Dietz-Haught: "I am so excited to be working with Harding students and families! I grew up in Lakewood, and attended Lakewood City Schools throughout my childhood and adolescence. Some of you may already know me from my work at Horace Mann Elementary, Emerson Elementary, or Kids Connection Summer Camp! I look forward to giving back to this wonderful community, and providing academic, career, and/or social/emotional support to students! Please feel free to contact me at joella.haught@lakewoodcityschools.org, with any questions or concerns!"

WISHING YOU ALL A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!!!

Mrs. Schuckert

Updated Meal Distribution - 1st Quarter

Free Meals available for first quarter for all students

Grab-n-go breakfast and lunch will be offered every weekday beginning Sept. 8 at LHS, both middle schools and all elementary schools for any enrolled Lakewood City Schools student. If requested, breakfast for the following day may be picked up during lunch service. Students (or parents) may pick up meals at any of the buildings (except for Franklin School of Opportunity). **Masks and six-foot distancing will be required at all locations.** Please see the district website for the meal distribution schedule.

Harding Builder's Club

Builders Club will have its first meeting of the year at 2:30pm on Thursday, September 24th. The meeting will be held via Zoom. Please join us to learn about what Builders Club is and what type of activities we will be involved in throughout the year. Early next week there will be a Google Form link on Harding's website in which you are asked to supply name, homeroom, and grade level if you are interested in participating. Please have form completed by Tuesday, September 22nd. Mr. Spooner will send out a Zoom invitation to those interested in participating in the first meeting."

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff,

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Niemantsverdriet". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Joe Niemantsverdriet
Principal