

Welcome to the Elementary Division!



Grades 3-5 Orientation

Kristin Giammona

Elementary Division Head



Brian Yager

Head of School



Celebrating Summer Olympics



Jennifer Gargano

Assistant Head of School, Academics



Course Customization



Optimized Learning

K-12 curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire as students move through the grades.

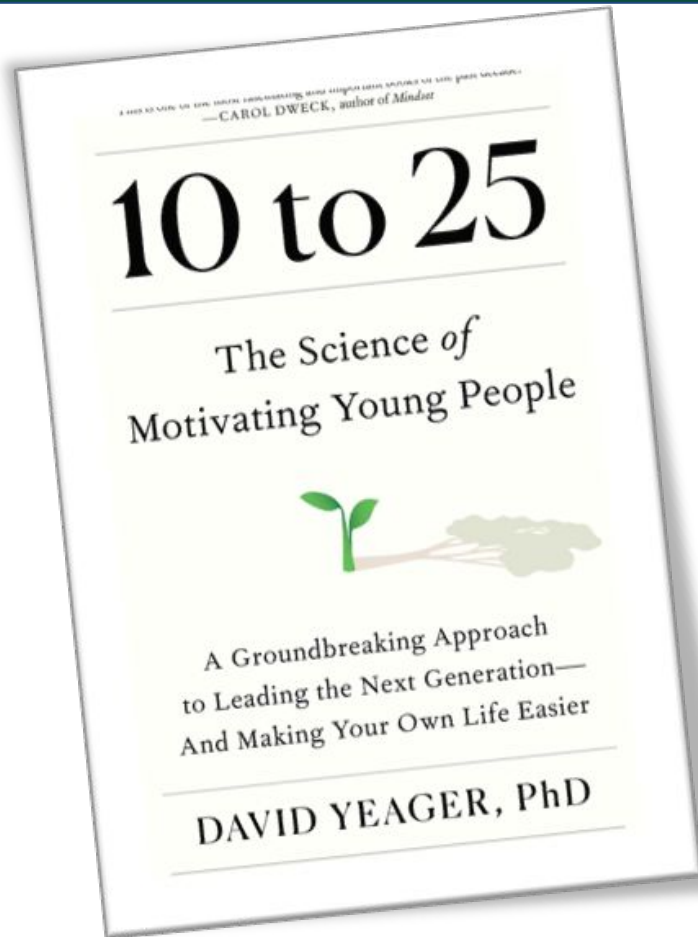
We customize your child's experience to optimize each student's learning potential.

How to Help Your Child Succeed

- Encourage a growth mindset
 - Each student has unique talents and interests
- Honor all Harker students
 - Honor your child (and their peers) for who they are and where they are in their development.
 - Honor student privacy
 - Keep in mind: “Comparison is the thief of joy.”
- Trust the process
 - We consider the larger, long-term picture. Please do, as well.

*Thank
You!*

Save the Date: Common Ground Speaker Series at Harker



David Yeager & Carol Dweck:
“The New Science of Mindset”

Thurs., Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
Upper School Campus

Register at
www.commongroundspeakerseries.org

Amira Townzen

Director, Bucknall Enrichment &
Supervision Team (BEST)



Walid Fahmy

Dean of Students



Bucknall Traffic



- Safety first
- Follow directions of security team and BEST staff
- Drive slowly
- Our neighborhood: please practice kindness, patience, and consideration
- Pick up and drop off at youngest child's loading zone.

K, 4th and 5th

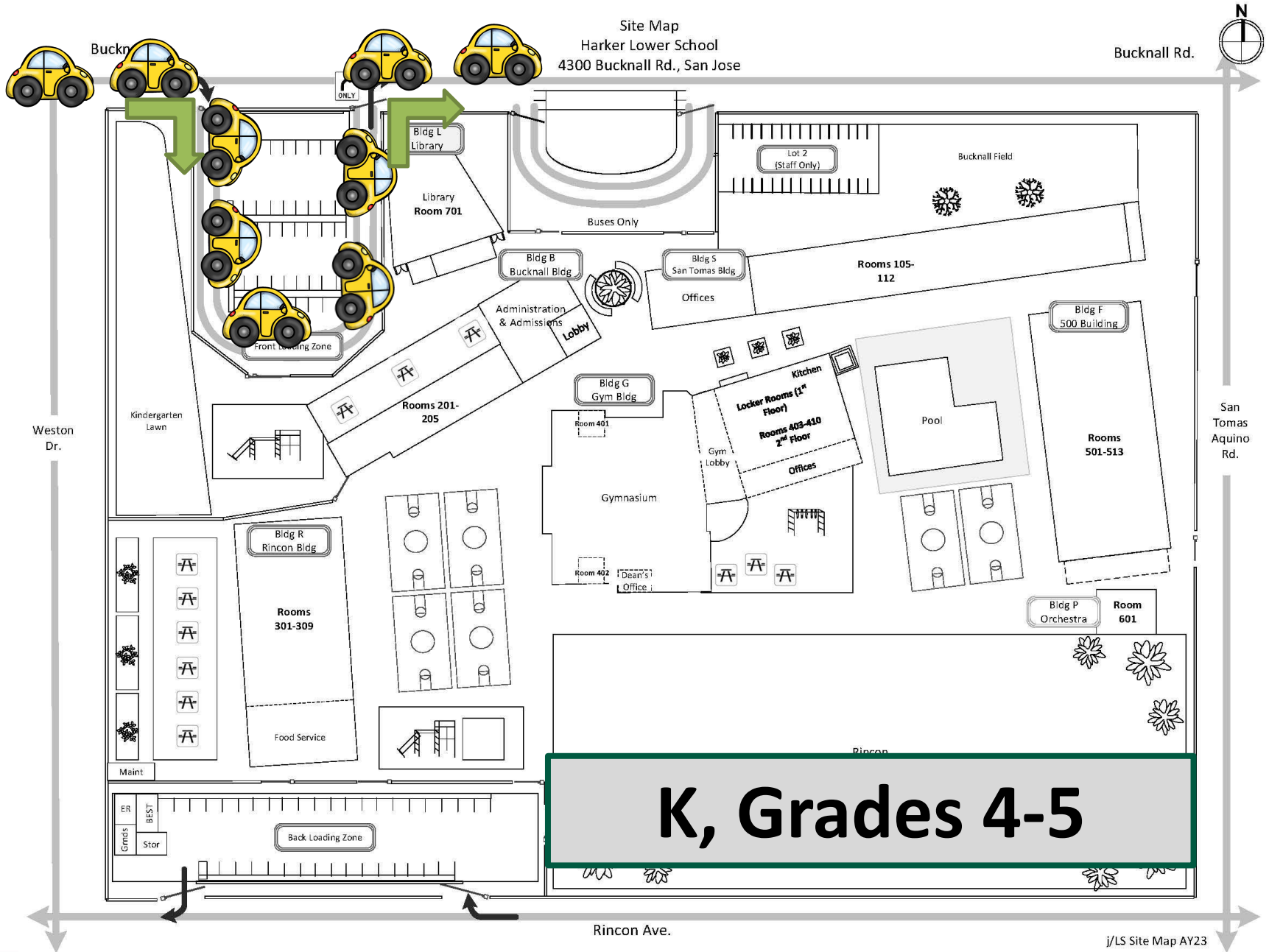
Front Loading Zone

Bucknall Road

1st, 2nd and 3rd

Back Loading Zone

Rincon Avenue



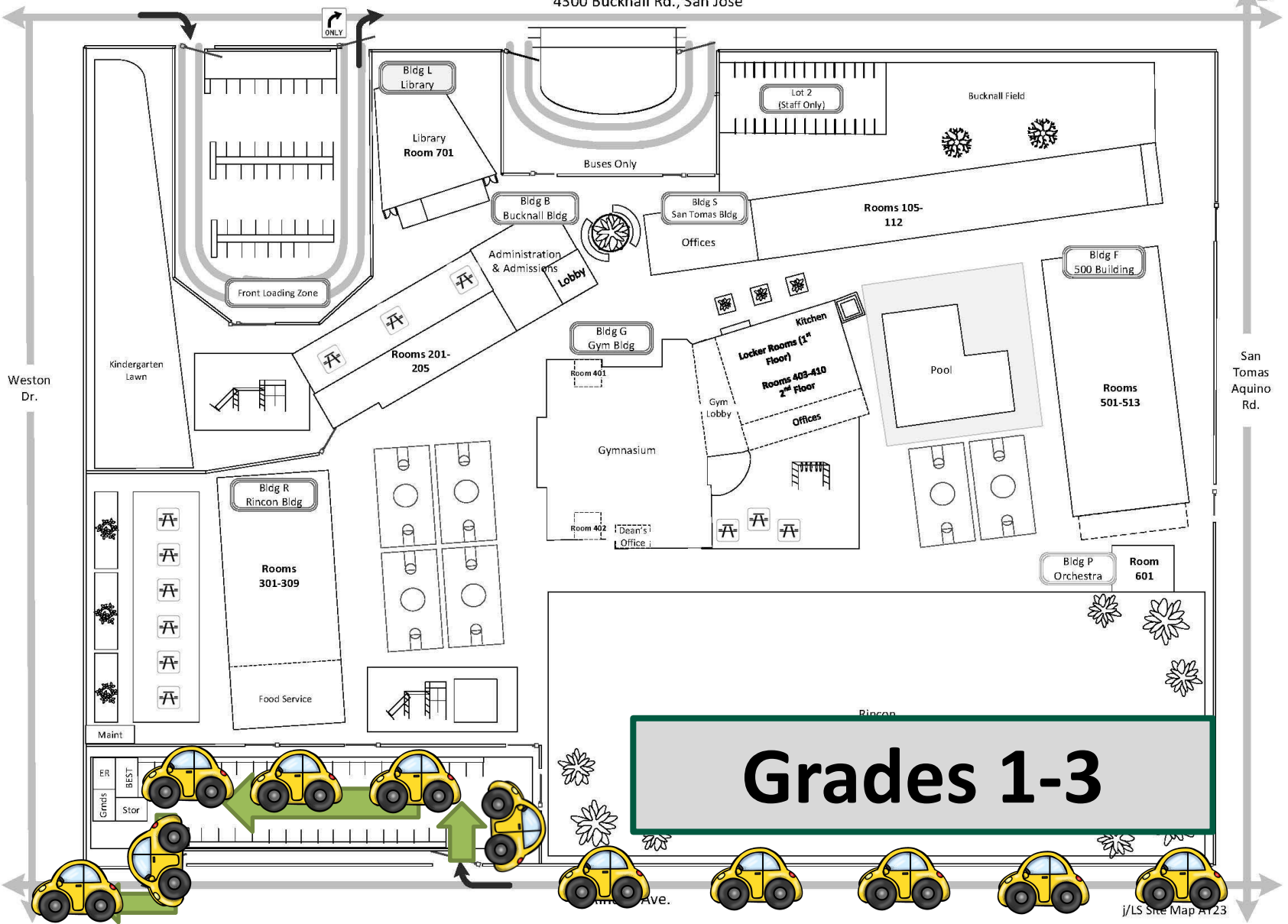
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Site Map
Harker Lower School
4300 Bucknall Rd., San Jose



Bucknall Rd.

Bucknall Rd.



j/LS Site Map A-123

General Tips for Loading Zones

- **Safety and Efficiency!**
- Drive up slowly along curb
 - Morning: 1 lane
 - Afternoon: 2 lanes
- Parents, please stay in car.
 - BEST staff members will approach and welcome you
- Students walk along fence
- Use youngest student's LZ



Drop-Off: Morning Loading Zone

- Have your child ready to go: backpacks packed, shoes on, kisses shared, etc.
- Please try not to store backpacks, etc., in the trunk - have items at hand. This is a time saver and we appreciate your support!



Morning Loading Zone

- K-3 are assisted in getting out of the car.
- Grades 4-5 can unload themselves as long as they are in loading zone, along the curb.
- Parking: Make sure child is accompanied until safely on campus, on a sidewalk.

Pickup: After-School Loading Zones

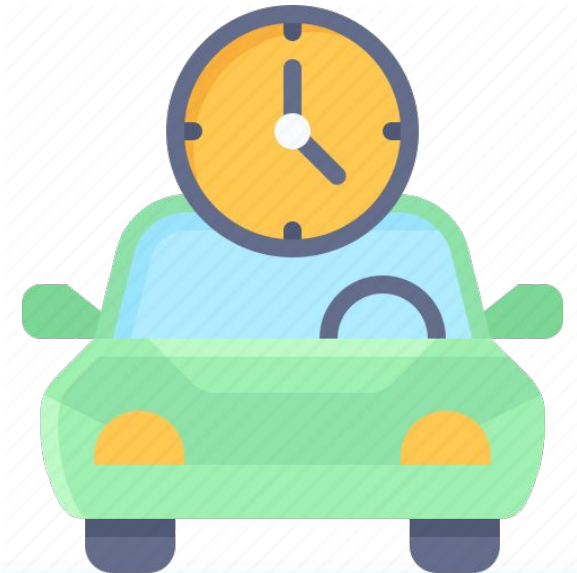
- **Important:** Have your placard with you! No placard causes delays.



- When you arrive, loading zone attendant will scan the QR code on your placard.
- BEST staff supervising the children will work on getting your child to the loading zone promptly
 - In a class? Please park!

Pickup: Schedule Ahead

- Text **408.215.7756** and follow the prompts to notify us about your ETA
- Start the process before your car arrives on campus; your child is more likely to be ready to go!



Pickup Times

- Loading zones begin at the end of the school day (3:30, or 3:10 on Wednesdays).
 - Front Loading Zone closes at 5:30 p.m.
 - Back Loading Zone, on Rincon Ave., closes at 6 p.m. (when supervision ends)

Pickup: Final Tips

- Communicate your plans/pickup time with your child ahead of time.
- Be aware of your child's after-school schedule.
- Don't forget those placards and yellow lanyards!

Thank you for your patience!



Bucknall Safety

- We are committed to the safety of our children on campus.
- Seven planned drills (two after school)
- Coming to campus? Check in at the front office.



Uniforms



- Friday Free Dress: approx. twice a month
- Full Dress Uniform: field trips and special occasions/assemblies
- Check calendar on parent portal and eWeekly.

Take a minute at home to review the uniform guidelines; let me know if you have any questions!

Harker SPIRIT Day

- Every Tuesday Aug. 27 - Oct. 1
- Wear Favorite Harker Gear
 - Shirt
 - Hoodie
 - Harker Sport Jersey
 - Any Harker-Branded Attire
- Free Dress Bottoms

GO EAGLES, GO!

Lost & Found Reminders

- **Label** ALL items with first and last name.
- Lost & Found is collected in each play area.
- Clearly labeled items are returned to students once a week.
- Please check items that come home. You may find it belongs to someone else.
- Unlabeled items move to uniform exchange after a month.



Yearbook 2024-25



Keep Smiling

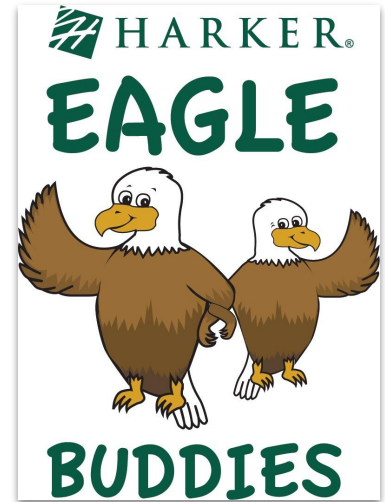


- Dedicated Yearbook:K-5
- Class Photos
- Memories
- The 2024-25 school year!

EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A YEARBOOK

Grades 3-5 Eagle Buddies

- Exciting three-year program
- Goal: Develop relationships and build community
- Students in grades 3-5 are grouped with students in grades 10-12



The BEST Team

- Excited to care for and guide the students throughout the day!
 - Morning, Recess, Lunch, After School



Rebecca Gallegos
Administrative
Assistant



Andrea Ledford
Kindergarten
Division Lead



Brett Miller
Grades 1-3
Division Lead



Troy Townzen
Grades 4-5
Division Lead

After-School BEST Updates

After school supervision (including free play and drop-in activities) begins on the first day of school! Campus closes each day promptly at 6 p.m.



After-School Class Updates



- BEST classes begin on the second day of school: Thursday, Aug. 22 (Instrumentals 8/26, Dance 9/3)
- Adds, Drops, Questions - Please email:
 - LSBESTReg@harker.org for Lower School BEST
 - Theresa.Smith@harker.org for LS & MS Athletics
 - Louis.Hoffman@harker.org for Instrumental Program
 - Gail.Palmer@harker.org for Dance Program
- Classes with fees: charges post to student accounts
 - Cancellation requests must be in BEFORE the second class meeting or you will be responsible for the associated fees.

- Waitlists: We will reach out if spots open up.
- Four Quarters of After-School Classes
 - Multiple chances to try new activities!
 - Q1 runs through Friday, Oct. 11.



Theresa “Smitty” Smith

Lower & Middle School Athletic Director



Lower School Athletics



People to Know:

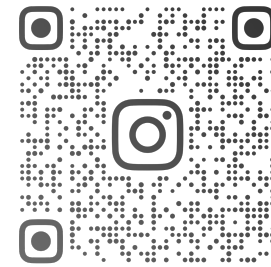
- Theresa Smith: LS/MS Athletic Director (Union)
- Karriem Stinson: LS/MS Assistant Athletic Director (Bucknall)
- Brigid Wood: LS/MS Assistant Athletic Director (Union)



Karriem Stinson



Brigid Wood



HARKERATHLETICS

- Grade 4: Intramural - exception basketball & track
- Grade 5: Interscholastic - compete in West Bay Athletic League.

Registration: Quarterly on CampBrain. Coincides with BEST registration.



Fall: Swimming, Softball, Flag Football
Early Winter: Boys Basketball, Girls Soccer
Late Winter: Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer
Spring: Track, Baseball, Girls Volleyball

Practice Offered After School: Mon.-Fri.

Grade 4: 3:45-5:00 p.m.

Grade 5: 3:45-5 p.m.

Mandatory Practices: Tues. and Wed.

Game Days: Tues.-Fri.



Swimming mandatory practices: Tu./Th.: Beg./Beg.-Int.: 3:45-4:30 p.m. Int.-Adv./Adv.: 4:45-5:30 p.m.

After-School Fall Sports Begin: Thurs., Aug. 22

(swim team start date TBD)

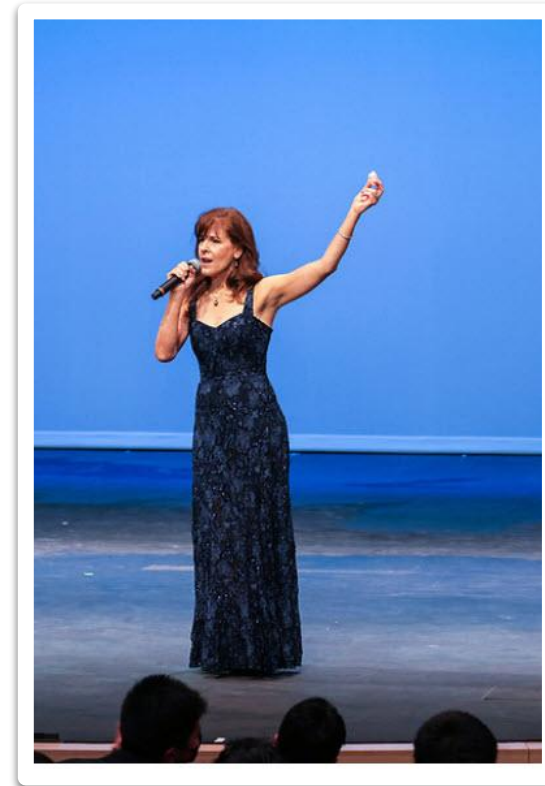
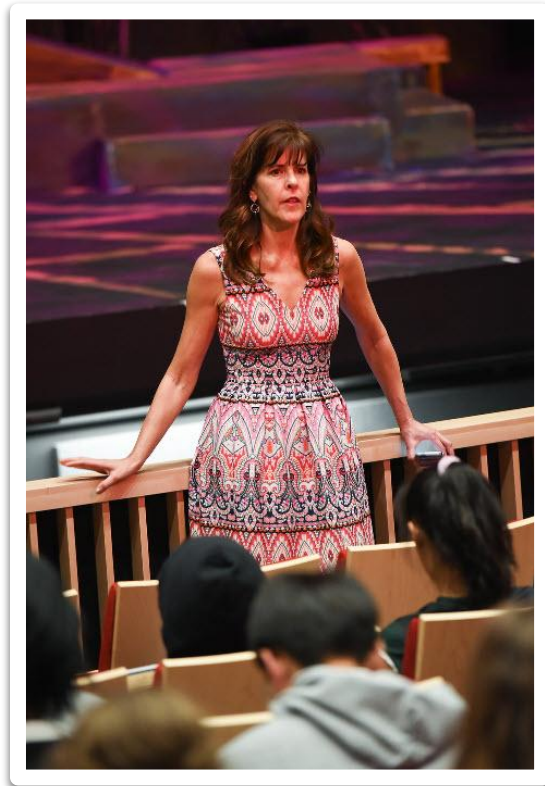
Adds and Drops allowed through Fri., Aug. 30 for flag football and softball, and Tue., Aug. 27 for swimming.

- Please contact the athletics department directly for adds and drops.
- Registration questions can be directed to Brigid Wood at brigidw@staff.harker.org.

Go Eagles!

Laura Lang-Ree

Director of Performing Arts, K-12



Grades 4-5 Performing Arts

Who to know:

Gail Palmer

Lower School Lead Teacher

K-8 Dance Director



Music classes during the academic day and continue after school:

Performing Arts in the Academic Day:

- Grade 4 music
- Grade 5 music and acting
- Physical education dance: three weeks a year attend a dance class with our dance teachers



Performing Arts Productions and Ensembles meeting after school:

Dance Program:

- Grade level dance classes & specialty dance classes
- Dance Concert: performance May 22, 23 & 24
- Dance Fusion: 4-6 dance team by audition only Thurs., Aug. 22, 3:30 p.m.

Vocal Music Program:

- Bucknall Choir, Fri. 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Instrumental Music:

- Offered thru the BEST program

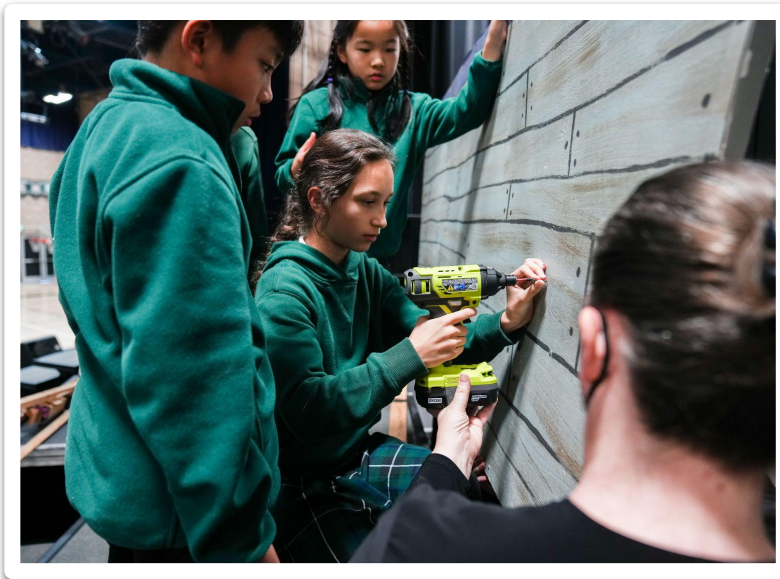


Theater & Musical Theater Programs:

Grade 5 show, auditions and rehearses in class, performs January

Technical Theater Program:

Technical Theater and Fun with Fabrics classes and crew opportunities for fifth graders



Productions

- **Grade 4 students:** Big Assembly Day & Grandparents' Day
- **Grade 5 students:** Grade 5 Show
- **Bucknall Choir:** Harker Day, United Voices, winter/spring concerts
- **Dancers:** end-of-year dance concert
- **Dance Fusion:** performances throughout the year

Technical theater students crew all!





Two-Week Musical Theater Intensive

Three-Week Theater Intensive

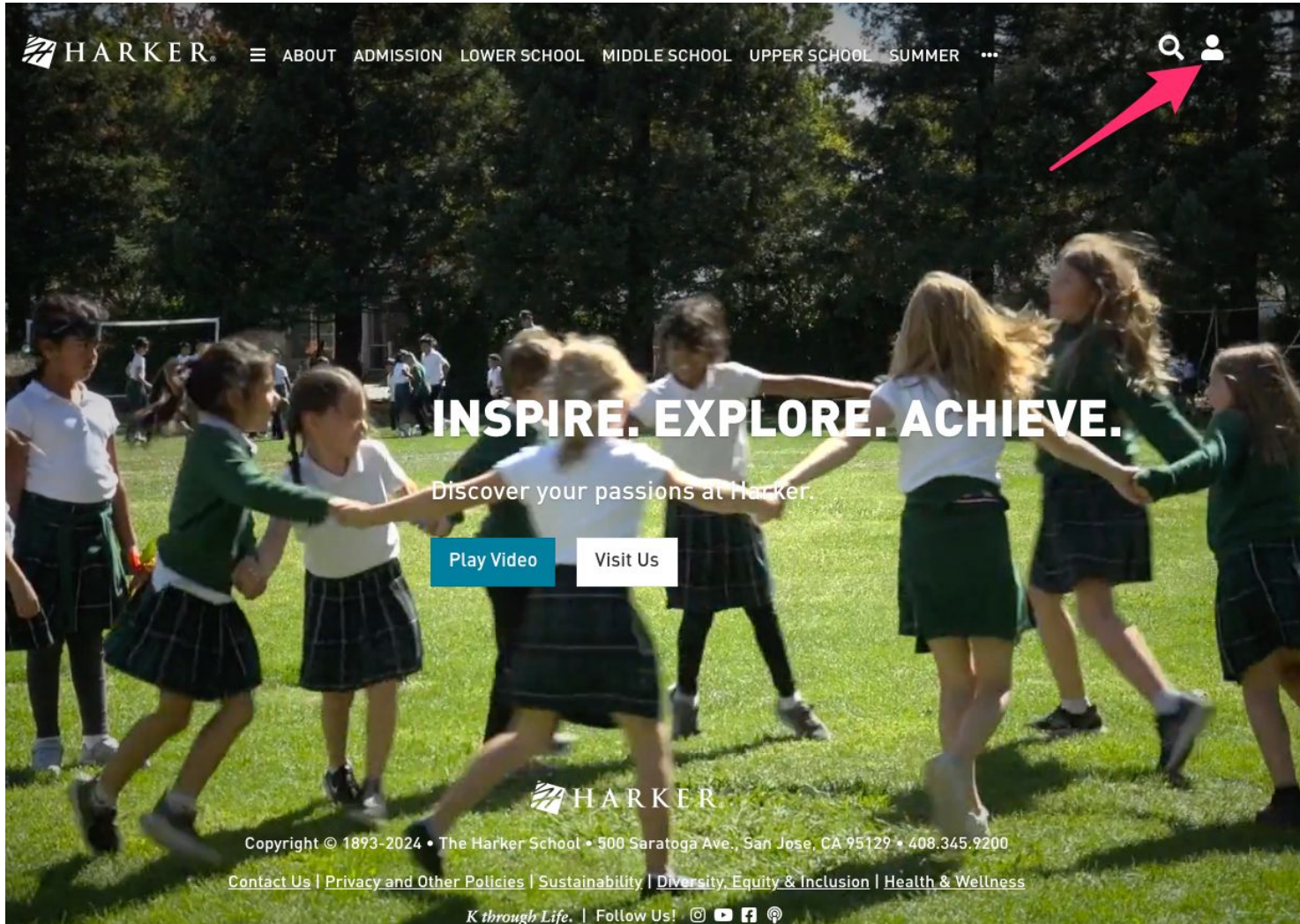
One-Week Film Intensive

Lisa Diffenderfer



Lower School Learning, Innovation &
Design Director




Harker Parent Portal









Update Your Contact Info

The Harker School  

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Welcome, Lisa. This is your parent portal.	Portal Home	Preschool	Lower	Middle	Upper
▼ SHOW PORTAL MENU					

 Announcements Upper school fall sports mandatory meeting The Grade 6 Musicale and LS Dance Concert now available on Harker VOD . Senior Showcase and MS spring musical now on Harker VOD Sports report  Show more 19	 Resources RECENTLY POSTED Lower School Free/Special Dress Days Parent Volunteer Reimbursement Form Middle School Student Clubs Middle School Software Request Form ▼ Show more Chamber Choir Audition Information &	 School Calendar	 Magnus Medical Info	 Family & Student Information
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Update Your Contact Info

Upper Division

Monday 10/07/2019

Student Directory

Update your family settings in the Student Directory [here](#)

To update your household and contact information, [please click here.](#)



To access current year Report Cards and Gradebook Detail Reports, please [click here.](#)

Return to the [Parent Portal](#) for the school [calendar](#).

Questions? Email: FamilyInfo@harker.org








familyinfo@harker.org

Caregiver/Student Tech Help Site

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	#2  Lower School Resources			 Schology	 Lower School Calendar
Head of School: Start of School Update	RECENTLY POSTED				
Dynamics and Concert Choir feat. Harmonics, "Telephone Hour" performance available	Lower School Caregiver and Student Help Site				
Fall Textbook Purchasing - July 12	Vacations, Holidays & Key Dates 21-22				
Introducing the Harker Cooking Show! ▼ Show more	Bucknall Classroom Map		 Lower School Staff Directory	 Harker News: Lower School	
Harker Community Events Wall Video	Lower School  Show more				



Caregiver/Student Tech Help Site

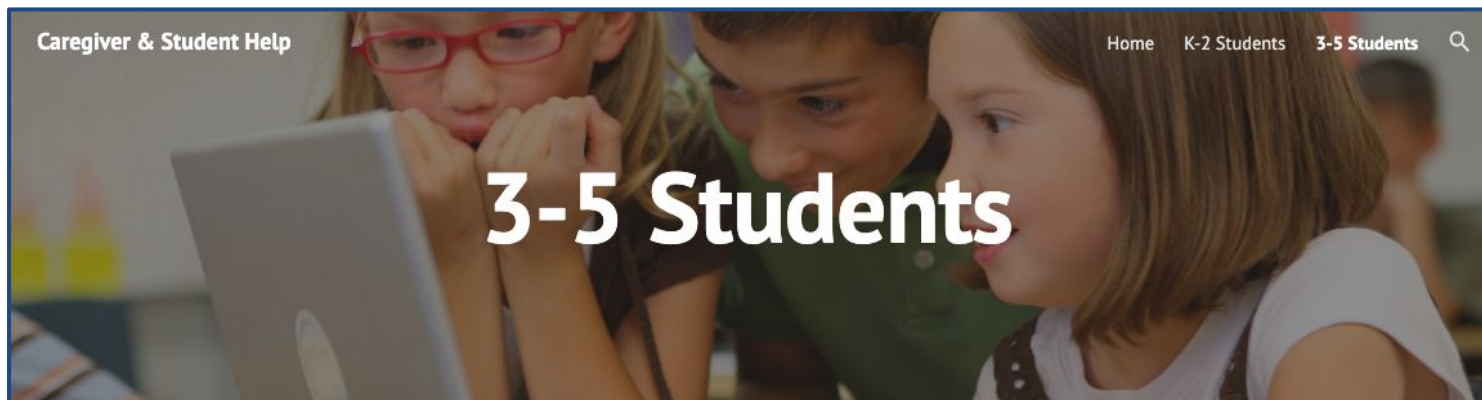
Lower School Resources

#1 Type "help site"

help site

Title ▲ #2	Campus ▲	Tags ▲	Updated ▼	Download ▲
Lower School Caregiver and Student Help Site	Lower School	How-Tos, Schoology, Seesaw, Links	08/12/2021	

Caregiver/Student Tech Help Site



For PARENTS:
Viewing Your Child's Schoology Courses



For STUDENTS:
Navigating Schoology

Reminders for Elementary Parents



- Harker email (Gr. 4-5) for academics only
- Email is a walled garden
- Check Schoology for homework assignments
- Students change their passwords - Aug. 31

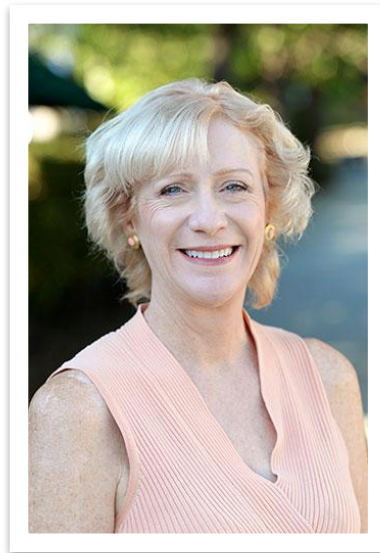
Grade 5 Chromebooks

- No additional costs!
- Chargers stay at home
- Report damage immediately
- No personal accounts at school
- Only required to take them home to charge
- Web filter at school, but not at home



Debra Nott

Director of Health Services

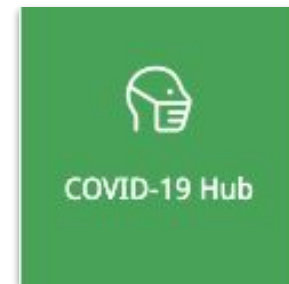


Current COVID-19 Protocol

If positive, everyone must isolate at home for 24 hours to see if a fever develops.

Fever present: Stay home until fever free for 24 hours without Advil, Motrin or Tylenol

No fever: May return to school, but must be masked through Day 10



For everyone, in order to return to school:

- Symptoms must be mild and resolving
- Student is able to participate in learning
- Not coughing too much (not disruptive)

Students may test out of the masking requirement if:

- Two negative tests at least 24 hours apart

STAY TUNED

[The Harker School] New Treatment Note for Joseph Diffenderfer



The Harker School <service@magnushealthportal.com>

Lisa Diffenderfer

Friday, August 9, 2019 at 12:54 PM

[Show Details](#)

Click on this link.

Joseph Diffenderfer has a new treatment note that has been shared with you.

To view please log in to your account by clicking the link below

<http://resources.harker.org/link/magnus-student-medical-records/>



Accessing Health Info

LOGIN

Please provide your username and password to log in:

Username

lisad



Password

.....



Login

Welcome Catherine.

This is your parent portal.

Portal Home

TK

Lower

Middle

Upper

▼ SHOW PORTAL MENU

 Announcements

Videos Now Available: Orchestra Concerts, Signing Ceremony, Grandparents' Day, Choral Concert and More

Ogre Awards and Just Dance Videos Now Available

Change in COVID-19 Isolation Policy
▼ Show more

 Resources

RECENTLY POSTED

Lower/Middle School Athletic Handbook

Upper School Athletic Handbook

Lower School Student/Parent Handbook

TK Parent Handbook

▼ Show more
Middle School Student/Parent Handbook



Harker Digital Archives



School Calendar



Family & Student Information

Back-to-School Hub 2024



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



Magnus Medical Info

Hover your cursor over your name and then click on Communications.



Welcome, [Lisa Diffenderfer](#)



[Communications](#)



[Change Credentials](#)



[Logout](#)

Front Desk



Welcome, [Lisa Diffenderfer](#) ▾



[Need Help?](#)

Communications

[Go to Front Desk](#)



Print



Delete

All Messages

<input type="checkbox"/>	Debra Nott	Debra Nott Shared a Treatment Note with you about Joseph Diffenderfer	Aug 9
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Debra Nott	Debra Nott Shared a Treatment Note with you about Joseph Diffenderfer	Mar 26
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alanna Conrad	Alanna Conrad Shared a Treatment Note with you about Drew Diffenderfer	Aug 31



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Communications

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Reason For Visit : Headache

Assessment : Temp 98.2. No signs of illness. No injury to the head.

Medication Administration : Tylenol -320mg

Treatment : Water

Other Treatment Given :

Other :

Disposition/Outcome : Returned to class

When did this happen? : Friday 08/09/2019 12:53 PM (5 mins)



Nurse's Phone Numbers



Office: 408.553.0562

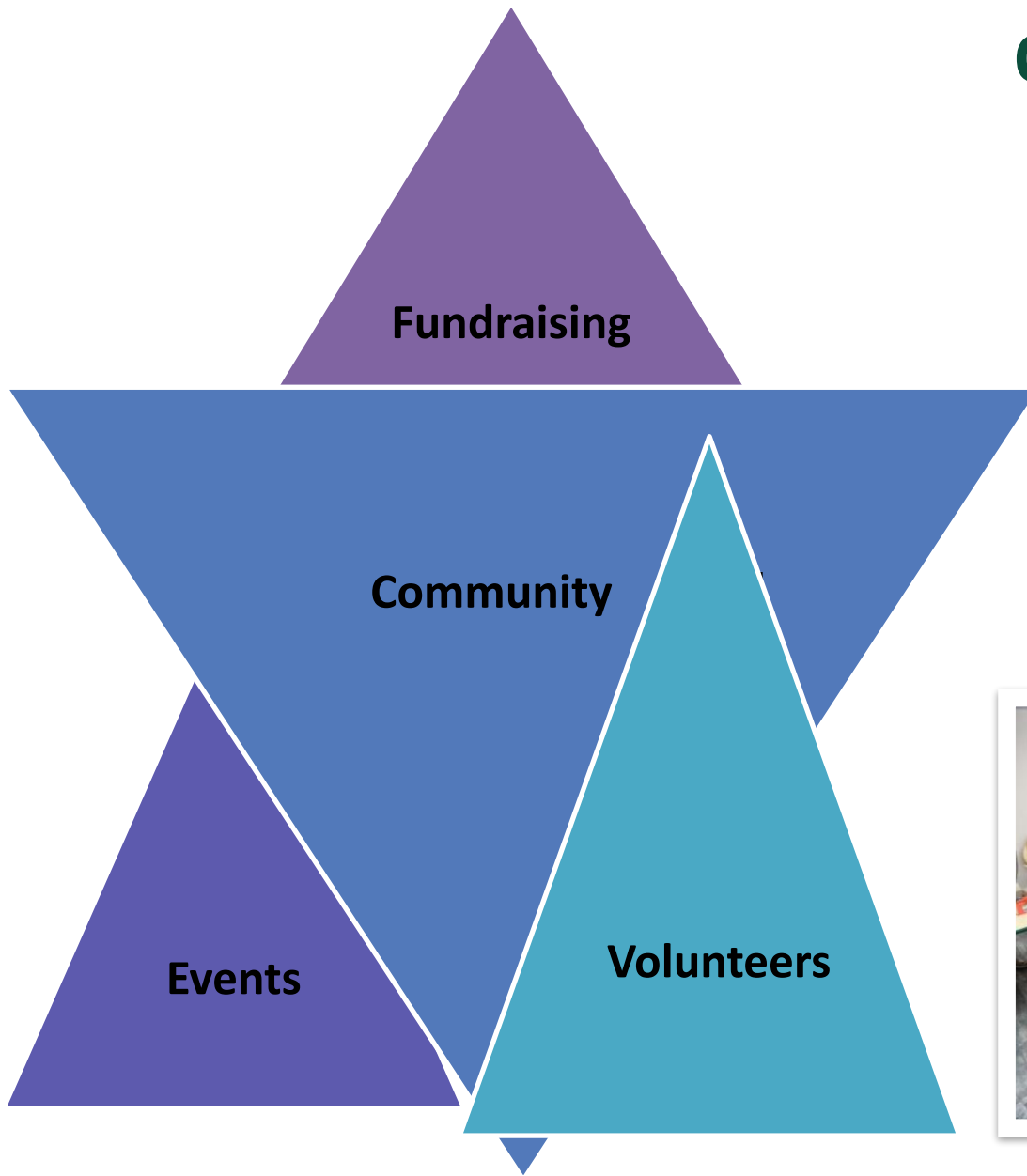
Cell: 408.891.9683



Kim Lobe

Director of Advancement





Our team focuses on enhancing Harker's sense of school community, school pride and strong tradition of philanthropy



Community and Volunteers:

Your Grade 3, 4 & 5 Room Parents

Grade 3: Cindy Li, Hongwei Zhang, Ying Wang, Vickie Wang, Venus Zhang, Chanchan Du

Grade 4:

Shalini Gupta, Jessica Thaik, Gina Kwon, Sherry Guan, Yi Ding, Ying Wang

Grade 5:

Jinhui Pan, Jie Feng, Charmaine D'Silva, Melissa D'Souza, Zhen Li, Prithvi Kamat

Community and Volunteers: Your Grade 3, 4 & 5 Grade Level Coordinators

- Plan grade level coffees
- Off Campus activities to bring the parent community together
- Support room parents and classroom teachers

Grade 3:

Citiali Solano, Sharon Ling

Grade 4:

Richard Thaik, Joanne Dai,
Jomy Alappattu

Grade 5:

Victor Tao, Jerry Chen,
Tomas Kandl



Sat., Oct. 5, 2024
Upper School
Campus

Save the day for the whole family - current and alumni - to celebrate the spirit of Harker!

11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Harker Day Activities

5:30 p.m.: Homecoming Spirit Activities, Hall of Fame Ceremony

6 p.m.: Homecoming Football Game

Watch for emails in August with more details. It will be a great day to be an Eagle and celebrate our community!

Fundraising:

Supporting our Students and Teachers

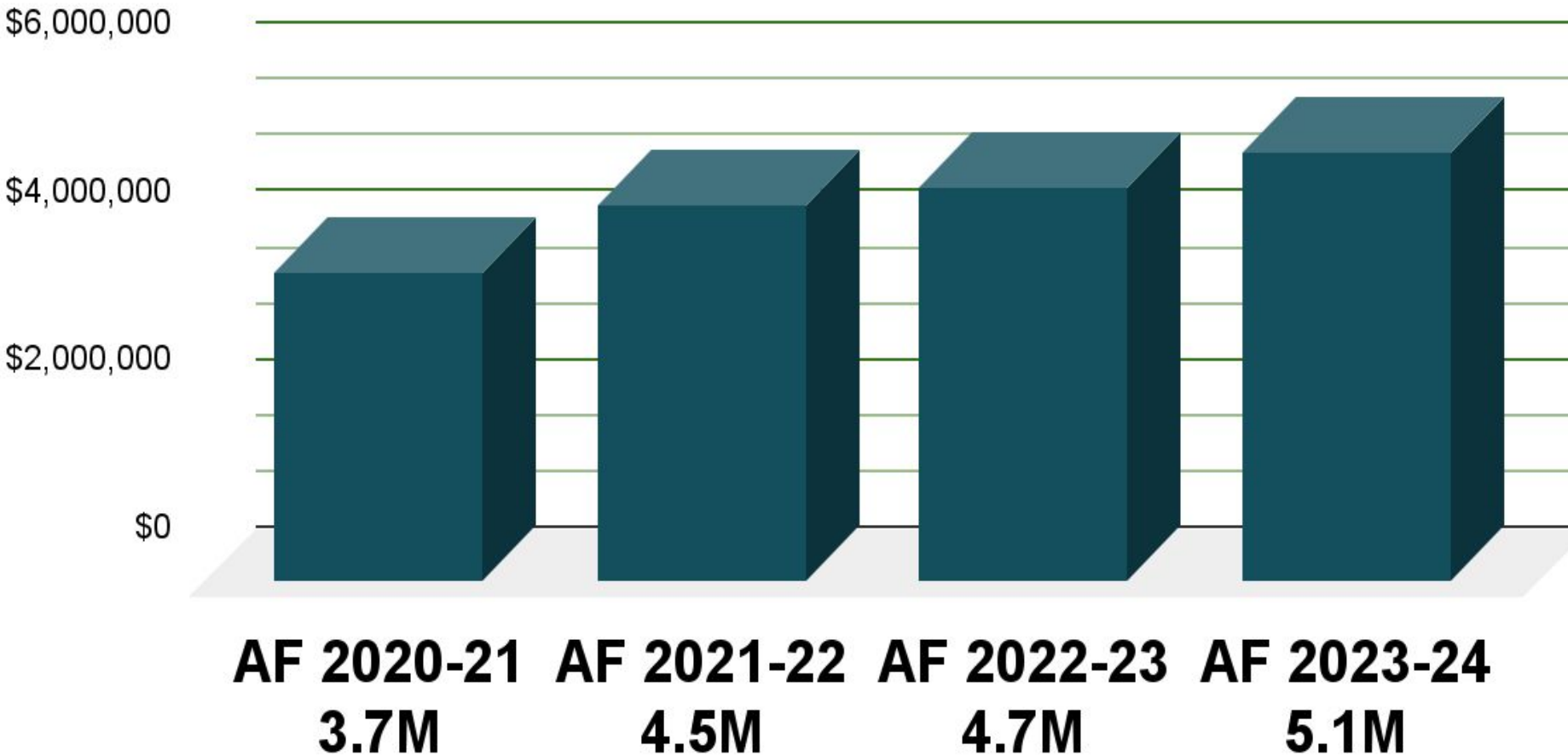
Annual Giving Update

(June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024)

- Harker would not be the school it is today were it not for our culture and long-standing tradition of Philanthropy.
- Please give/volunteer/participate in proportion to your ability to do so.
- Your generosity helps provide The Margin of Excellence we are known for: academics, extra-curriculars, facilities, and long-term financial security from endowed programs.

Annual Fund Campaign in Total Dollars

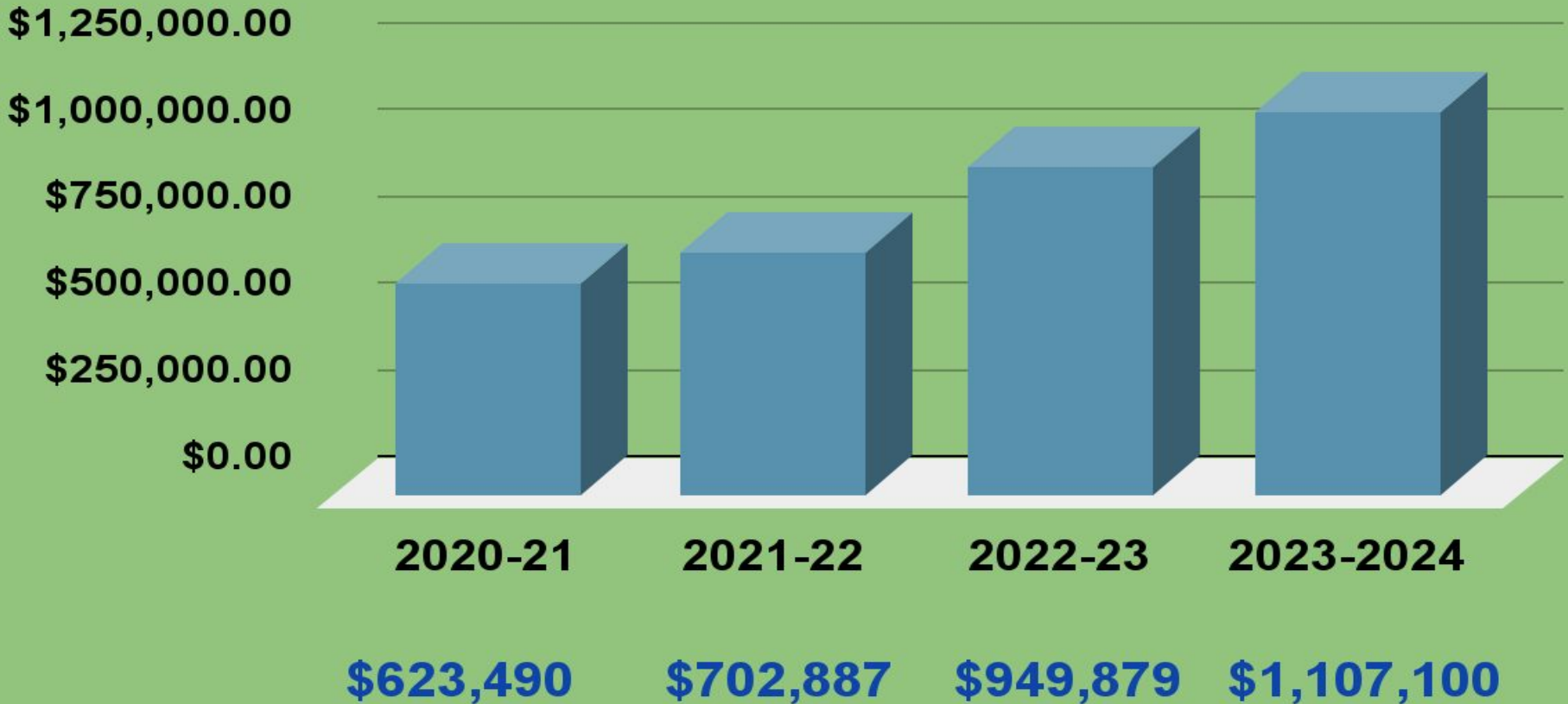
2023-24 School Year



Annual Giving Campaign - Matching Gifts

Your employer may match your gift!

Matching Gifts



Many Companies will Match your Generosity.

65 different companies matched your gifts to Harker for the 2023-24 school year!

Google: \$309,000

Cisco: \$232,000

Apple: \$223,000

Your employer values your charitable contributions and is willing to match them.

Supporting the Annual Fund

2024-25 Grade 3, 4 & 5 PDC Members

Grade 3: Jiang Zhu, Mowen Yang, Xiaoqi Lu, Xinyi Zhang,
Yvonne Jiang, Tani Bennett, Liang Li

Grade 4: Lu Yang, Mu Qiao, Xiaolu Lei,
Yi Ding, Richard Thaik, Karen Li, Shalini Jariwala,
Gina Kwon, Joanne Dai

Grade 5: Brian Duff, Fiona Ong-Del Giudice, Ling Hua,
Melissa Davidson, Charmaine D'Silva, Pravin Chandra

HARKER. Annual Giving

Honor Roll of Donors:
Early September

Annual Fund mailing:
Late September

Pledge Week / Phone-a-thon:
Week of Oct. 7



HARKER. Annual Giving

Invest in the Power of Education

Be recognized for supporting our students,
faculty, staff and Harker's mission
by participating in the
2024-25 Annual Giving Campaign.

Harker's Strategic Plan

Joe engages our strategic ecosystem of students, parents, alumni, alumni parents and creates interest, involvement and support for our strategic plan initiatives.



Joe Rosenthal
*Executive
Director of
Strategic
Initiatives*

Kristin Giammona

Elementary Division Head



Ralene Wasielewski

Academic Counselor



Attendance

Please call 408.553.0501 or email attendanceLS@harker.org to report an absence, late arrival, or early pickup.

Homeroom Locations

Grade 3:

Bo: Room 512

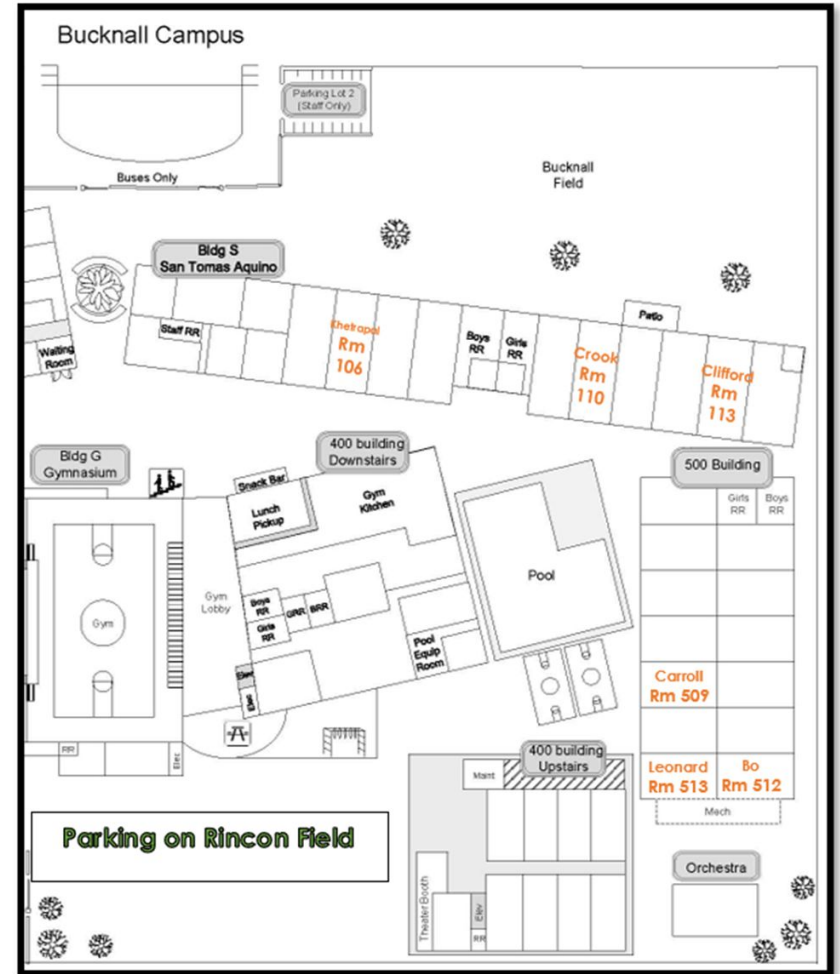
Carroll: Room 509

Crook: Room 110

Clifford: Room 501

Khetrupal: Room 106

Leonard: Room 513



Homeroom Locations

Grade 4:

Figueroa: Room 508

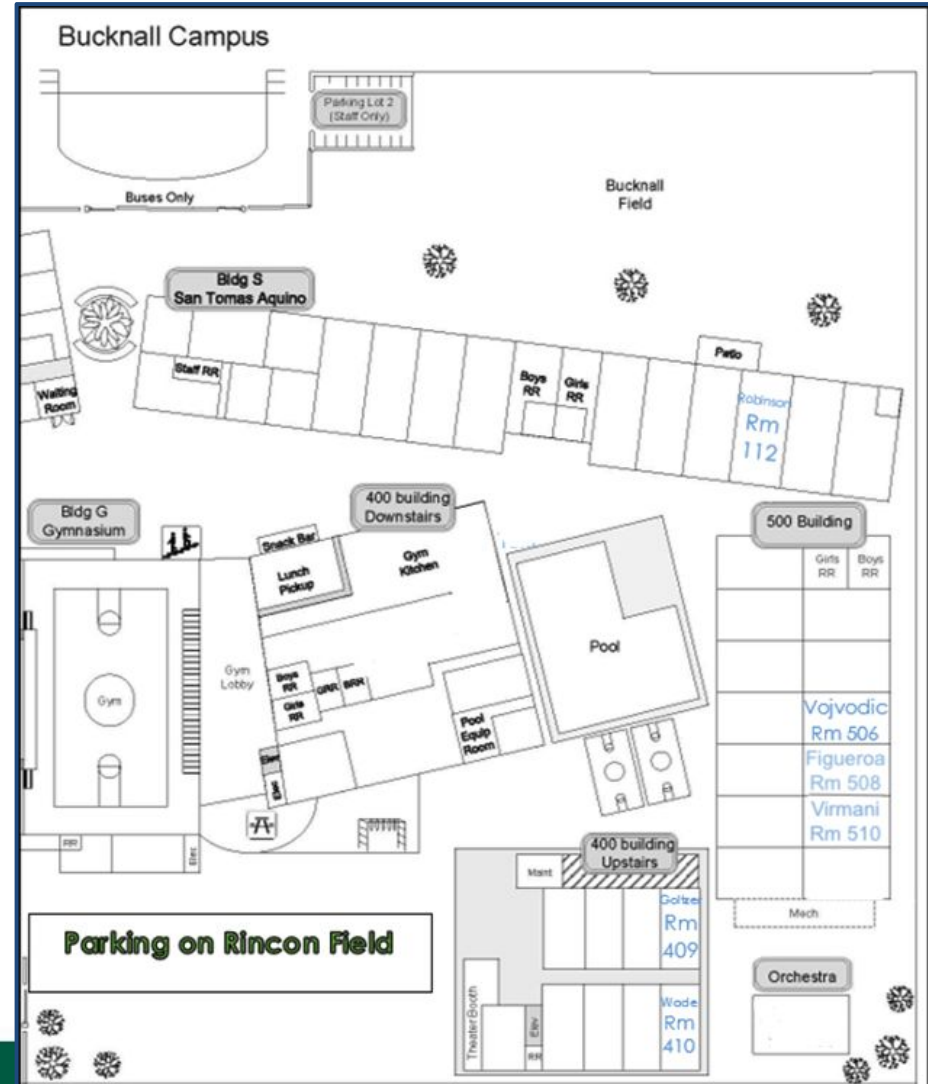
Goltzer: Room 409

Robinson: Room 112

Virmani: Room 510

Vojvodic: Room 506

Wade: Room 410



Homeroom Locations

Grade 5:

Ashar: Room 503

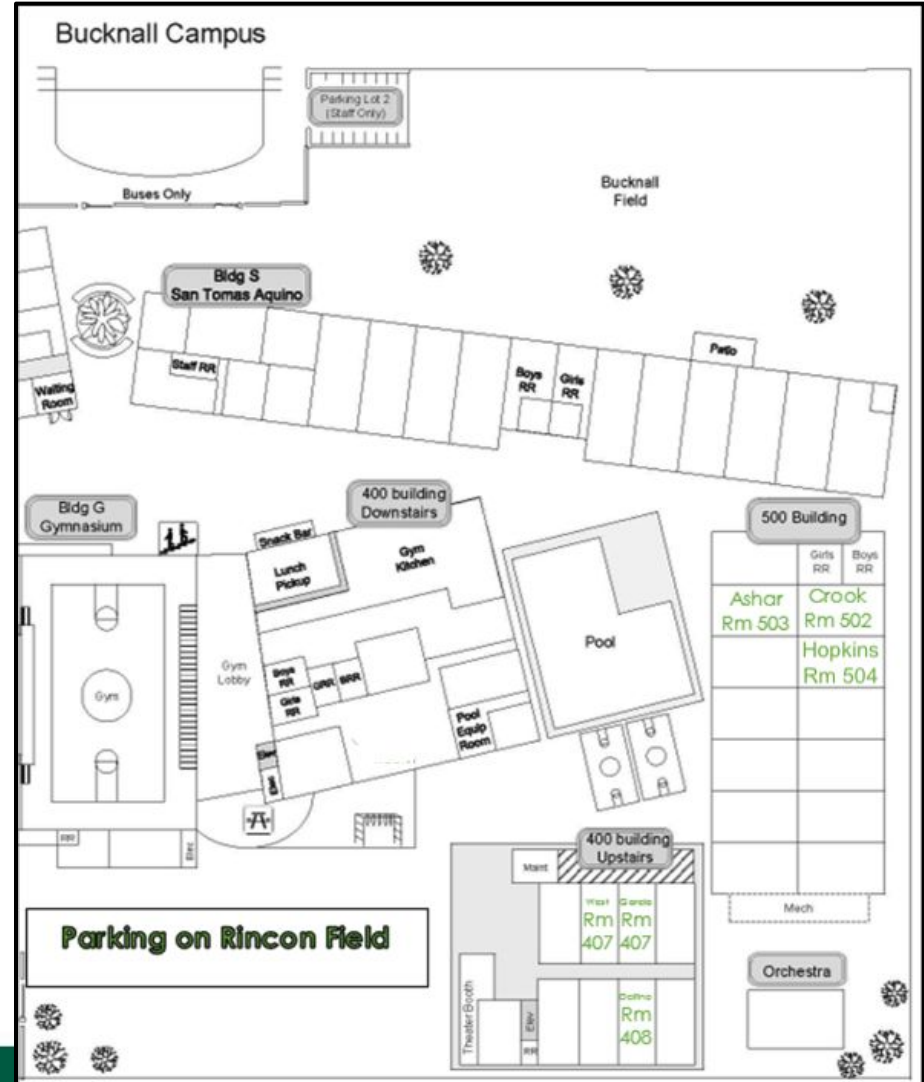
Crook: Room 502

Delfino: Room 408

Garcia: Room 407

Hopkins: Room 504

West: Room 405



**Thank you for coming
and we wish you all a
great year!**

