

WELCOME!

Harker Welcome Night



Welcome!



Diann Chung
*Lower School
Admission Director*



Kristian Tiopo
Admission Associate



Brian Yager
Head of School

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



PJ and Book Drive



STEM Buddies



Humane Society of Silicon Valley Drive



Eagle Buddies



The Ogres



Math Night



Grade 5 Show



Kindergarten Hat Parade

Welcome to our Community



Getting Ready for Fall: Summer Tips

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Your Student

2

Our Community

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Tools & Tips

Tonight's Presenters



Jennifer Gargano
*Assistant Head of
School, Academic
Affairs*



Debra Cope
Primary Division Head



Kristin Giammona '81
*Elementary Division
Head*



Kim Lobe
*Director of
Advancement*



Catherine Snider
*Communications
Manager*



Jennifer Gargano
Assistant Head of School, Academic Affairs



Your Student

Customized Experience



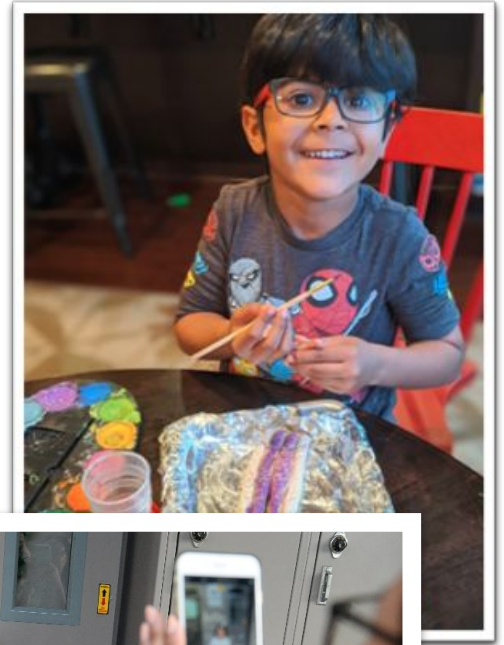
Optimized Learning

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

We customize your child's experience to optimize his/her learning potential.

Your Child's Courses: A Path to Success

- Encourage a growth mindset
- Honor progress, not perfection
- Honor your children and all Harker students
- Trust the process





Debra Cope
Primary Division Head

We are excited to welcome your children!



How can I help prepare my child for kindergarten?



Cognitive Development:
reading and math
readiness

Language Development:
active listening and
following directions

Physical Development:
fine motor, such as pencils
and scissors

**Social/Emotional
Development:**
encouraging responsibility



How can I help prepare my child for lower school?

- Have a positive attitude
- Avoid over-scheduling
- Make a good night's sleep a priority
- Supportive, nurturing teachers
- Open-door policy
- Be a good listener



Welcoming New K - Gr. 2 Students

- Lana Truong '10, K-2 counselor, will check in with the new students at lunch
- Teachers keep a close eye



Questions? Lana Truong
lane.truong@harker.org



Kristin Giammona '81
Elementary Division Head

Welcoming New Gr. 3-5 Students

- August 20, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: New student welcome on campus
- Ambassador family answers questions over the summer
- Check-ins with counselor first few weeks of school



Questions? Ralene Wasielewski
ralene.wasielewski@harker.org

Summer Programs

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

HARKER SUMMER Something for Everyone

Celebrating more than 50 Years of Seriously Smart Summers

Harker offers an extraordinary array of summer fun and educational experiences for learners of all ages.

Programs are led by dedicated faculty and staff who are experts at combining summer fun and learning. Strong academics and inspiring enrichment programs are offered in full-day and morning-only sessions. Harker's summer programs are held on our lower, middle and upper school campuses, all in San Jose.

From creative writing and archery to cooking and robotics, the possibilities are endless. Class sizes are limited – register today!

- Summer @ The Conservatory
- Summer Camp Plus: K-Grade 5
- Middle School Summer Institute
- Upper School Summer Institute
- English Language Institute
- Ski-In Camp
- Sports Camps

For more information visit summer.harker.org
or email summerinfo@harker.org

REGISTER
TODAY!

K-GRADE 5

SUMMER CAMP PLUS

June 20-Aug. 5

Four-Week, Two-Week
& One-Week Sessions

Start Strong

Kindercamp

Students must be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2022

Prepare your child to enter school this fall with reading lessons in math, language arts, school-day routines, and group instruction, hands-on learning experiences, and motor and social skills development.

Summer Camp Plus for Grades 1-5

Engaging academic and enrichment activities designed to enhance creative and cognitive skills at or above grade level. Four-week, two-week and one-week sessions, morning-only and full-day options.

AGES 3-ADULT

SWIM SCHOOL

June 13-Aug. 5
Mon.-Thurs.

Jump In!

Swim Lessons | Junior Swim Team
Water Polo | Aquatic Fitness

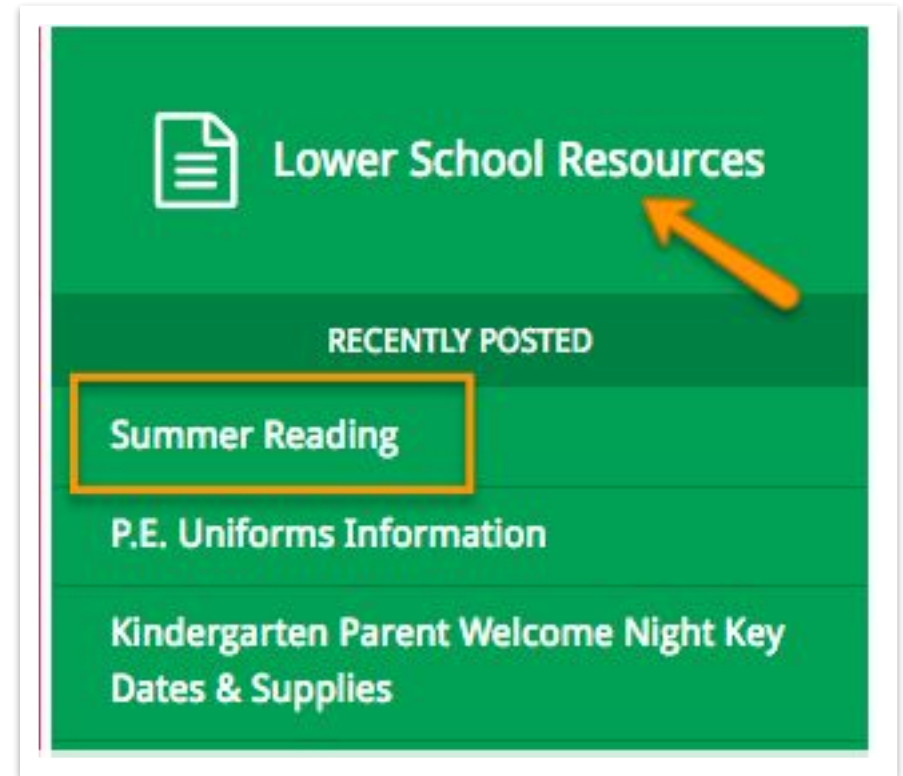
Junior Lifeguard

Harker's summer swim school provides both children and adults the opportunity to learn, refine and extend their swimming ability in a noncompetitive environment full of positive reinforcement and encouragement. Our beautiful Sing-Aquatic Center and friendly staff make our swim school a comfortable and safe place for swimmers of all levels and their families. Private and group lessons are available.

Summer Reading

Summer reading, by grade level, will be available after May 1 in the portal.

Find it in the lower school Resources tool.



Important Dates

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

Kindergarten

For quick reference, here are the most important dates for you to remember between now and the start of school. We're so pleased to have you in the Harker family!

Summer Dates	Date	Time	Location
Health (Magnus) Records - Forms must be completed for all new students grades 1-11	Fri, May 9		Parent Portal, "Magnus Medical Info" tab
Parent Social for All New Parents (lower, middle, upper)	Mon, June 2	6:30 p.m.	Upper School Campus
Back-to-School Hub opens - All forms and information you need for the start of school are here!	Wed, June 4		Parent Portal, Back-to-School Hub
Welcome Call from Harker Ambassador	Week of June 9		Parent Portal
Tuition Due	Sun, June 15		Parent Portal
Registration at the Lower School	Sat, July 19	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Lower School Campus
Health (Magnus) records must be completed for all kindergartners	Mon, Aug 4 / Fri, Aug 8	Open 12 p.m. - Close 5 p.m.	Parent Portal
After School Program/EST Sign-Up for Q1 Starts	Mon, Aug 27	Open 12 p.m. - Close 5 p.m.	Parent Portal

Back-to-School Dates

Date	Time	Location
Kindergarten Parent/Student Orientation and Welcome Dinner	Mon, Aug 25	Lower School Campus
First Day of School	Wed, Aug 27	Lower School Campus
K-5 Welcome Breakfast	Wed, Aug 27	Lower School Gym

All forms and information needed for the school year will be in Harker's handy Back-to-School Hub in the parent portal, which launches June 4.

Questions? Contact communications@harker.org

Grade 1 & 2 Key Dates 2025

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Athletics Online Sign-Ups Open/Close	Mon, Aug 4 / Fri, Aug 8	Open 12 p.m. - Close 5 p.m.	Parent Portal

Back-to-School Dates

Date	Time	Location	
Grade 1-2 New Student Party	Wed, Aug 20	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Lower School Campus
Grade 1-2 Student/Parent Orientation	Mon, Aug 25	12:30-2 p.m.	Lower School Campus
First Day of School	Wed, Aug 27		Lower School Campus
K-5 Welcome Breakfast	Wed, Aug 27	8-10 a.m.	Lower School Gym

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Grade 3 Key Dates 2025

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Tuition Due	Sun, June 15		Parent Portal
Registration at the Lower School	Sat, July 19	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Lower School Campus
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Athletics Online Sign-Ups Open/Close	Mon, Aug 4 / Fri, Aug 8	Open 12 p.m. - Close 5 p.m.	Parent Portal

Back-to-School Dates

Date	Time	Location	
Grade 3-5 New Student Party	Wed, Aug 20	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Lower School Campus
Grade 3-5 Student/Parent Orientation	Mon, Aug 25	12:30-2 p.m.	Lower School Campus
First Day of School	Wed, Aug 27		Lower School Campus
K-5 Welcome Breakfast	Wed, Aug 27	8-10 a.m.	Lower School Gym

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Grade 4-5 Key Dates 2025

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Athletics Online Sign-Ups Open/Close	Mon, Aug 4 / Fri, Aug 8	Open 12 p.m. - Close 5 p.m.	Parent Portal

Back-to-School Dates

Date	Time	Location	
Grade 4-5 New Student Party	Wed, Aug 20	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Lower School Campus
Grade 4-5 Student/Parent Orientation	Mon, Aug 25	12:30-2 p.m.	Lower School Campus
First Day of School	Wed, Aug 27		Lower School Campus
K-5 Welcome Breakfast	Wed, Aug 27	8-10 a.m.	Lower School Gym

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LOWER SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FALL

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We have asked the teachers to list the supplies they will require as school begins in the fall. Students are encouraged to use backpacks, including those with wheels and pull handles. Large, suitcase type bags (including Zuca) are not permitted, due to the storage space required, and the resulting congestion in the hallways.

Backpack sizes:

K-Grade 2: limited in size to 17 inches high x 11 inches wide x 7 inches deep; no wheels
 Grades 3-5: limited in size to 20 inches high x 12 inches wide x 10 inches deep.

Teachers will inform students on the first day of class about any additional supplies that will be needed. K-5 students should bring a backpack, along with any other required items, on the first day of school.

Kindergarten

- No supplies required - all are provided by school
- One standard-size backpack that must fit inside cubby

First Grade

- No supplies required - all are provided by school
- One standard-size backpack that must fit inside cubby

Second Grade

- No supplies required - all are provided by school
- One standard-size backpack that must fit inside cubby

Third Grade

- Third graders (only) will be provided a binder. Please do NOT purchase.
- Pencil pouch w/holes to fit into a 3-ring binder (no pencil holder)
- One set (kg) of dividers for 3-ring binder; pre-label them as follows: Math, Language Arts, Science, California History, Spanish, Other
- 12 plastic insert pages for assignment sheets
- Standard #2 pencils: bring two sharpened every day
- No mechanical pencils, no pens, no gel pens
- Shelving for locker (optional but helpful in maintaining an organized locker)

Fourth Grade

- One 2" binder this binder must fit in a desk
- Case 8 brand with zipper is recommended
- Two packages of dividers with pockets
- pencil pouch with holes to fit into the binder
- regular pencils
- blue or black pens
- extra eraser
- ear buds

If students would like to carry a small book bag between classes, they may do so if the bag fits under their desk.

Fifth Grade

- One 2" binder this binder must fit in a desk
- Case 8 brand with zipper is recommended
- 3 packages of dividers with pockets
- one package of binder paper
- pencil pouch with holes to fit into the binder
- regular pencils
- blue or black pens
- extra eraser
- ear buds

If students would like to carry a small book bag between classes, they may do so if the bag fits under their desk.



Kim Lobe
Director of Advancement



Our Community

Volunteer Programs

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

Questions? Contact Ruby Ramos
ruby.ramos@harker.org



Room Parents and Grade-Level Coordinators

- Field trip chaperones, classroom parties, Harker Day
- Library and parent volunteers for Eagle Store



Room parents coordinate homeroom volunteer activities.
Grade-level coordinators organize parent coffees and social events.

Parent Ambassadors

Parent to Parent

- Get answers to your questions
- Your ambassador will contact you early June



Parent Development Council

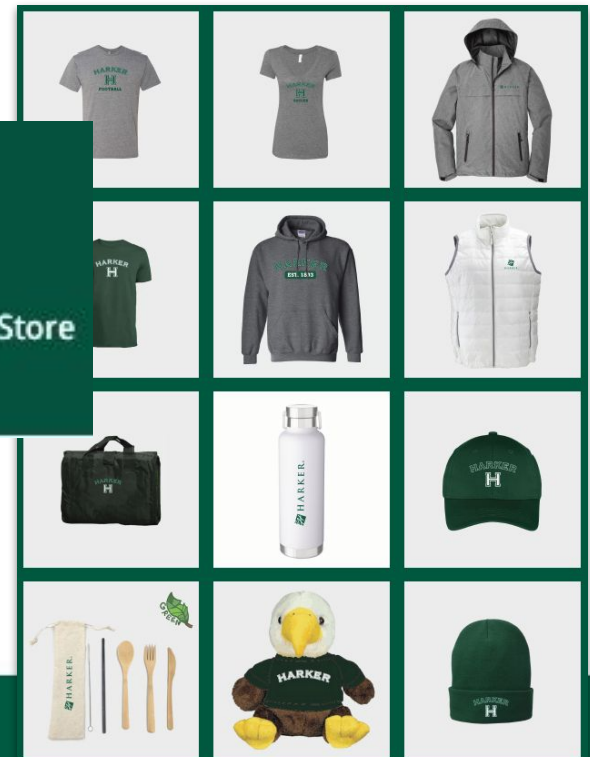
Parent volunteers help the advancement team raise annual giving dollars each year.



The Eagle Store

- Spirit wear
- Tommy Hilfiger link for school uniforms
- P.E. uniforms
- Accessories for adults and children
- Store on upper school campus; tile on portal

eaglestore.harker.org



Uniform Fitting Events

Mon., April 8 - Fri., May 2

- Sign up for a 30-minute appointment
- Email was sent from the Eagle Store - if you didn't get it, email the Eagle Store.

eaglestore@harker.org

Fitting events are at the upper school campus.



Uniform Fit Event & Hilfiger Sale!
April 8 - May 2

Dear K-8 Harker Families –

We are happy to announce that Harker will be hosting a uniform fit event. From Mon., April 8-Mon., Fri., May 2, we will be available to assist you with measuring and fitting your child for the school uniform. **The 30-minute fittings are by appointment only** and will be held in the Eagle Store, upstairs in Nichols Hall on the upper school campus on Saratoga Ave.

[Schedule an appointment here.](#)

Also, Tommy Hilfiger is offering a one-week exclusive one-week promotion for Harker parents of 10% off of your entire order, from June 2-8.

Please [contact Heidi Artiss](#) with any questions.

[Online Purchasing Instructions](#)

Upcoming Events

Mon., June 2 | 6:30 p.m.: TK-12 New Parent Social
Upper School Campus



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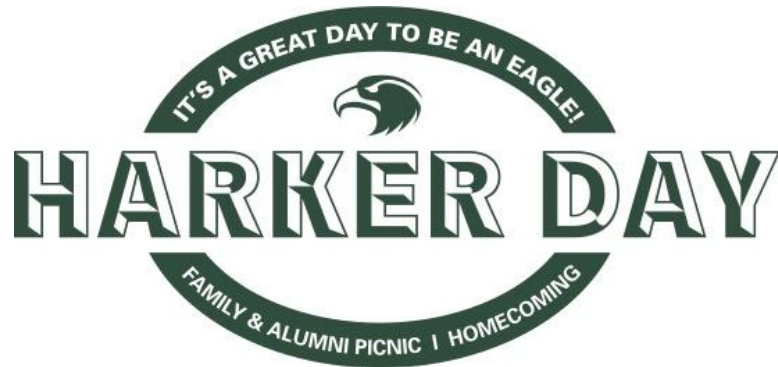
Sat., July 19 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: TK-5

Playdate at Bucknall

Ambassadors, Room Parents, GLCs, New Families



Sat., Oct. 4 | 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Harker Day (75th annual picnic/homecoming)





Catherine Snider
Communications Manager

3 Tools & Tips

Parent Communication Handout



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

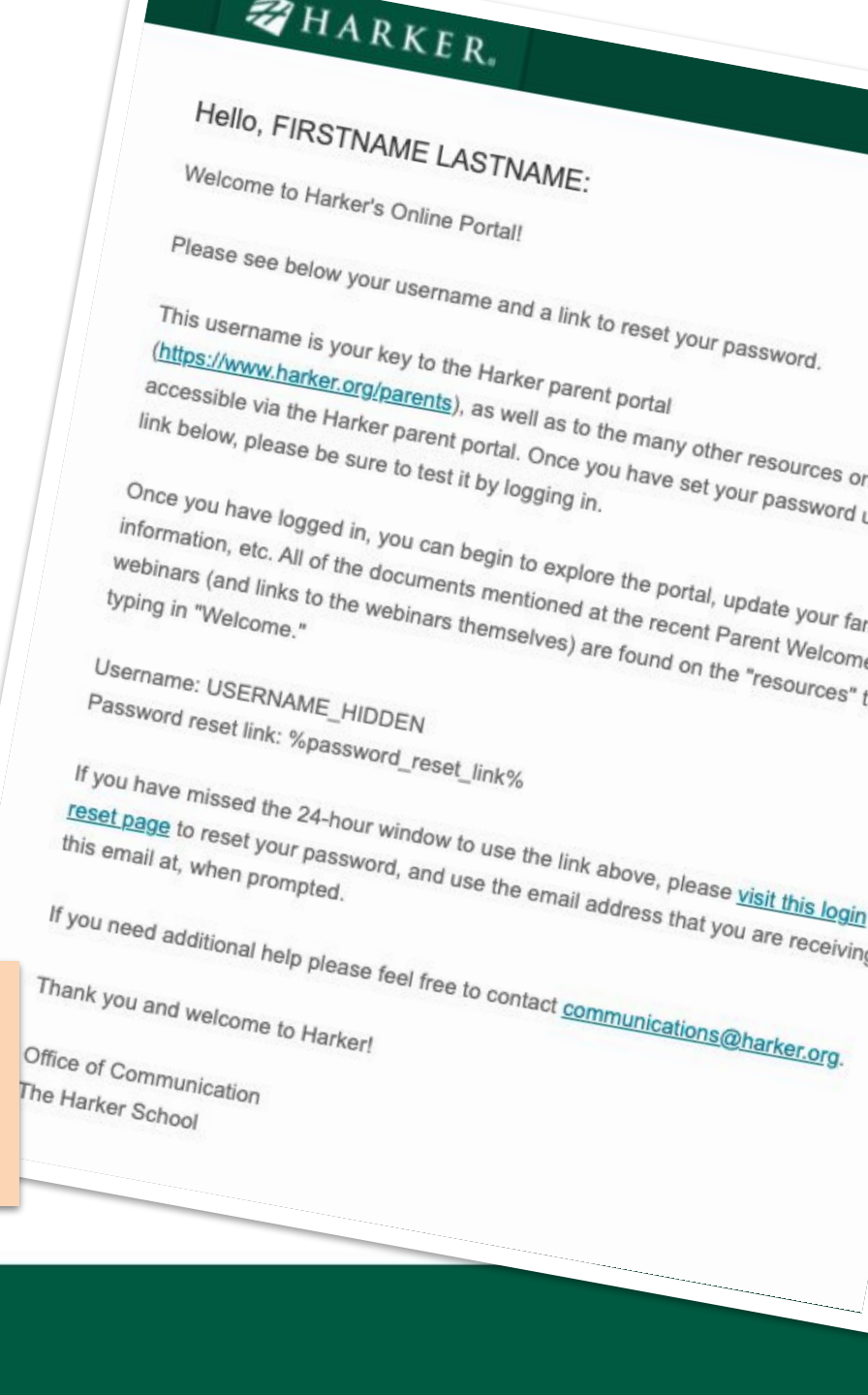
New Families

Next week you will receive
an email from ...

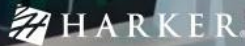
communications@harker.org

... with your username and
password reset link.

Tip:
Invite expires in
24 hours



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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](#)

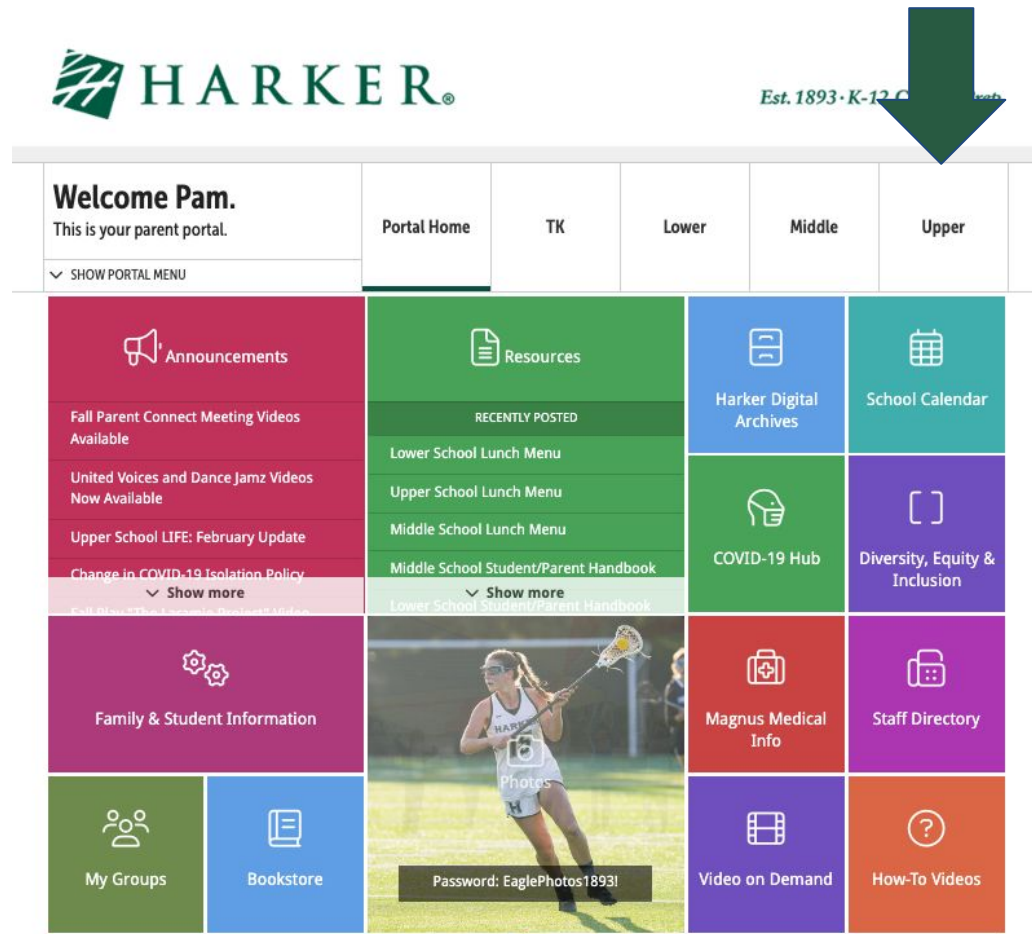
NEED AN ALUMNI ACCOUNT OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

- [Request alumni email or account](#)

PARENTS, STILL HAVING ACCOUNT ISSUES?

- [Submit Help Request Form](#)

Parent Portal and Division Pages



The screenshot displays the Harker Parent Portal interface. At the top, the Harker logo is on the left, and the text "Est. 1893 • K-12" is on the right. A large green arrow points down from the top right towards the navigation tabs. The main navigation bar includes a welcome message for "Pam.", a "SHOW PORTAL MENU" link, and tabs for "Portal Home", "TK", "Lower", "Middle", and "Upper". The content area is divided into several sections: a pink sidebar with announcements, a green "Resources" section with a "RECENTLY POSTED" list, a blue "Harker Digital Archives" section, a teal "School Calendar" section, a purple "Diversity, Equity & Inclusion" section, a red "Magnus Medical Info" section, a purple "Staff Directory" section, a green "My Groups" section, a blue "Bookstore" section, a photo of a lacrosse player with a "Photos" overlay and a password prompt, a purple "Video on Demand" section, and an orange "How-To Videos" section.

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Welcome Pam.
This is your parent portal.

▼ SHOW PORTAL MENU

Portal Home TK Lower Middle Upper

Announcements

- Fall Parent Connect Meeting Videos Available
- United Voices and Dance Jamz Videos Now Available
- Upper School LIFE: February Update
- Change in COVID-19 Isolation Policy
- ▼ Show more

Resources

RECENTLY POSTED

- Lower School Lunch Menu
- Upper School Lunch Menu
- Middle School Lunch Menu
- Middle School Student/Parent Handbook
- ▼ Show more
- Lower School Student/Parent Handbook

Harker Digital Archives

School Calendar

COVID-19 Hub

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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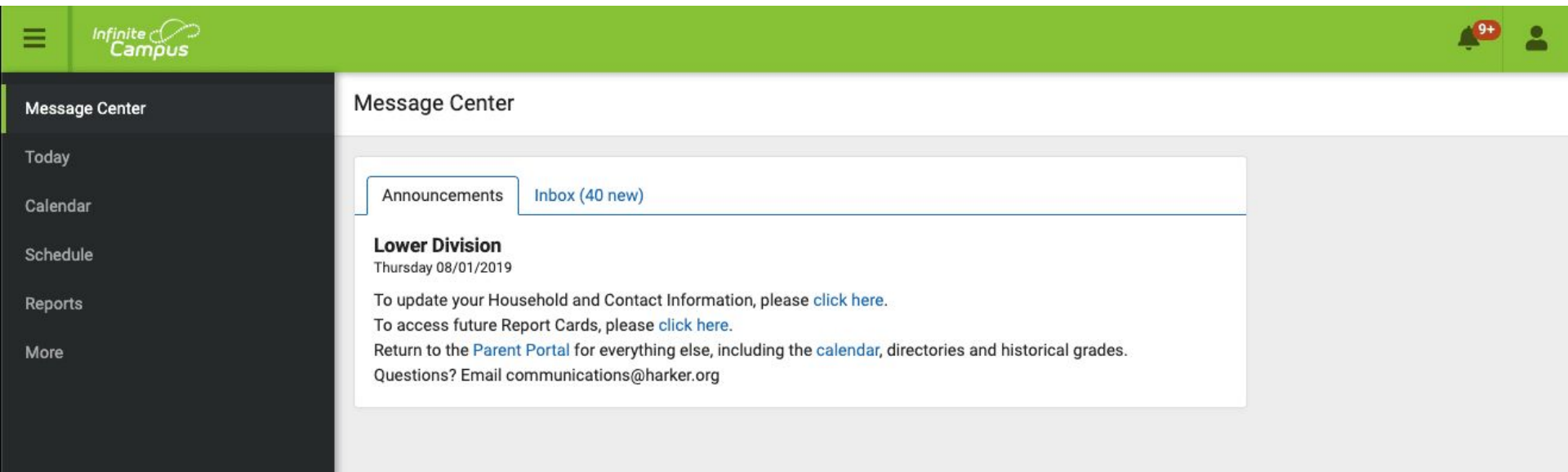
Password: EaglePhotos1893!

Video on Demand

How-To Videos

Family & Student Information Tile

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



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.
- 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.

Questions? Contact nurse: debra.nott@harker.org

Summer (Optional) Homework :-)



Get News via Email

Email Address *

First Name

Last Name

Email Format * Indicates required

☐ html

☐ text

Subscribe



Greatest Hits: Now through June

- Health Info
- Family & Student Info
- Back-to-School Hub
- BEST and athletics sign ups Mon., Aug. 4



**Launching
Wed., June 4
in the portal.**

Questions?

communications@harker.org

A large, festive graphic featuring the word "WELCOME!" in a bold, white, 3D sans-serif font. The text is surrounded by a dense cloud of multi-colored confetti (red, blue, yellow, and pink) that appears to be falling or exploding around the letters. The entire graphic is set against a white background.

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Harker Welcome Night

Q & A Time