

# WELCOME!

## Harker Welcome Night



# Welcome!



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*TK-12 Admission Director  
Middle School Admission Director*



***Patricia Andrews***

*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!**





Annual Student v. Faculty Volleyball Match



Annual Art Show

Dance Jamz Production







## Homestay Trip to Peru







Archaeology Trip to Greece



# Getting Ready for Fall: Summer Tips

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# Welcome to our Community!



# Tonight's Presenters



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# Your Student

# Customized Experience



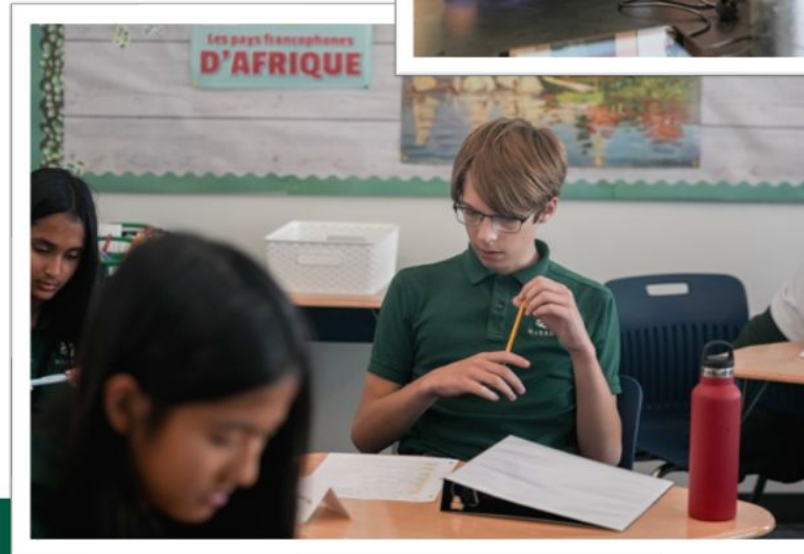
# Optimized Learning

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

We customize your child's experience to optimize 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







**Evan Barth**  
*Middle School Division Head*

# Buddy Program

## Student to Student

- Many buddies are meeting tonight, contacting over summer, and helping at orientation in August.
- Buddies have lunch on the first day of school.
- New students and buddies in the same advisory all three years.



# Advisory

- A vital component of our school community
- In the fall students are assigned an advisory group for all three years.
- Advisories meet twice a week with additional check-in points, work on social-emotional health, prepare for school spirit or service activities.





# BASE: Before- & After-School Enrichment



- Register on portal beginning Mon., Aug. 4
- Activity Avenue
- Fun Friday
- Spirit events
- Community service
- Lots of cool choices!



# Fall Athletics

- Register on portal beginning Aug. 4
- Complete athlete participation form on Magnus
- **Tues., Aug. 26** - fall season starts
- **Wed., Sept. 3** - fall sports parent/student meeting



- Softball
- Flag football
- Swimming
- Cross country
- Girls lacrosse
- Golf tournament



# Summer Programs

## Cool courses ■ Make some new friends

### Endless Possibilities



**HARKER  
SUMMER**

K-GRADE 12  
June 10-Aug. 2

Registration  
opens  
Jan. 29, 2024\*  
summer.harker.org

\* Feb. 20, 2024 - Upper School Summer Inst. Only

**HARKER SUMMER**

408.553.5736 | SummerCampInfo@harker.org | 500 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose,

### Something for Everyone

Celebrating over 50 Years of Service, Harker offers an extraordinary array of summer experiences for learners of all ages.

Programs are led by dedicated faculty and combine summer fun and learning. Strong enrichment programs are offered in full-day sessions. Harker's summer programs are for upper school campuses, all in San Jose.

From creative writing and archery to drivers' experiences are endless. Class sizes are limited.

- Summer @ The Conservatory
- Summer Camp Plus: K-Grade 5
- Middle School Summer Institute
- Upper School Summer Institute
- English
- Swim
- Sports
- Speech

**HARKER  
SUMMER  
SPEECH & DEBATE**

GRADES 6-10  
July 15-26

Registration  
opens  
Jan. 29, 2024\*  
summer.harker.org

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**HARKER SUMMER**

408.545.9652 | SummerSpeechAndDebate@harker.org | 500 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, CA 95129

### Speech & Debate

Students going into grades 6-10 will learn the core argumentative, public speaking and research skills to equip them for tournament success in:

- Public Forum
- Lincoln-Douglas
- Congressional Debate
- Speech

Students will learn invaluable academic skills, as critical thinking and organized speeches are crucial to all fields. All students will receive instruction in their preferred practice. A typical day will include some direct instruction, speaking drills, guided writing on practical application and frequent practice. We anticipate that students will enter the program with varying levels of experience and the teachers will tailor lessons and breakout groups accordingly.



**THE  
CONSERVATORY  
AT HARKER**

Grades 5-12  
Summer 2024

Summer @ The Conservatory brings together the best Bay Area theater educators and our cutting-edge performing arts facilities and amazing resources to create exceptional experiences and performances for the accomplished young actors. Work on film, theater, dance and

Conservatory Presents (Grades 5-9)  
July 8-26 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Conservatory Intensive (Grades 9-12\*)  
July 8-26 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Conservatory Presents brings together talented students to experience top-notch industry professionals, and daily rehearsals for two one-act shows performed with full tech at the end of our program.

\*Video auditions due two weeks after completion of registration. Requirements provided after registration is complete.

Screen Acting Bootcamp (Grades 5-12)  
July 17-21 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Learn the skills of the trade in a fun-filled, fast-paced workshop will introduce you to the skills and performance nuances you'll need along your way to becoming a quality young talent in the film industry.

Musical Theater Intensive (Grades 5-12)  
June 17-20 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Musical Theater Intensive is designed for students who love musical theater and are ready to excel. All experience levels are encouraged to audition. Students will work on techniques and fundamentals and can feel safe bringing their current skills to class. Our award-winning musical theater educators and alumni, as well as outside theater professionals, will prepare them to the next level in their training.

Each student will also leave with an audition song ready for any school or regional production. Contact summerconservatory@harker.org to join the mailing list for registration information and more!

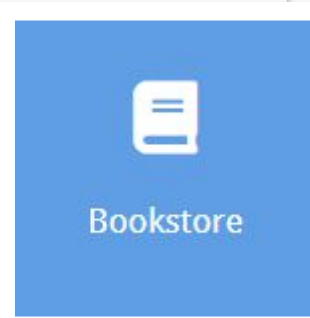
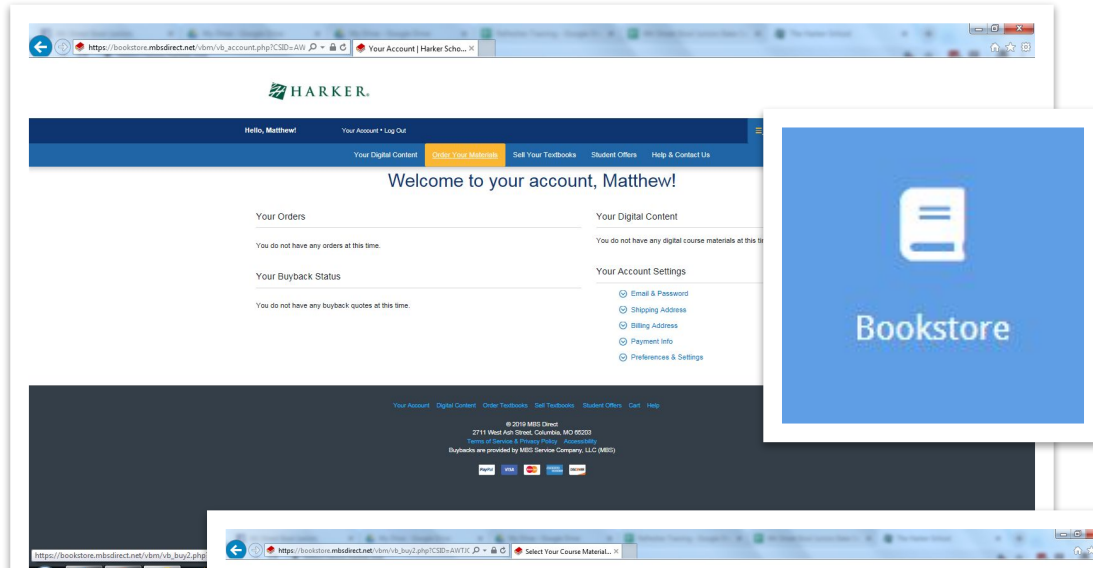
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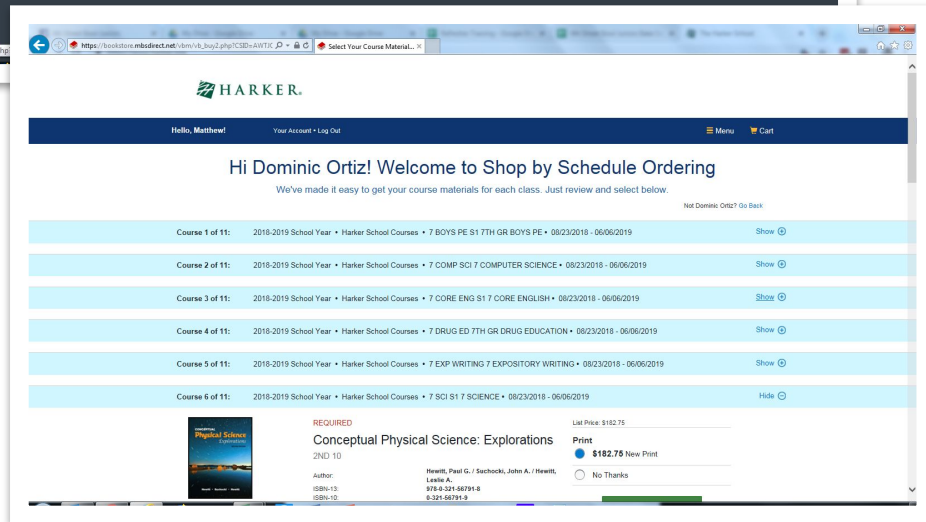


# Textbooks (MBS) & Summer Reading



## Bookstore

Online (MBS) bookstore goes live in portal Fri. July 11. Details will be in the Back-to-School Hub.



## Summer Reading

New students will get summer reading information in early May.

# Transportation

- Transportation initiatives support our sustainability efforts at all campuses
- Being responsible neighbors





Meeting City of San Jose use permit requirements with carpools or Harker buses:

- arrive with one student before 7:30 a.m.
- carpool with another middle school student
- drive to a designated meeting place and ride our Harker bus to the middle school



# Important Dates

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



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### Middle School Key Dates 2025

*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	Fri, May 9		Parent Portal, "Magnus Medical Info" tile
Gr. 6-8 MBS Book Buyback	Fri, May 30	12-2 p.m.	Middle school receiving area
Parent Social for All New Parents (lower, middle, upper)	Mon., June 2	6:30-8:30 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		
Tuition Due	Sun., June 15		
MBS Online Bookstore Goes Live	Fri, July 11	8 a.m.	MBS Online Bookstore: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JnUP7t">https://bit.ly/3JnUP7t</a>
Health (Magnus) Records - Forms must be updated for all returning students	Fri, Aug. 1		Parent Portal, "Magnus Medical Info" promo
After-School Program/BASE Sign-Up - Q1 Begins	Mon., Aug. 4/ Fri., Aug. 8	Open 12 p.m./Close 5 p.m.	Parent Portal
Middle School Online Athletic 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
Middle School Parent Orientation	Thurs., Aug. 21	6-7 p.m.	Virtual
Middle School Student Orientation & First Day of Classes	Mon., Aug. 25	8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Middle School Campus
Performing Arts Kickoff (required of all interested PA students)	Thurs., Aug. 21	7-7:30 p.m.	Virtual

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



**Kim Lobe**  
*Director of Advancement*



## Our Community



# Volunteer Programs

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

Questions? Contact Ruby Ramos  
[ruby.ramos@harker.org](mailto:ruby.ramos@harker.org)



# Grade Level Coordinators

- Monthly coffees, other social events for parents
- Communicate information about school events - Harker Day, etc.
- Coordinate volunteers for Cancer Walk, Halloween and Valentine's Day snacks, and winter festivities



# Parent Ambassadors

## Parent to Parent

- Get answers to your questions
- Your ambassador will contact you early June
- Returning grade 5 families may request an ambassador





# Parent Development Council

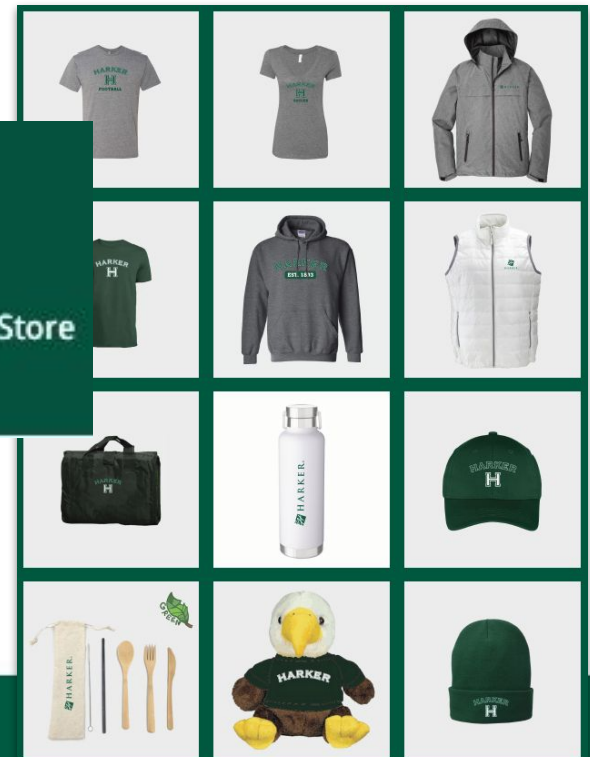
Parent volunteers help the advancement team raise annual giving dollars each year.



# 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](http://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](mailto: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](#)

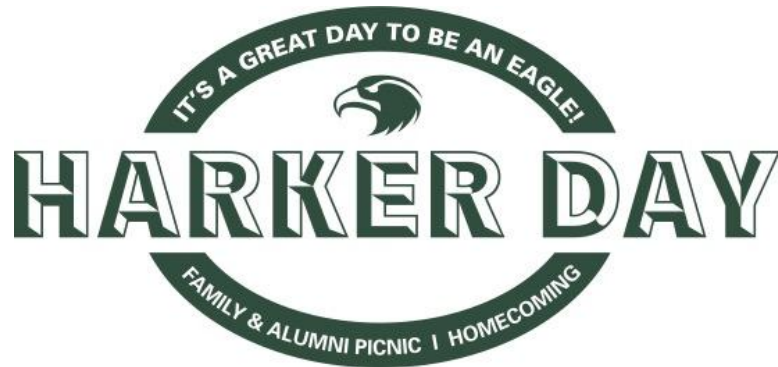


# Upcoming Events

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



**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!

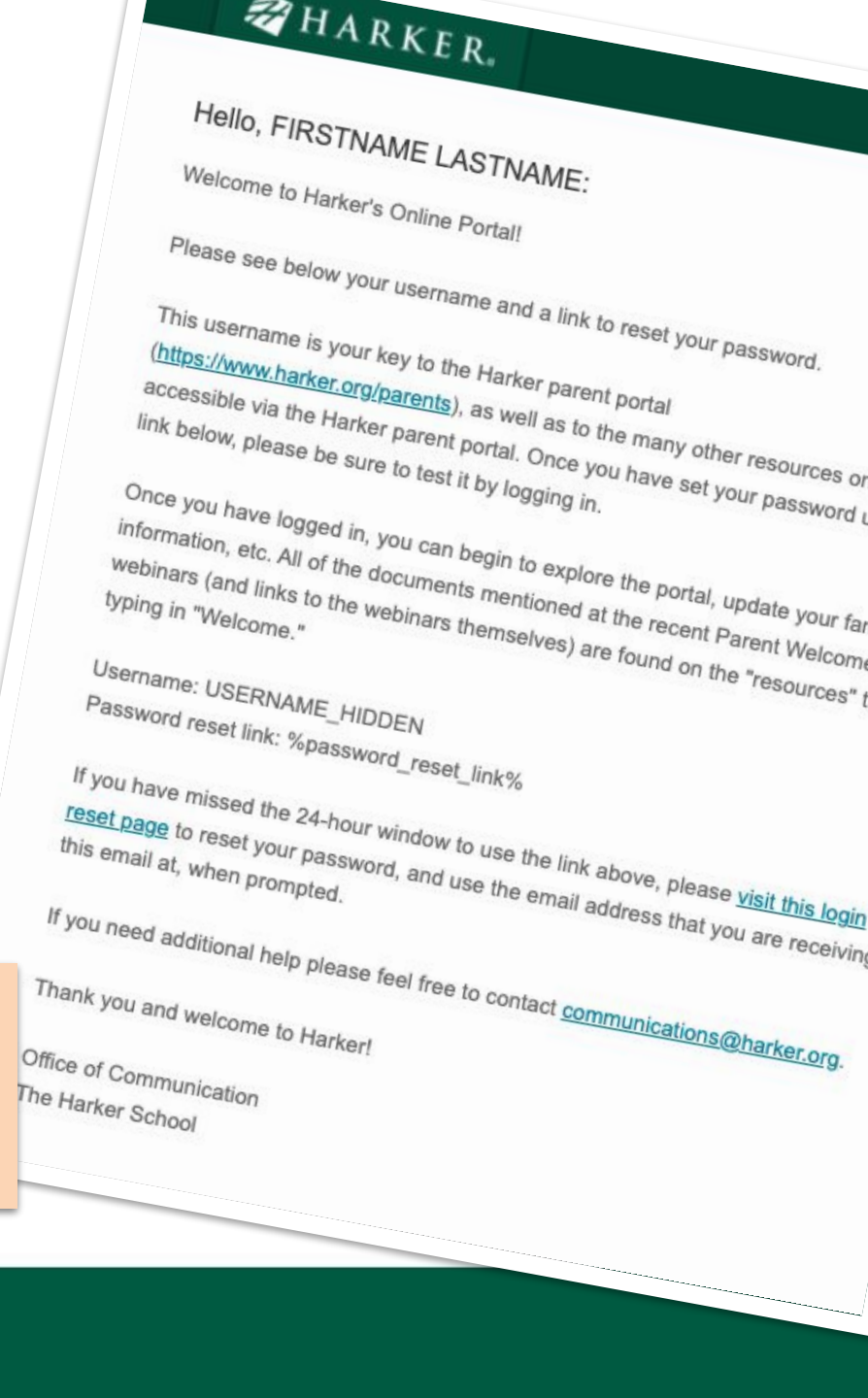
# New Families

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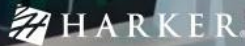
communications@harker.org

... with your username and  
password reset link.

**Tip:**  
Invite expires in  
24 hours







# MAGIC HAPPENS AT HARKER.

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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](#)

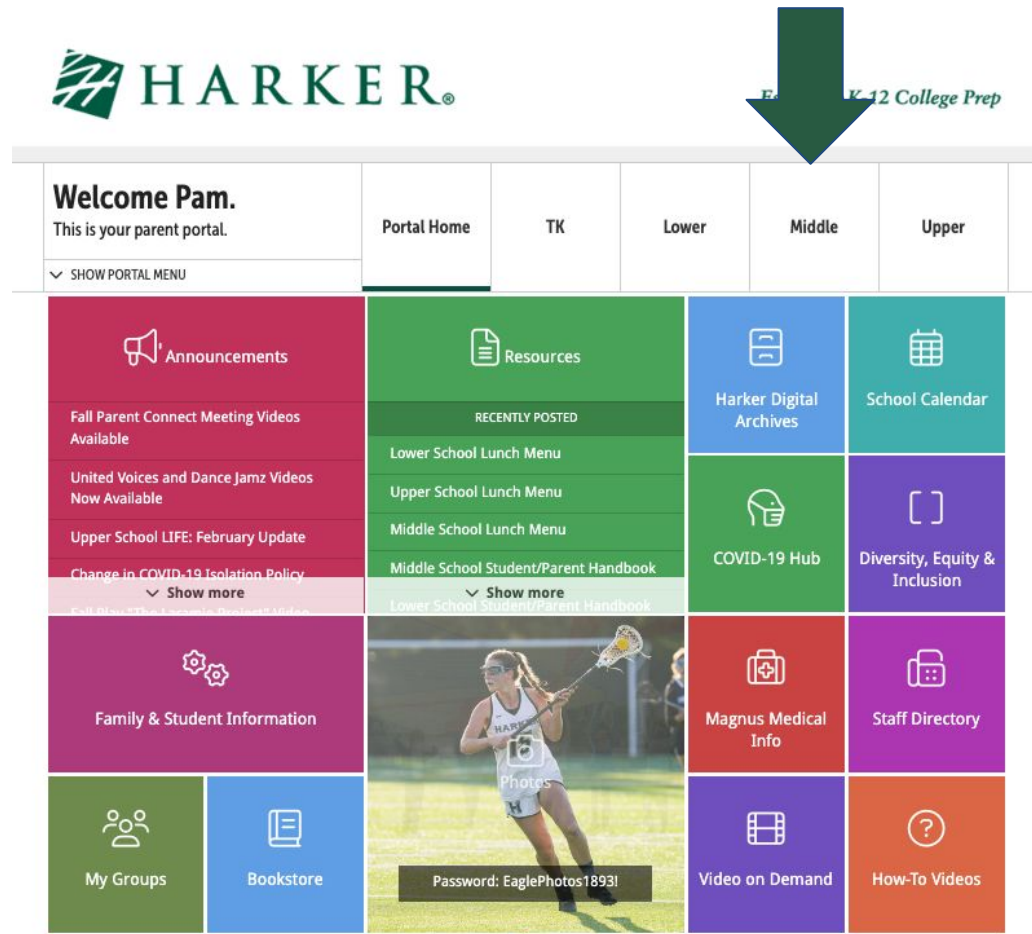
### NEED AN ALUMNI ACCOUNT OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

- [Request alumni email or account](#)

### PARENTS, STILL HAVING ACCOUNT ISSUES?

- [Submit Help Request Form](#)

# Parent Portal and Division Pages

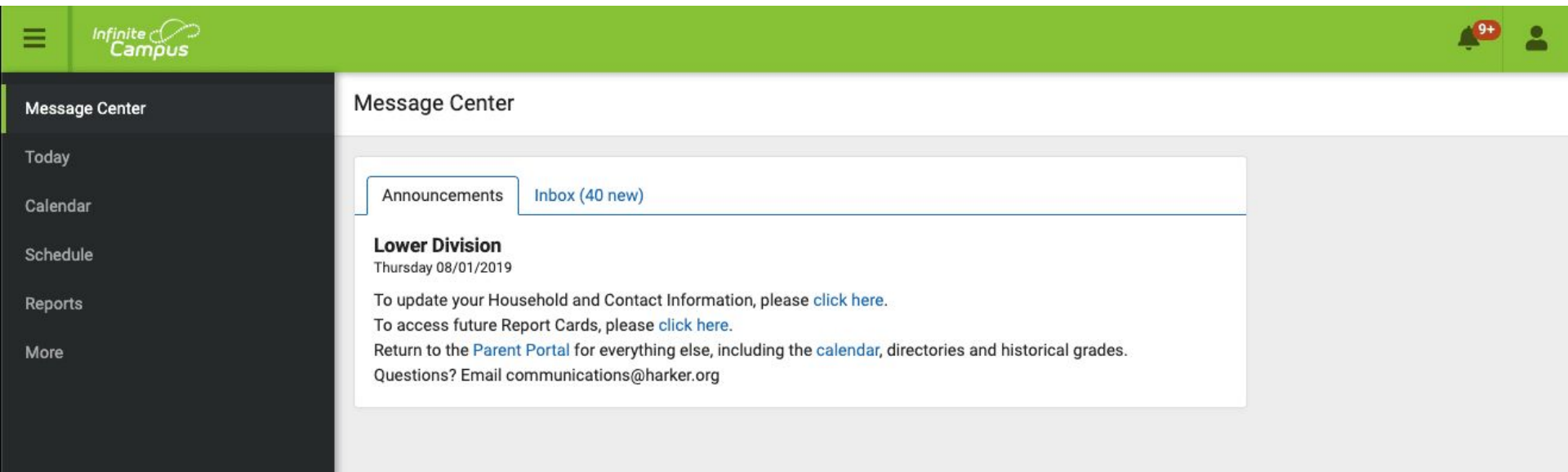


The screenshot displays the Harker Parent Portal interface. At the top, the Harker logo is on the left, and a navigation bar on the right includes links for "Elementary", "Middle School", "High School", and "K-12 College Prep". A large green arrow points down to the navigation tabs. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Welcome Pam.** This is your parent portal. A dropdown menu labeled "SHOW PORTAL MENU" is visible.
- Navigation Tabs:** Portal Home, TK, Lower, Middle, Upper.
- Announcements:** A list of recent announcements including "Fall Parent Connect Meeting Videos Available", "United Voices and Dance Jamz Videos Now Available", "Upper School LIFE: February Update", and "Change in COVID-19 Isolation Policy".
- Resources:** A section titled "RECENTLY POSTED" with links to "Lower School Lunch Menu", "Upper School Lunch Menu", "Middle School Lunch Menu", "Middle School Student/Parent Handbook", and "Lower School Student/Parent Handbook".
- Harker Digital Archives:** A link to access digital archives.
- School Calendar:** A link to view the school calendar.
- COVID-19 Hub:** A link to access COVID-19 related information.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:** A link to access diversity and inclusion resources.
- Family & Student Information:** A link to access family and student information.
- My Groups:** A link to access parent groups.
- Bookstore:** A link to access the school bookstore.
- Photos:** A link to access school photos, with a password提示: "Password: EaglePhotos1893!".
- Magnus Medical Info:** A link to access medical information.
- Staff Directory:** A link to access the staff directory.
- Video on Demand:** A link to access on-demand videos.
- How-To Videos:** A link to access instructional 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.

*Questions? Contact nurse: [traci.senegal@harker.org](mailto:traci.senegal@harker.org)*

**Health Info Due May 9**



# Main Points

- You must upload a complete immunization record.
- 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.

# For Incoming Grade 7 Students

- California requires:
  - Proof of a Tdap booster shot (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)
  - Proof of two shots of Varicella (chicken pox)

# Summer (Optional) Homework :-)



Get News via Email

Email Address \*

First Name

Last Name

Email Format \* Indicates required

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Subscribe



# Greatest Hits: Now through June

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



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



# Questions?

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



**WELCOME!**

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Thanks for coming!