

# WELCOME!

## Harker Welcome Night



# Welcome!



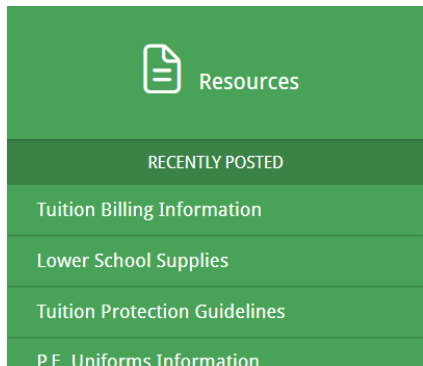
***Jennifer Hargreaves***  
*Upper School Admission  
Director*



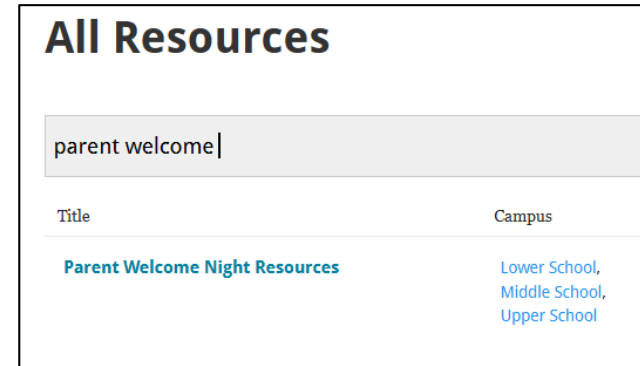
***Jasmine Del Real***  
*Admission Associate*

# Handouts & Tonight's Recording

No need to take notes or photograph our slides!



The recording of tonight's event will be posted on the Resources tile on the parent portal, under "meetings."



The handouts and these slides will be available on the Resources tile under "Parent Welcome Night Resources."



**Jennifer Gargano**  
*Assistant Head of School, Academic Affairs*

**There's always a lot  
happening at Harker. Here  
are some highlights from  
just the last few months!**

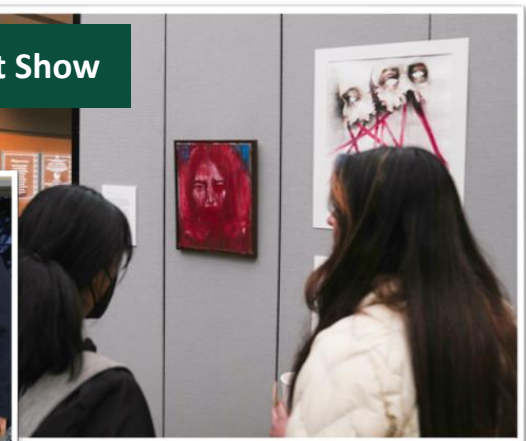


Orchestra Trip to LA

AP Art Show



Culture Week



Something Rotten



Spirit Rally



# Welcome to our Community



# Getting Ready for Fall: Summer Tips

- 1 Your Student
- 2 Our Community
- 3 Tools & Tips

# Tonight's Presenters



**Paul Barsky**  
*Upper School Head*



**Kimberly Lobe**  
*Director of  
Advancement*



**Catherine Snider**  
*Assistant Director, Office of  
Communication*



**Paul Barsky**  
*Upper School Head*

# **1 Your Student**

# Supporting Your Transition: Now Through August

- Emails from Ms. Horan in May re: program options
- Buddies
- Back-to-School Hub
- Grade 9 field day, orientation and Matriculation



# Supporting your Transition: September and Beyond

- Grade 9 teachers
- Dean of Students
- Grade 9 dean
- Advisor & advisory
- Link Crew
- Counselor



# Counseling

We offer basic accommodations for students' learning differences.

Contact the counseling department with questions at [CounselingUS@harker.org](mailto:CounselingUS@harker.org).



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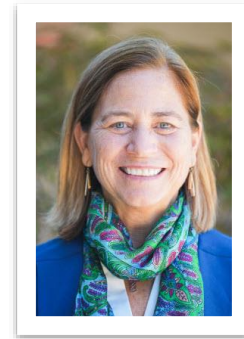
Kadar  
Arbuckle



Jonah Alves



Rosalyn  
Schreiman



Kelly Leahy  
McKeown

# Next Academic Steps

Proficiency evaluations for new-to-Harker students:

**Sat., April 18, 8 a.m.**

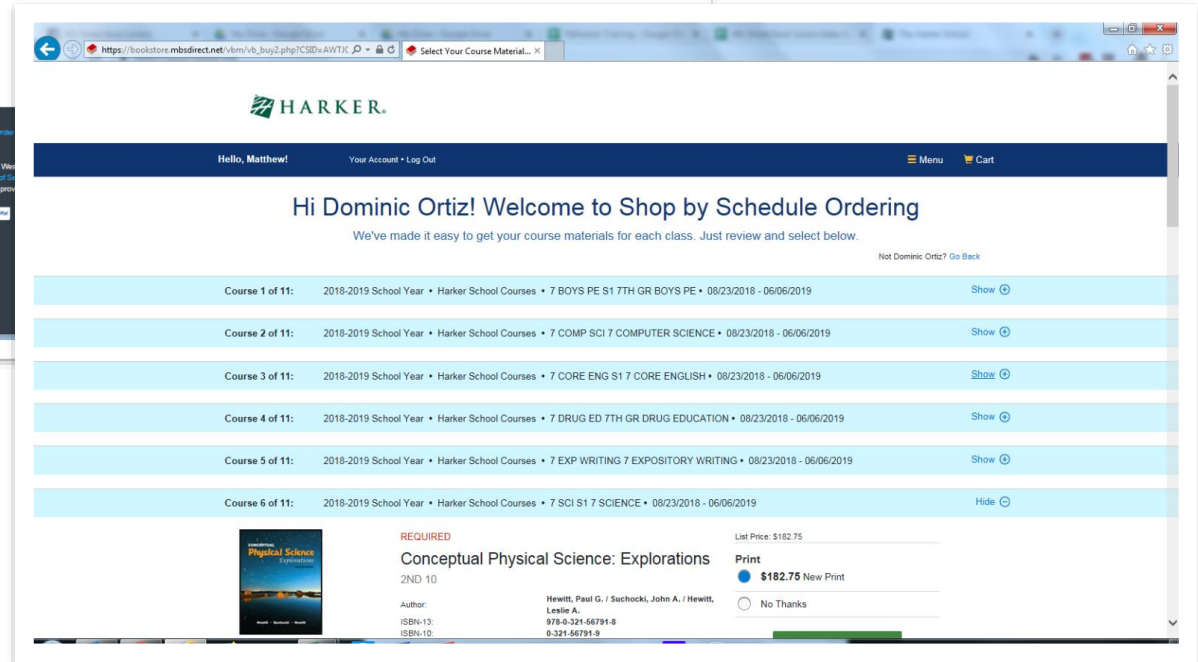
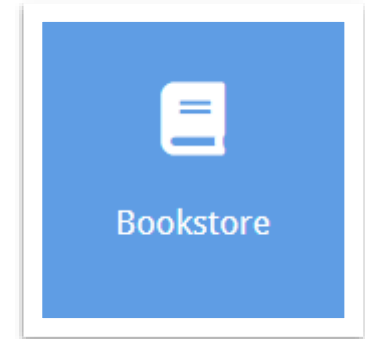
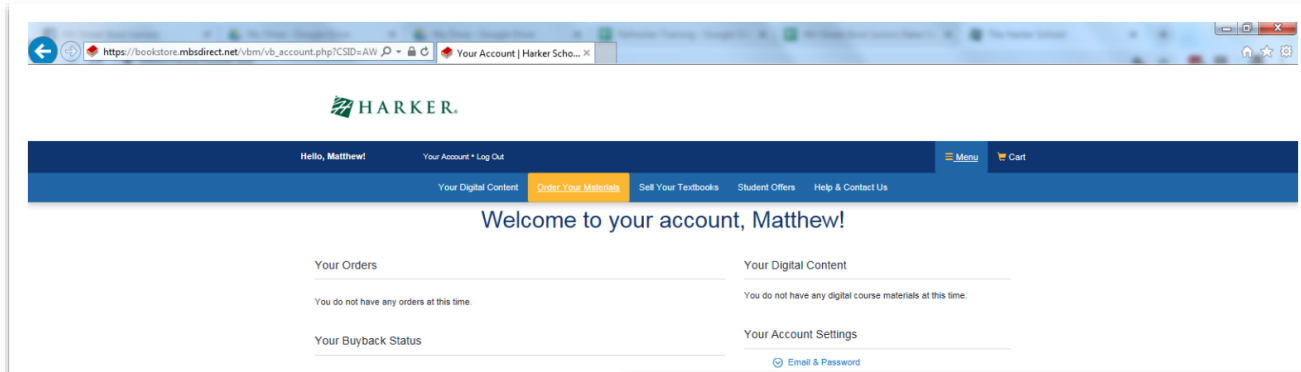
- in-person evaluations
- math, English, history, modern/classical languages

# Next Academic Steps

Course selection and placements emailed from Mr. Thiele by late May for Harker eighth graders, and Fri., May 29 for new-to-Harker students.

Buy books through MBS. Online bookstore goes live Friday, July 10. Details in the back-to-school hub.

# Textbooks (MBS)



# Summer Reading

[library.harker.org/summerreading](http://library.harker.org/summerreading)

(goes live May 1)

Required Reading - Choose One!



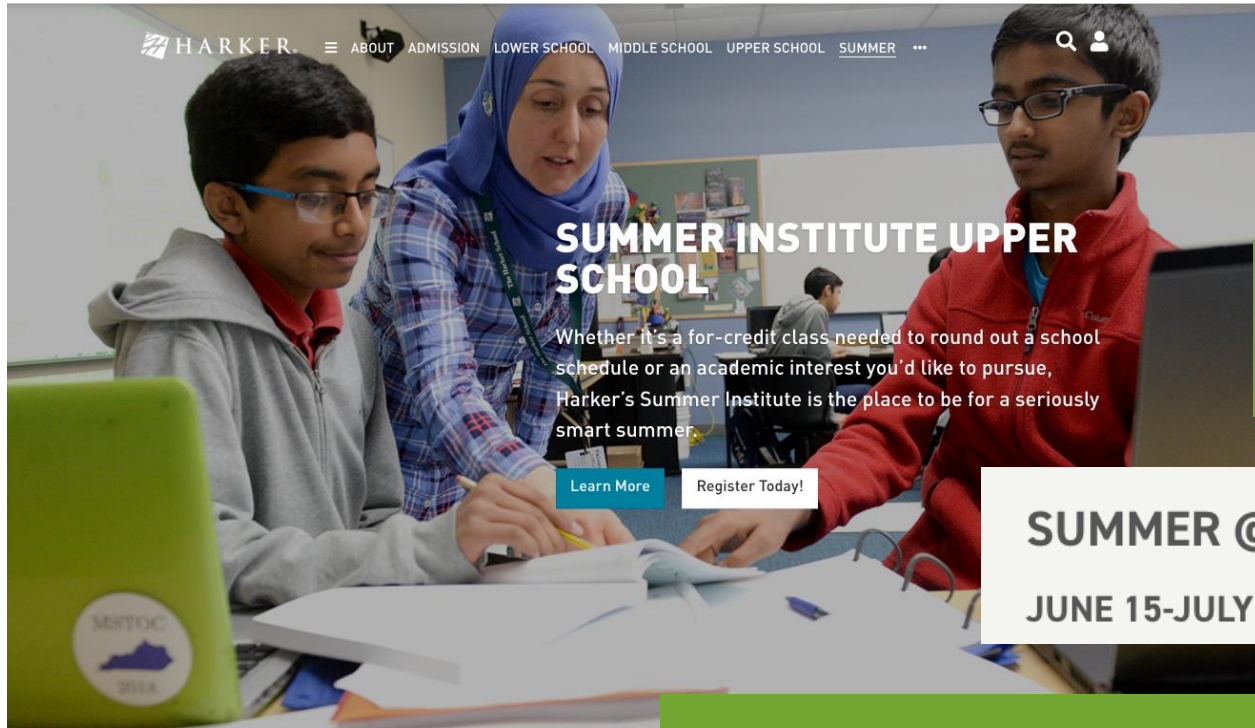
## BOOKOPOLY

### READ BOOKS & WIN AWESOME PRIZES

A number in the title	Set in the future	Set in wartime	Author's surname begins with "S"
An animal on the cover	Set in the past	Contains mythical creatures	Won an award
The first book in a series	Comedy genre	Protagonist is a POC	LGBTQ+ protagonist
Has been made into a show or movie	Graphic novel or Manga	Nonfiction book or autobiography	Mystery or thriller
Set in another country	Involves a journey	Blue cover	Romance book

# Summer Programs

Cool courses ■ Get to know campus ■ Make some new friends



**SPEECH & DEBATE**

**JULY 20-31**

**SUMMER @ THE CONSERVATORY**

**JUNE 15-JULY 24**

**SUMMER BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**JULY 20-24 | JULY 27-31 | AUG. 3-7**

# Late-Summer Launches

*Watch for an email from Ms. Horan with program information for the fall, which will include:*

**Football: starts Mon., Aug. 3**


**Other fall sports: start Mon., Aug. 10**

**Conservatory Kick-Off: Wed., Aug. 26**

**DECA launch: Fri., Aug. 28**

# Community Service

- Summer is a great time to get a head start on community service!
- Requirement: Total of 30 hours (10 hours each for grade 9, 10 and 11). 30 hours can be completed at any time after 8th grade graduation.
- Form, rules and suggested organizations are in the portal. Find something you love!



**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### Community Service Hours Submission

Thank you for submitting your service hours! Verification Forms may be submitted here at any time, and should be reviewed fully within 2 weeks of uploading. To ensure that your hours are successfully submitted, double check that your name, grad year, and advisor information are all correct.

If you are submitting hours for a running tally of dates, please also upload the "hours log" provided by the organization.

PVSAs (Presidential Volunteer Service Awards) will be ordered twice annually - once in the fall, and again in the spring. An email will be sent to all students alerting them to the beginning of PVSA ordering. Hours for PVSA must be for service completed within a 12-month period.

To download a verification form click this link [here](#)

Thanks!

# Important Dates

Handy reference with all the important dates for you between now and the start of school.



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### Upper School Key Dates 2026

*For quick reference, here are the most important dates for you to remember between now and the start of school.*

Summer Dates	Date	Time	Location
Health (Magnus) Records - Forms must be completed for all new students grades 1-11	Thurs., May 14		Parent Portal, "Magnus Medical Info" tile
MBS Book Buyback Drop-Off (for Harker middle school books)	Fri., June 5	12-2 p.m.	Middle school receiving area Rothchild Performing Arts Center lobby
TK-12 New-to-Harker Parent Reception	Fri., June 5	6-8 p.m.	Upper School Campus
Back-to-School Hub opens - All information you need for the start of school!	Wed., June 10		Parent Portal, Back-to-School Hub
Welcome Call from Harker Ambassador	Week of June 8		
Tuition Due	Mon., June 15		
MBS Online Bookstore Goes Live	Fri., July 10	8 a.m.	MBS Online Bookstore: <a href="https://bit.ly/3InUPZ1">https://bit.ly/3InUPZ1</a>
Health (Magnus) Records - Forms must be updated for returning students	Sat., Aug. 1		Parent Portal, "Magnus Medical Info" promo

Back-to-School Dates	Date	Time	Location
Grade 9 Parent Meet & Greet	Tues., Aug. 18	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Donor Plaza
Grade 9 Parent Orientation and New-to-Harker Parents	Tues., Aug. 18	6:30-8 p.m.	Patil Theater
Grade 9 Orientation & Field Day	Thurs., Aug. 20	10 a.m.-3:15 p.m.	Upper School Campus
Matriculation & Grade 9-12 Student Picture Day (& ID Photo)	Fri., Aug. 21	8:15 a.m.-3 p.m.	Upper School Campus
First Full Day of Classes	Mon., Aug. 24		Upper School Campus

*All information needed for the school year will be in Harker's handy Back-to-School Hub in the parent portal, which launches Wed., June 10.*

*Questions? Contact [communications@harker.org](mailto:communications@harker.org) and we can help!*

# HARKER DANCE COMPANY



**Kimberly Lobe**  
*Director of Advancement*



## Our Community

# Volunteer Programs

- Grade Level Coordinators (GLCs)
- Parent Ambassadors
- Parent Development Council (PDC)
- Opportunities to volunteer

# Grade Level Coordinators

- Monthly coffees
- Social events for parents
- Communicate information about school events - picnic, homecoming, etc.



# Parent Ambassadors

## Parent to Parent

- Get answers to your questions
- Your ambassador will contact you by mid-June
- New grade 9 families get an ambassador; grade 8 families moving up have an option to request one



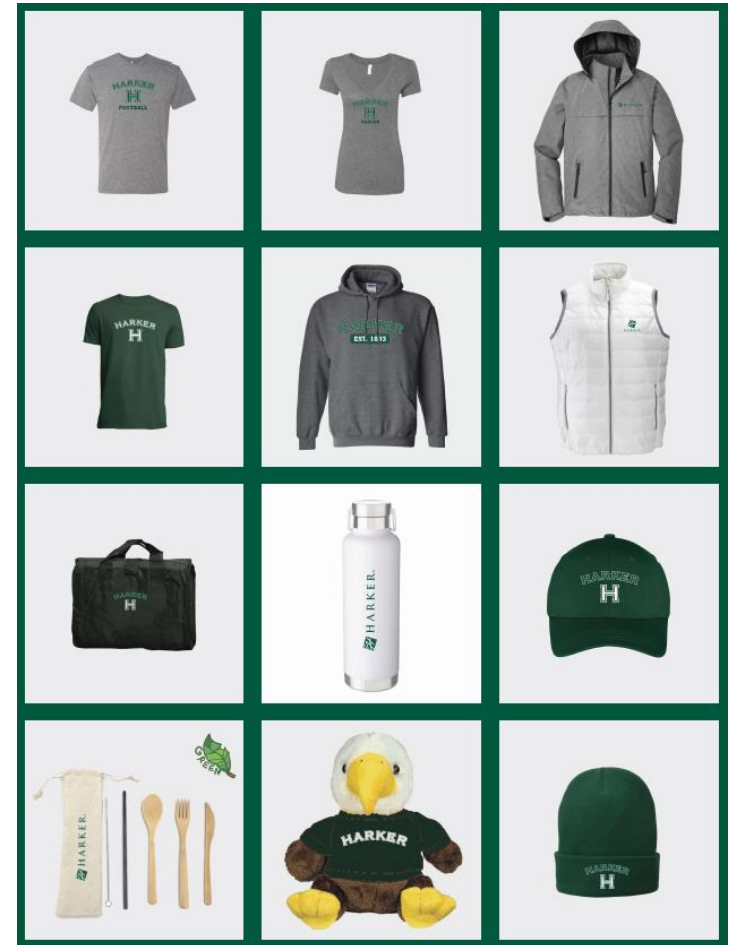
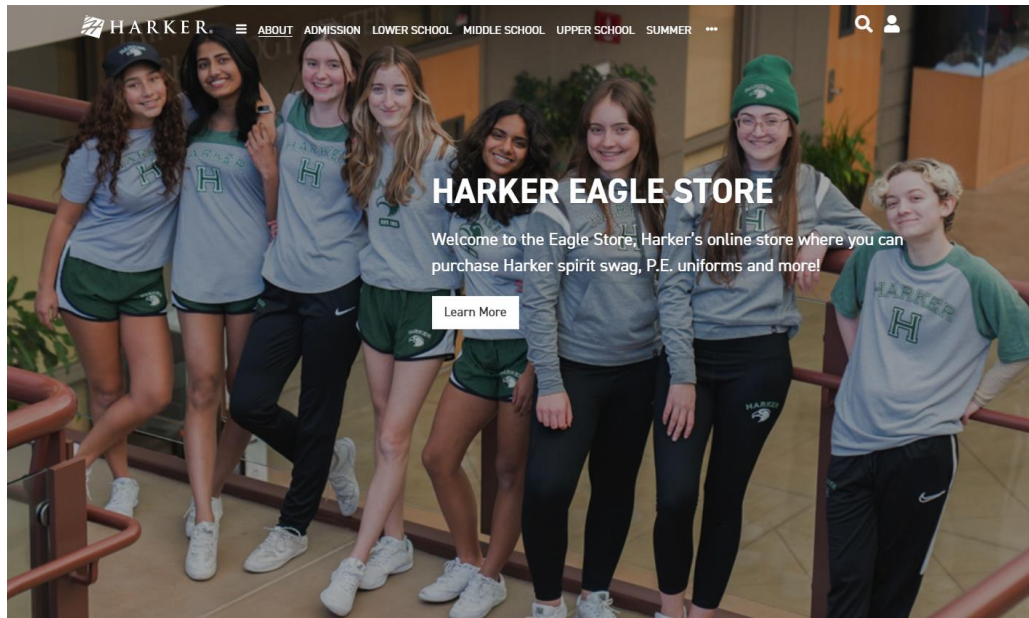
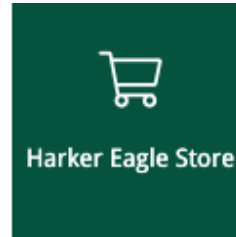
# Parent Development Council

Parent volunteers help the advancement team raise annual giving dollars each year.



# The Eagle Store

- Spirit goods for adults and children
- Store on upper school campus; tile on portal



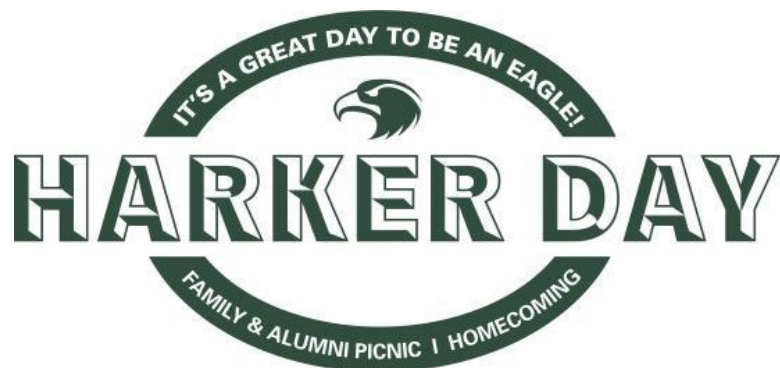
[eaglestore.harker.org](http://eaglestore.harker.org)

# Upcoming Events

**Fri., June 5 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.: TK-12 New Parent  
Reception**  
Upper School Campus



**Sat., Oct. 3 | 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Harker Day (76th annual picnic/homecoming)**



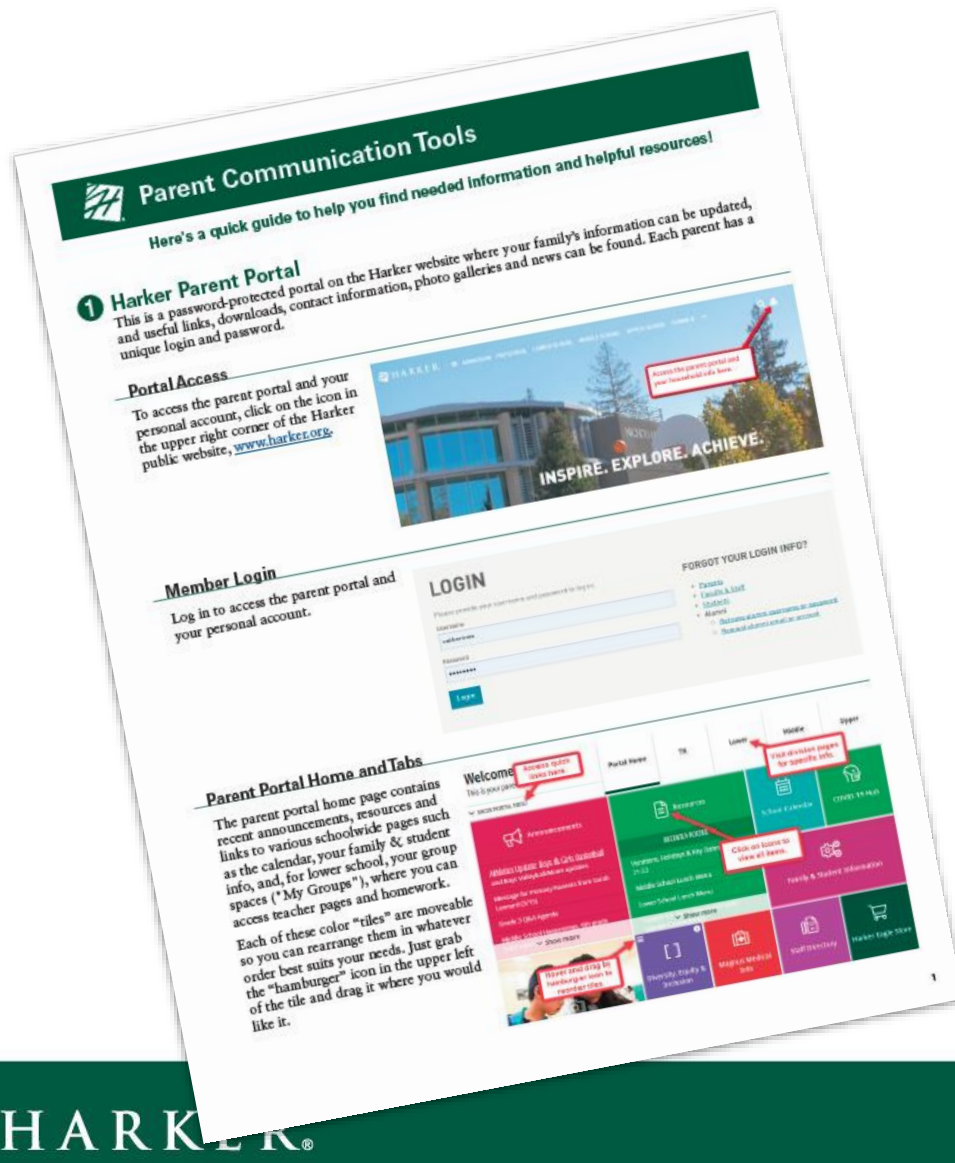


**Catherine Snider**  
*Assistant Director, Office of Communication*

# **3 Tools & Tips**

# Parent Communication Handout

This document  
has more tools  
and tips than we  
can cover tonight  
so keep it handy!



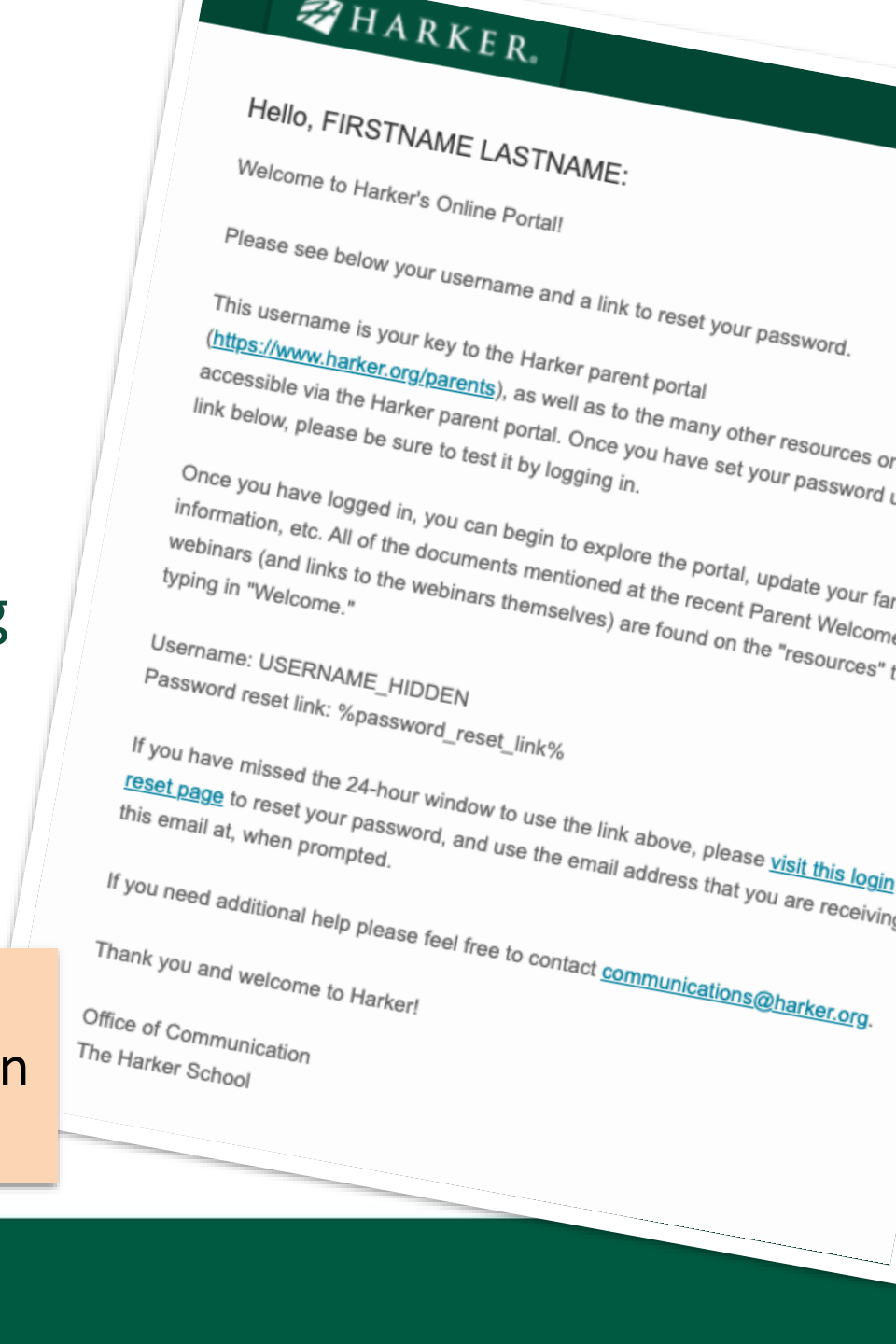
# New Families

On April 23, you will receive  
an email from ...

communications@harker.org

... with your username and  
password reset link.

**Tip:**  
Invite expires in  
24 hours



# In Case You Miss It :-)

## LOGIN

### FORGOT YOUR LOGIN?

Please enter your email address. Instructions for retrieving your username and password will be emailed to you.

Email:

your@personalemail.com



Submit

Cancel



### FORGOT YOUR LOGIN INFO?

- [Parents & Alumni](#)
- [Staff & Students](#)

### NEED AN ALUMNI ACCOUNT OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

- [Request alumni email or account](#)

### PARENTS, STILL HAVING ACCOUNT ISSUES?





- [Submit Help Request Form](#)

# MAGIC HAPPENS AT HARKER.

[Play Video](#)[Visit Us](#)

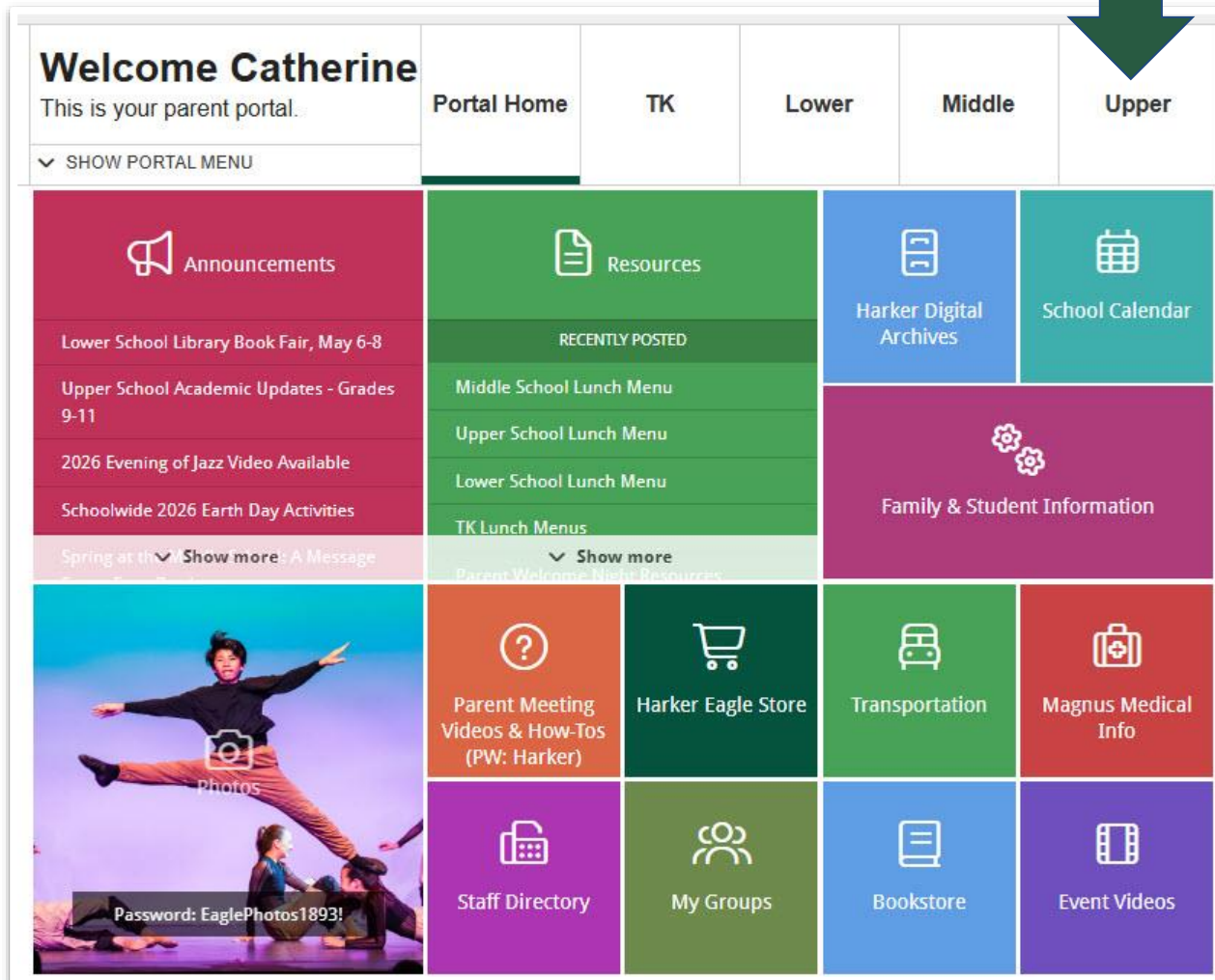
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# Parent Portal and Division Pages



The screenshot displays the Harker Parent Portal interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes a welcome message for Catherine, a 'SHOW PORTAL MENU' button, and tabs for 'Portal Home', 'TK', 'Lower', 'Middle', and 'Upper'. A large green arrow points to the 'Upper' tab. The main content area is organized into a grid of colored tiles. The leftmost column (pink) contains an 'Announcements' tile with a list of events and a 'Show more' link, and a 'Photos' tile featuring a student performing a jump and a password 'EaglePhotos1893!'. The second column (green) has a 'Resources' tile with a 'RECENTLY POSTED' list of lunch menus and a 'Show more' link. The third column (blue) includes 'Harker Digital Archives' and a 'Family & Student Information' tile. The fourth column (teal) features a 'School Calendar' tile. The bottom row consists of eight tiles: 'Parent Meeting Videos & How-Tos (PW: Harker)', 'Harker Eagle Store', 'Transportation', 'Magnus Medical Info', 'Staff Directory', 'My Groups', 'Bookstore', and 'Event Videos'.

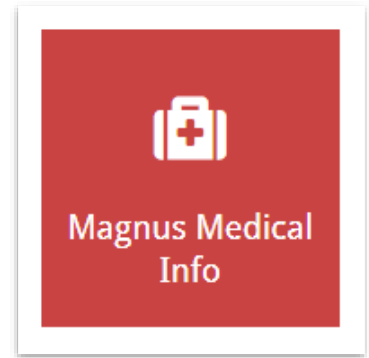
Welcome Catherine This is your parent portal.		Portal Home	TK	Lower	Middle	Upper	
▼ SHOW PORTAL MENU							
Announcements  Lower School Library Book Fair, May 6-8  Upper School Academic Updates - Grades 9-11  2026 Evening of Jazz Video Available  Schoolwide 2026 Earth Day Activities  Spring at the... ▼ Show more: A Message...	Resources  RECENTLY POSTED  Middle School Lunch Menu  Upper School Lunch Menu  Lower School Lunch Menu  TK Lunch Menus  ▼ Show more Parent Welcome Night Resources		Harker Digital Archives	School Calendar	Family & Student Information		
	Photos  Password: EaglePhotos1893!	Parent Meeting Videos & How-Tos (PW: Harker)	Harker Eagle Store	Transportation	Magnus Medical Info		
		Staff Directory	My Groups	Bookstore	Event Videos		

# Family & Student Information Tile

- Update contact info
- Access grade reports
- We require each parent to have a unique primary email address.

A screenshot of the Infinite Campus Message Center interface. The top navigation bar is green with the "Infinite Campus" logo on the left and a notification bell with "9+" and a user profile icon on the right. A dark sidebar on the left contains links: "Message Center", "Today", "Calendar", "Schedule", "Reports", and "More". The main content area is titled "Message Center" and features two tabs: "Announcements" (active) and "Inbox (40 new)". Under the "Announcements" tab, there is a message from the "Lower Division" dated "Thursday 08/01/2019". The message text reads: "To update your Household and Contact Information, please [click here](#). To access future Report Cards, please [click here](#). Return to the [Parent Portal](#) for everything else, including the [calendar](#), directories and historical grades. Questions? Email [communications@harker.org](mailto:communications@harker.org)".

# Health Information



- Health info collected electronically through Magnus Health Record.
- You will receive an email from the nurse soon with detailed instructions. It's easy! 15 minutes per child.
- Child's grade will be correct for THIS year, and will update to next year's grade in June.

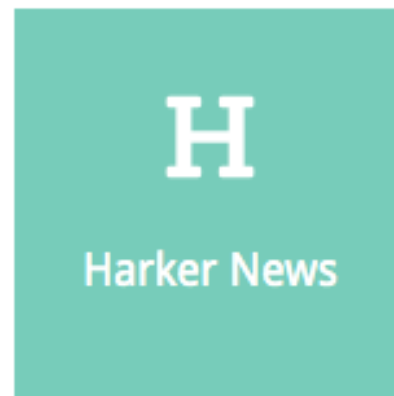
*Questions? Contact nurse: [jennifer.olson@harker.org](mailto:jennifer.olson@harker.org)*

**Health Info Due May 14**

# TB Risk Assessment

- If your child's current school is **not** in Santa Clara County, your child's doctor must fill out a TB Risk Assessment for School Entry.
- If your child's current school is in Santa Clara County, you do not need to submit this form.

# Summer (Optional) Homework:-)



Get News via Email

Email Address \*

First Name

Last Name

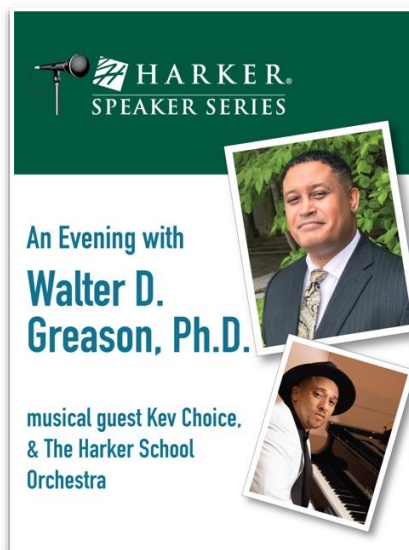
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Email Format

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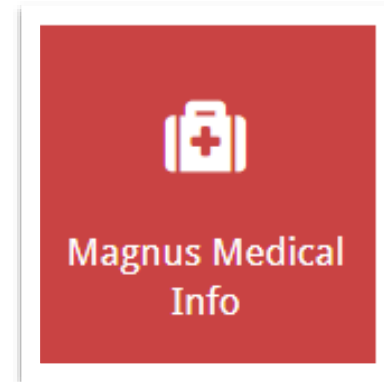
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# Greatest Hits: Now through June

- Health Info
- Family & Student Info
- Back-to-School Hub



**Launching  
Wed., June 10  
in the portal.**

# Questions?

[communications@harker.org](mailto:communications@harker.org)

# Downbeat

A large, festive graphic of the word "WELCOME!" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The text is surrounded by a dense cloud of colorful confetti in shades of red, blue, yellow, and pink. The confetti pieces are small and rectangular, scattered all around the text, creating a celebratory atmosphere.

# WELCOME!

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## Thanks for coming!