

# WELCOME!

## Harker Welcome Night



# Welcome!



***Danielle Holquin***

*TK-12 Admission Director  
Middle School Admission Director*

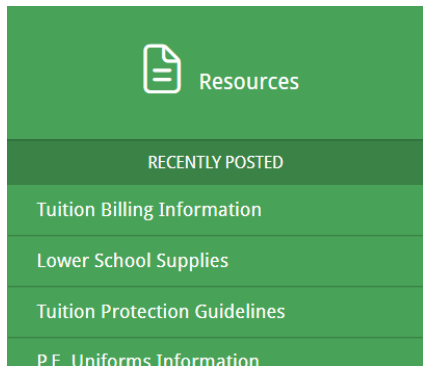


***Patricia Andrews***

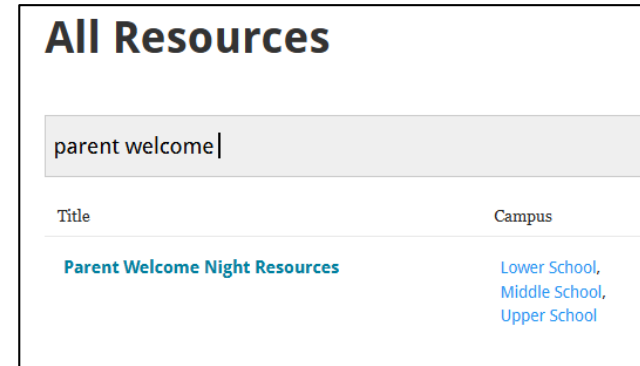
*Admission Associate*

# 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."



**Brian Yager**  
*Head of School*

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



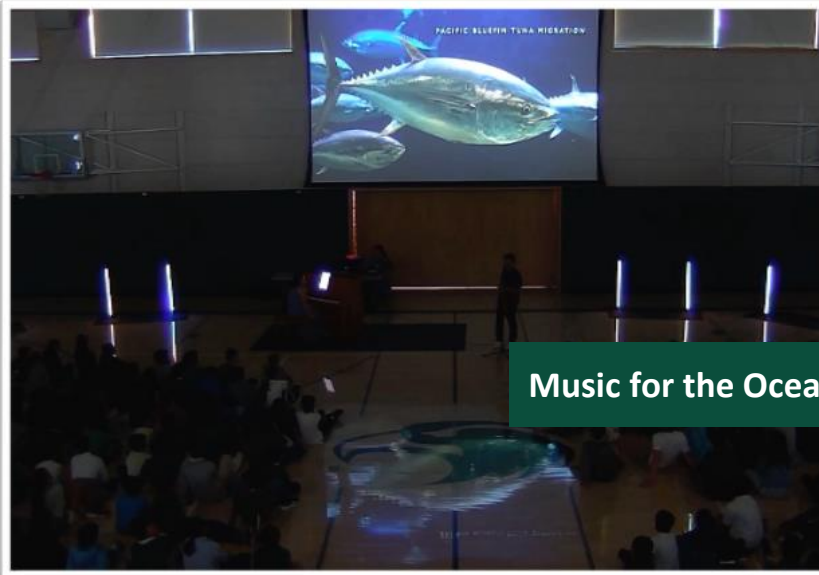
Annual Student v. Faculty Volleyball Match



Dance Jamz Production



Music for the Ocean Assembly



Annual Cancer Walk







## Homestay Trip to Peru







Archaeology Trip to Greece





# Getting Ready for Fall: Summer Tips

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

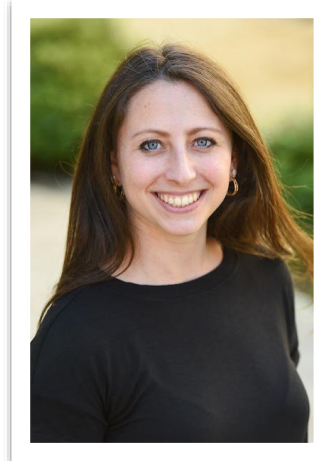
# Welcome to our Community!



# Tonight's Presenters



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



**Alison Ung '10**  
*Assistant Division  
Head, Middle  
School*



**Kimberly Lobe**  
*Director of  
Advancement*



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



# Welcome!



**Liz Davis, Ph.D.**

*Middle School Division Head*

- 25 years of experience in middle school education
- B.A. from Dartmouth College, Ed.D. from Vanderbilt University
- Most recently middle school head at Alta Vista school in San Francisco



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



# Your Student



# Customized Experience



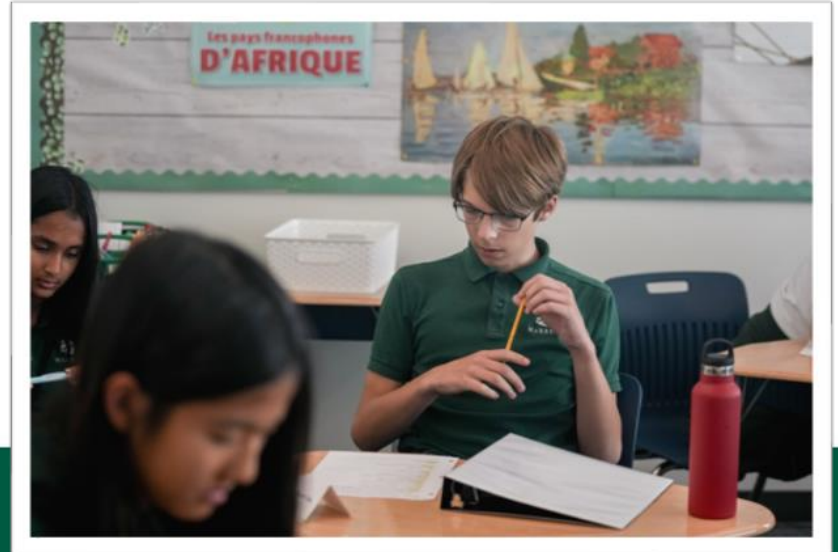
# Optimized Learning

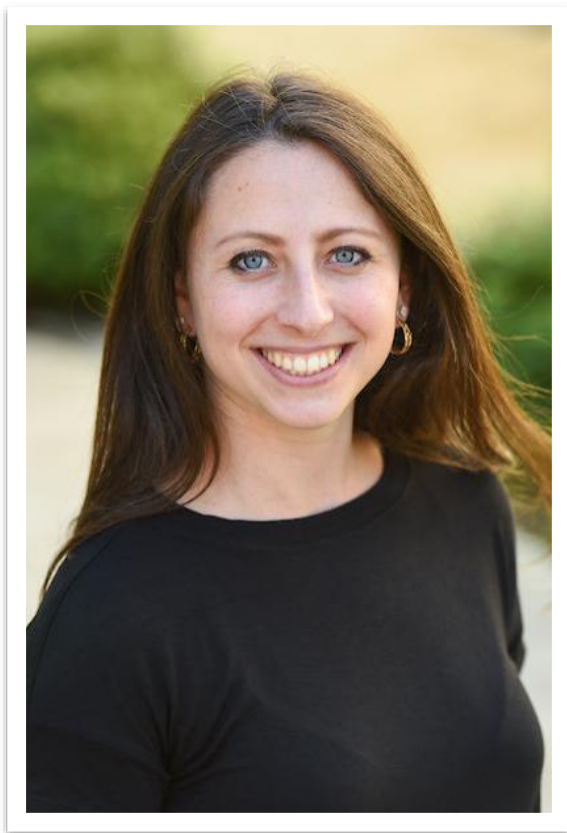
K-12 curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire as students move through the grades.

We customize your child's experience to optimize 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 - shaped by experience, strengthened by partnership





**Alison Ung '10**  
*Assistant Division Head, Middle School*



# Buddy Program and Ambassadors

## 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/buddies in same advisory all three years.
- Grade 7 and 8 Ambassadors visit grade 6 advisories to assist in the transition.

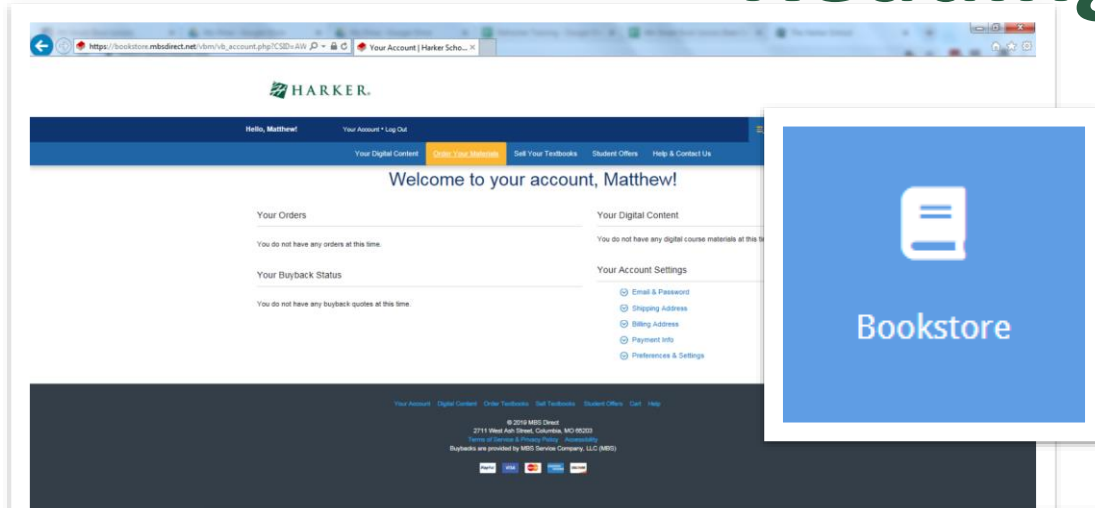


# Advisory

- 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 a focus on character growth and social-emotional development, community activities, and group bonding.

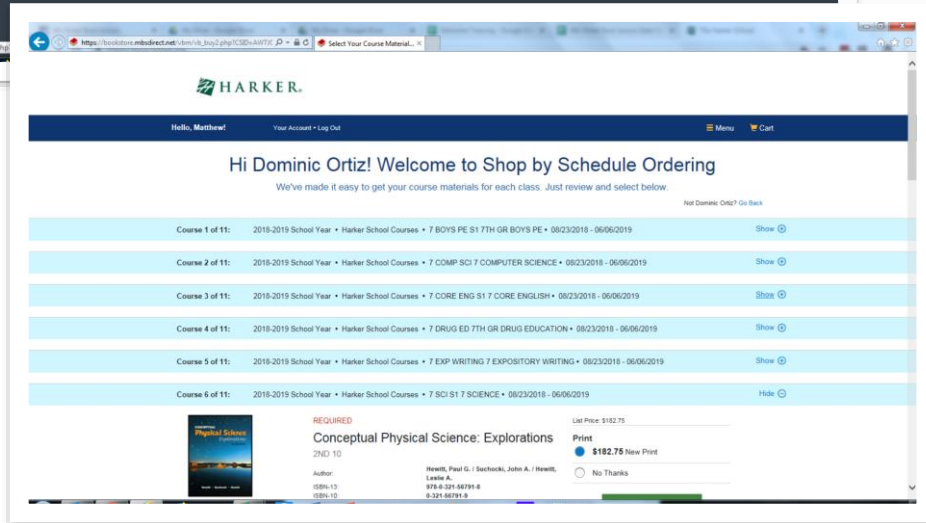


# Textbooks (MBS) & Summer Reading



## Bookstore

Online (MBS) bookstore goes live in portal Fri. July 10. Details will be in the Back-to-School Hub.



## Summer Reading

New students will get summer reading information in early May.



# 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 held on upper school campuses, all in San Jose.

From creative writing and archery to drivers education, the possibilities 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

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

**HARKER SUMMER**

408.545.9652 | SummerSpeechAndDebate@harker.org | 500 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, CA 95129  
CUC: 11/2/23 (RM)

### 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 event with an emphasis on practical application and frequent practice. A typical day will include some direct instruction, speaking drills, guided writing and practice rounds. We anticipate that students will enter the program with varying levels of experience and the teachers will tailor lessons and breakout groups accordingly.

**Summer @ 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 and performances for the most accomplished industry professionals, film, theater, dance and more.

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

Actors in this workshop can expect to finish with a headshot and a short-filmed piece. Spaces limited. First come first served!

**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 propel them to the next level in their training.

Each student will also leave with an audition song ready for any school or regional production.

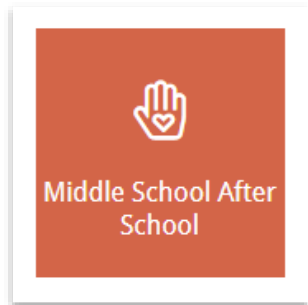
Contact summerconservatory@harker.org to join the mailing list for registration information and more!

San Jose, CA | K-12 | Summer | www.harker.org

CUC: 2024 (RM)



# BASE: Before- & After-School Enrichment



- Register on portal beginning Mon., Aug. 3
- Activity Avenue, Fun Friday
- Spirit events, Community service
- Lots of cool choices!





# Fall Athletics

- Register on portal beginning Aug. 3
- Complete athlete participation form on Magnus
- Tues., Aug. 25 - fall season starts
- Wed., Sept. 2 - fall sports parent/student meeting



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





# 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.

**Save the Date!**  
**Virtual Fall Orientation**  
**Thurs., Aug. 20**  
**6-7 p.m.**



## Harker Welcome Night

### Middle 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
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/3nUP7t1">https://bit.ly/3nUP7t1</a>
Health (Magnus) Records - Forms must be updated for all returning students	Sat., Aug. 1		Parent Portal, "Magnus Medical Info" tile
Athletics and After-School Program (BASE) Sign-Ups Open	Mon., Aug. 3	12 p.m.	Parent Portal
Athletic and After-School Program (BASE) Sign-Ups Close	Fri., Aug. 7	5 p.m.	Parent Portal

Back-to-School Dates	Date	Time	Location
Middle School Parent Orientation	Thurs., Aug. 20	6-7 p.m.	Virtual (link on school calendar)
Middle School Student Orientation & First Day of Classes	Mon., Aug. 24	8 a.m.-3:15 p.m.	
Athletics Student Kickoff (required of all interested students)	Mon., Aug. 24	3:15-3:45 p.m.	
Performing Arts Student Kickoff (required of all interested PA students)	Mon., Aug. 24	3:45-4:40 p.m.	Middle School Theater

*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!*





**Kim Lobe**  
*Director of Advancement*





## Our Community

# Volunteer Programs

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

# 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

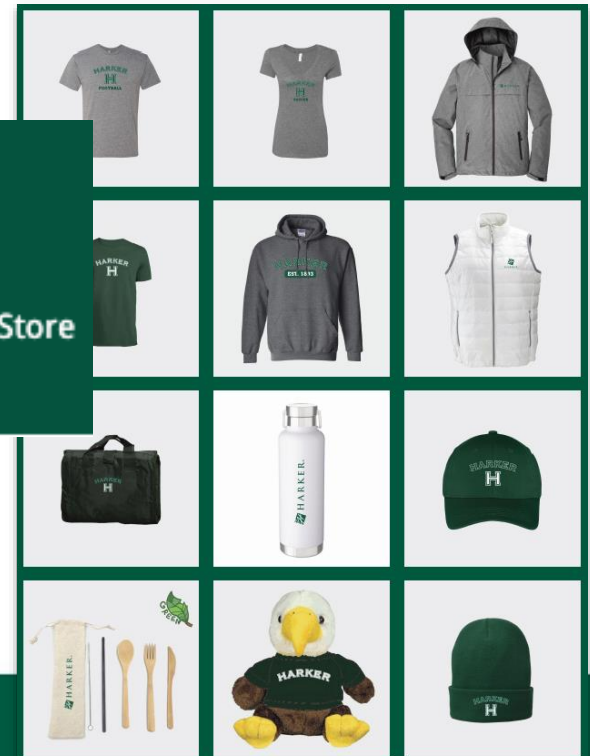
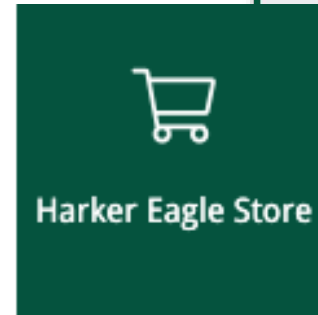
Parent volunteers help the advancement team raise annual giving dollars each year.



# 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

**Friday, May 1**

**Mon., May 18 - Fri., May 29**

- Sign up for a 30-minute appointment
- Email earlier this week for returning families; May 1 for new families.

**Fitting events are at the upper school campus.**

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



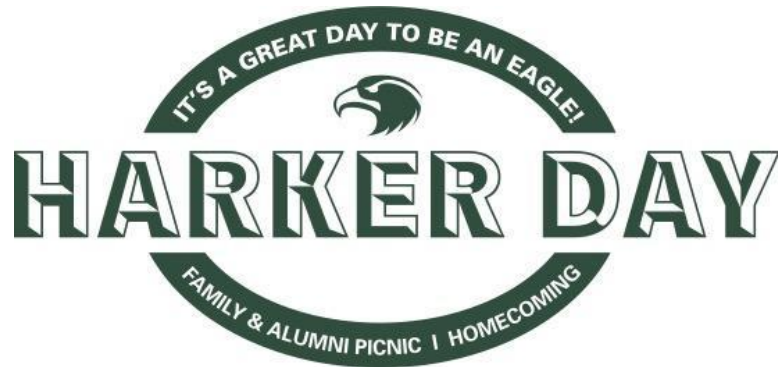
# Upcoming Events

**Fri., June 5 | 6-8 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!





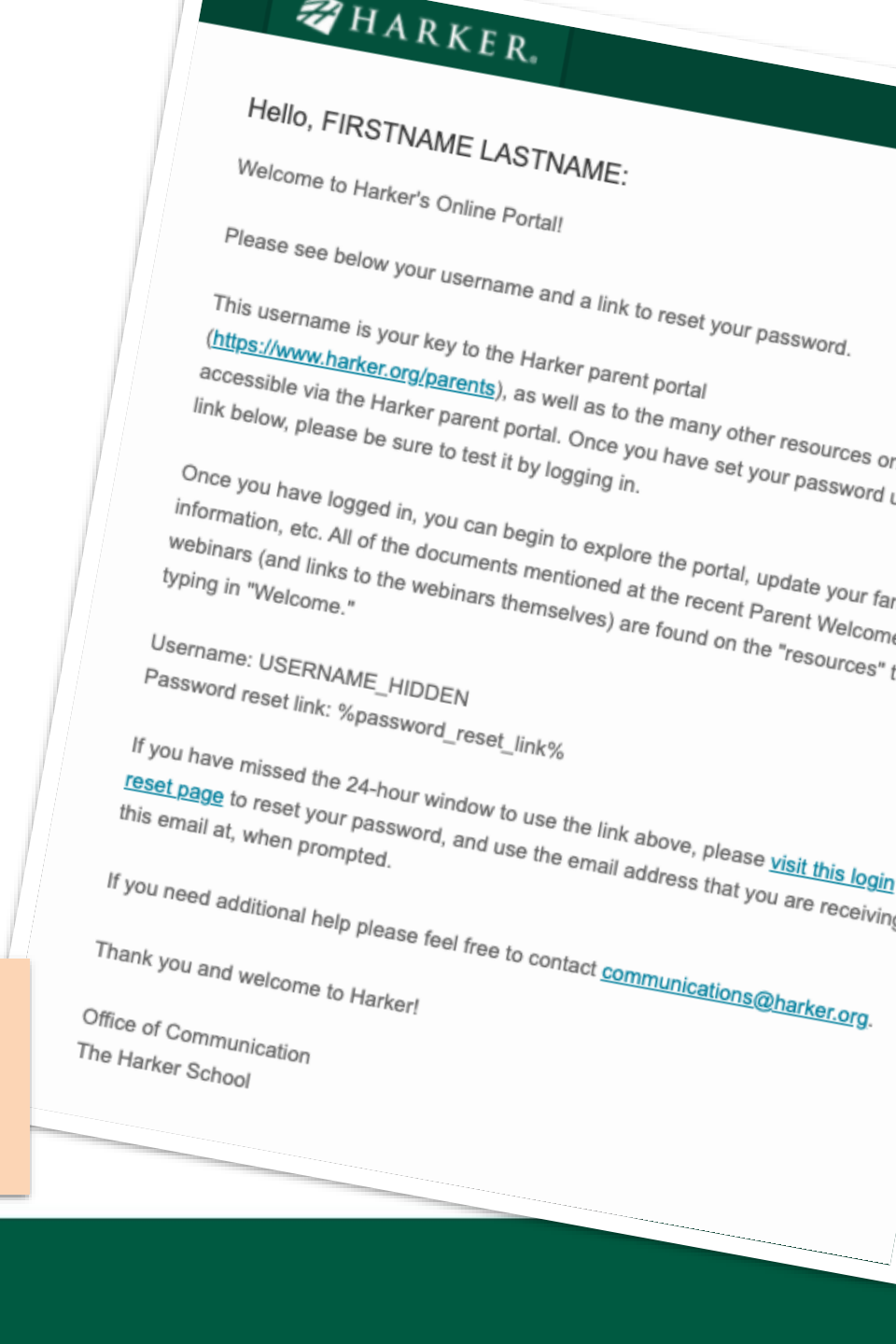
# New Families

On April 23 you received 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](#)


Copyright © 1893-2024 • The Harker School • 500 Saratoga Ave., San Jose, CA 95129 • 408.345.9200















[Contact Us](#) | [Privacy and Other Policies](#) | [Sustainability](#) | [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#) | [Health & Wellness](#)

*K through Life.* | Follow Us!    

Click on home page icon or bookmark [portals.harker.org](https://portals.harker.org)

# Parent Portal and Division Pages

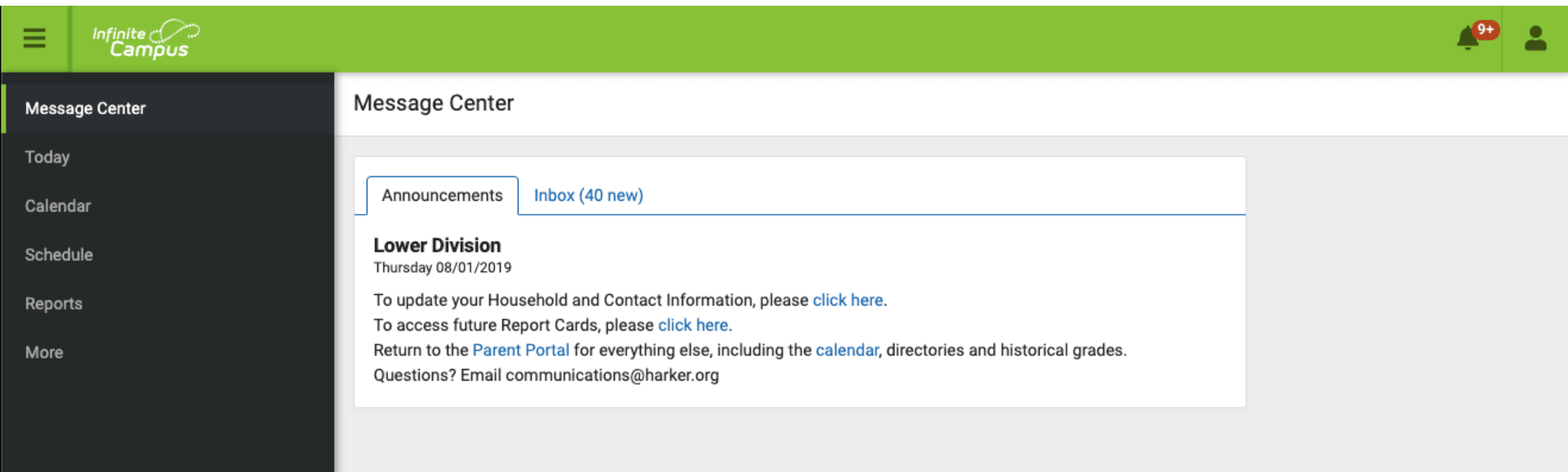


<b>Welcome Catherine</b> This is your parent portal...	<b>Portal Home</b>	<b>TK</b>	<b>Lower</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>Upper</b>
✓ SHOW PORTAL MENU					
 <b>Announcements</b>  Lower School Library Book Fair, May 6-8  Upper School Academic Updates - Grades 9-11  2026 Evening of Jazz Video Available  Schoolwide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

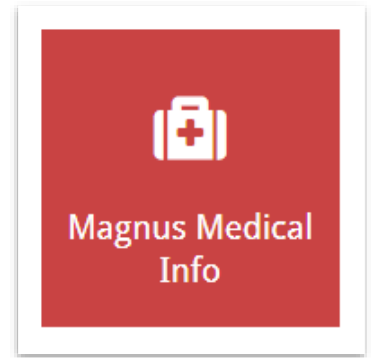


# Family & Student Information Tile

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



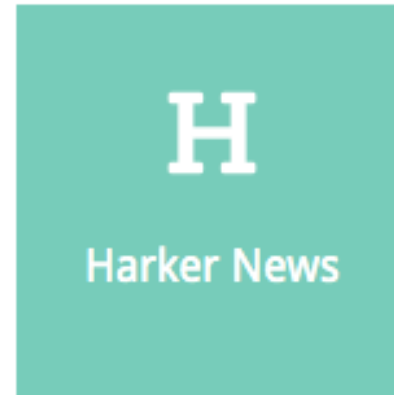
# Health Information



- 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)*

# Summer (Optional) Homework :-)



Get News via Email

Email Address \*

First Name

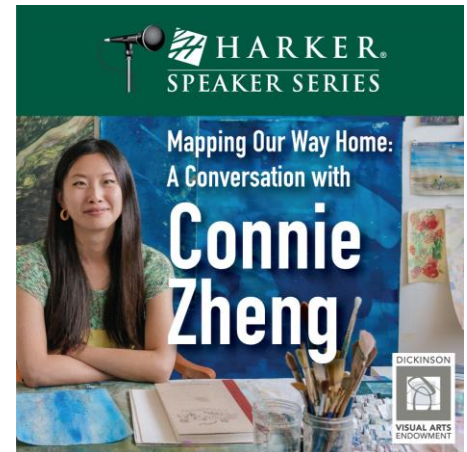
Last Name

Email Format \* Indicates required

☐ html

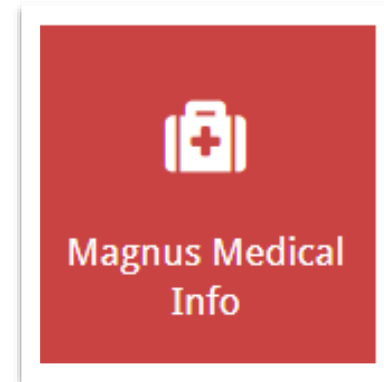
☐ text

Subscribe



# Greatest Hits: Now through June

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



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



# Questions?

[communications@harker.org](mailto: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.

# WELCOME!

Harker Welcome Night

Thanks for coming!