

WELCOME!

Harker Welcome Night



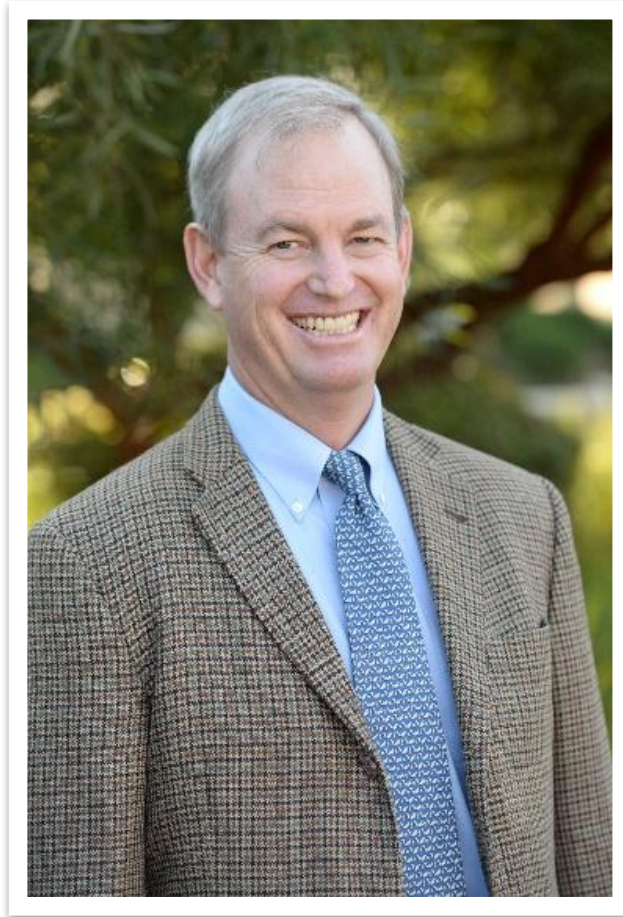
Congratulations!



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



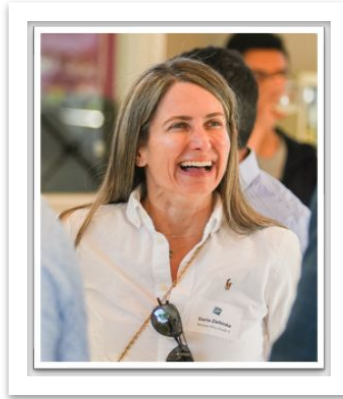
Grade 5 Show



Kindergarten Hat Parade



Welcome to our Community



Getting Ready for Fall: Summer Tips

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Your Student

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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*



Jun Wang
*Director of Annual
Giving*



Catherine Snider
*Communications
Manager*



Jennifer Gargano

Assistant Head of School, Academic Affairs

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Your Student

Customized Experience



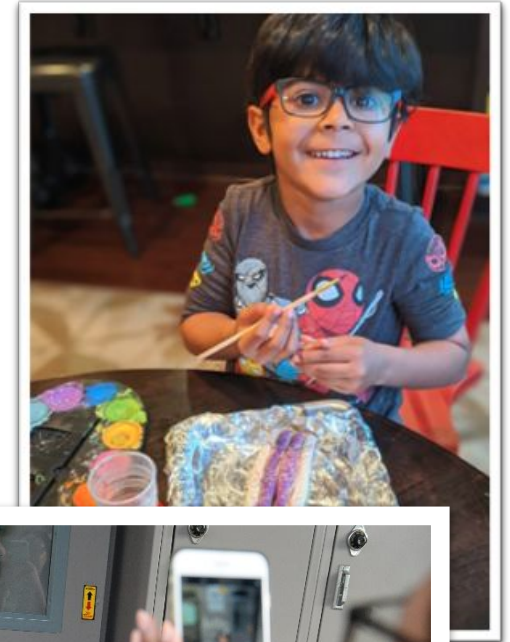
Optimized Learning

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

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

Your Child's Courses: A Path to Success

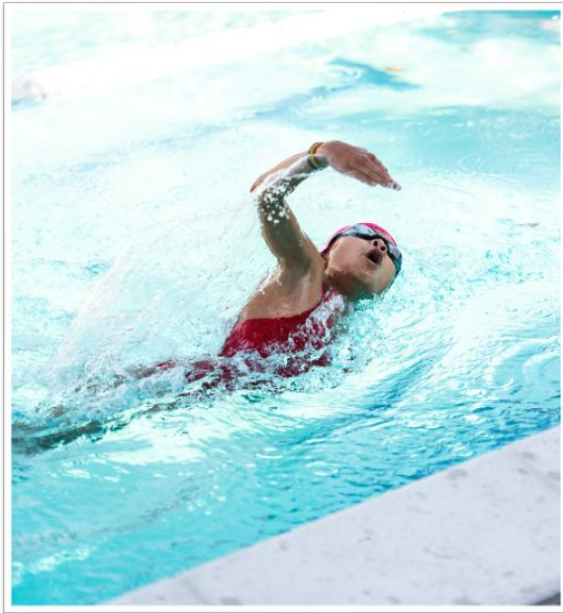
1. Encourage a growth mindset
2. Honor progress, not perfection
3. Honor your children and all Harker students.
4. Trust the process





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



K - Grade 2

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



Questions?

Lana Truong лана.truong@harker.org



Kristin Giammona '81
Elementary Division Head

Guide Program

(for new students in grades 3-5)

- August 14, 1-3 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 www.harker.org
or email summer@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

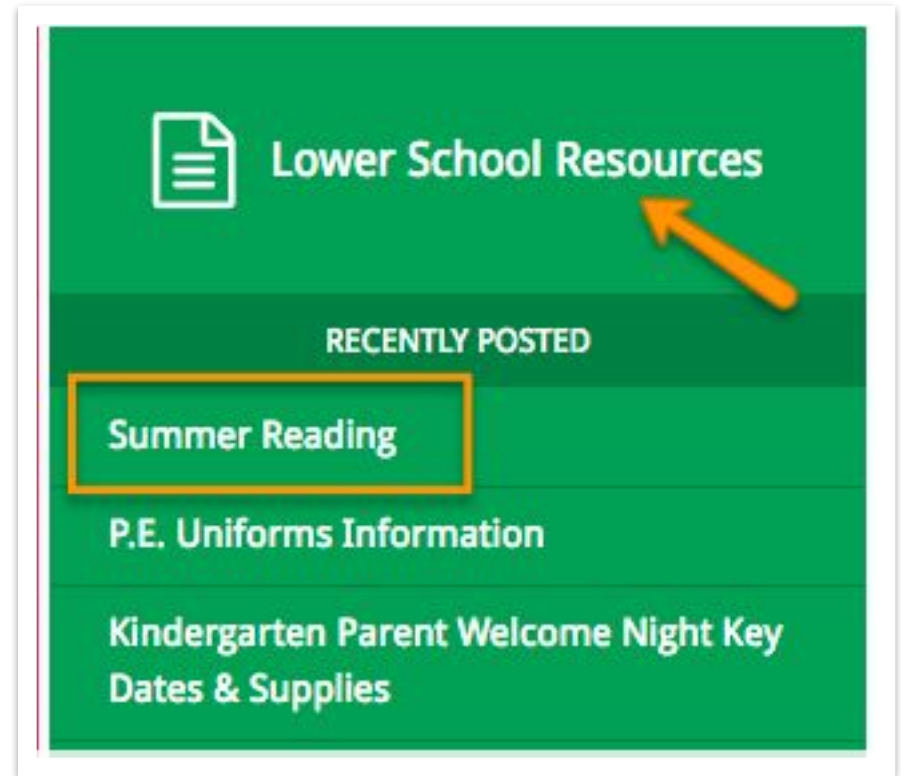
Harker's summer swim school provides both children and adults the opportunity to learn, reinforce and extend their swimming ability in a safe and encouraging environment. Our beautiful Sing-Aquatic Center and friendly staff make our swim school a comfortable and safe place for swimmers of all levels 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 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
Secrets to Success in Kindergarten - hosted by kindergarten teachers	Fri, May 10
Parent Social for All New Parents (dawn, middle, upper)	Tues, June 4
Back-to-School Hub opens - All forms and information you need for the start of school are here!	Wed, June 5
Welcome Call from Harker Ambassador	Week of June 10
Playdate at the Lower School	Sat, June 15
Health (Magnus) records must be completed for all kindergartners	Sat, July 20
After-School Program/BEST Sign-Up (or Q) Starts	Mon, Aug 5 / Fri, Aug 9

Back-to-School Dates	Date
Kindergarten Parent/Child Orientation and Welcome Dinner	Mon, Aug 18
K-5 Welcome Breakfast	Wed, Aug 21

Grade 1 & 2 Key Dates 2024

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
Health (Magnus) Records - Forms must be completed for all new students grades 1-2	Fri, May 10
Parent Social for All New Parents (dawn, middle, upper)	Tues, June 4
Back-to-School Hub opens - All forms and information you need for the start of school are here!	Wed, June 5
Welcome Call from Harker Ambassador	Week of June 10
Playdate at the Lower School	Sat, June 15
After-School Program/BEST Sign-Up (or Q) Starts	Mon, Aug 5 / Fri, Aug 9

Back-to-School Dates	Date
Grade 1-2 Student/Parent Orientation	Mon, Aug 19
First Day of School	Wed, Aug 21
K-5 Welcome Breakfast	Wed, Aug 21

Grade 3 Key Dates 2024

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 3-5	Fri, May 10		Parent Portal, Magnus Medical Info Site
Parent Social for All New Parents (dawn, middle, upper)	Tues, June 4	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 5		Parent Portal, Back-to-School Hub
Playdate at the Lower School	Sat, June 15		School Campus
After-School Program/BEST Sign-Up (or Q) Starts	Mon, Aug 5 / Fri, Aug 9		Parent Portal

Back-to-School Dates	Date	Time	Location
Grade 3-5 New Student Party	Wed, Aug 14	1-3 p.m.	Lower School Campus
First Day of School	Wed, Aug 21		School
K-5 Welcome Breakfast	Wed, Aug 21	8-10 a.m.	Lower School Gym

Grade 4-5 Key Dates 2024

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Summer Dates	Date	Time	Location
Health (Magnus) Records - Forms must be completed for all new students grades 4-5	Fri, May 10		Parent Portal, Magnus Medical Info Site
Parent Social for All New Parents (dawn, middle, upper)	Tues, June 4	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 5		Parent Portal, Back-to-School Hub
Welcome Call from Harker Ambassador	Week of June 10		School
Playdate at the Lower School	Sat, June 15		School Gym
After-School Program/BEST Sign-Up (or Q) Starts	Mon, Aug 5 / Fri, Aug 9		Parent Portal
Athletics Online Sign-Ups Open/Close	Mon, Aug 5/ Fri, Aug 9	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 14	1-3 p.m.	Lower School Campus
First Day of School	Wed, Aug 21		School
K-5 Welcome Breakfast	Wed, Aug 21	8-10 a.m.	Lower School Gym

HARKER LOWER SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FALL

SUPPLIES FOR FALL

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

- Three grades (only) will be provided a binder. Please do NOT purchase.
 - Hard pouch w/holes to fit into a 3-ring binder (no pencil holder)
 - One set (pkg) 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 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

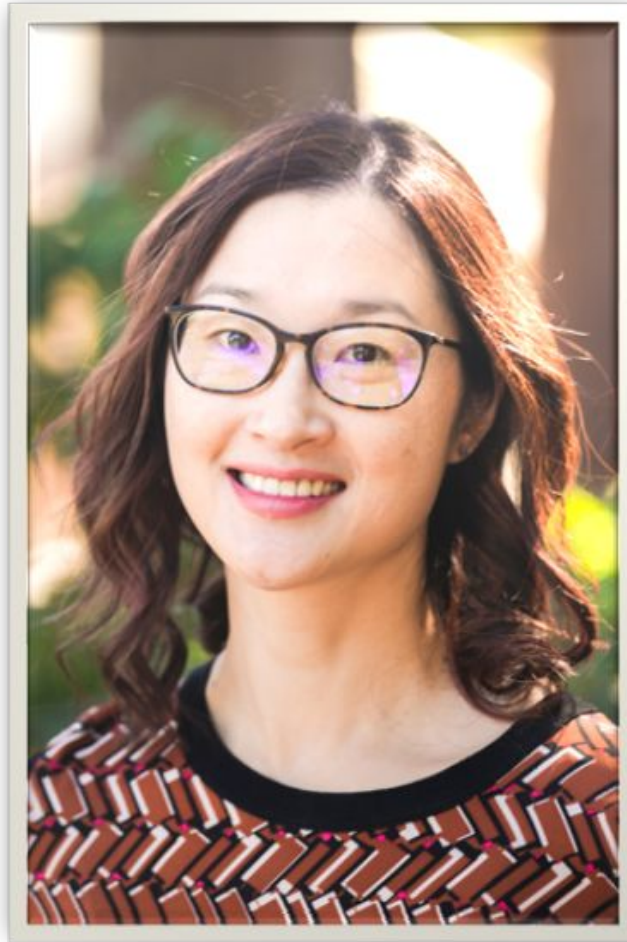
If students would like to carry a small book bag between classes, they may do so if the bag fits under their desk.

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.

Supplies for the back to school



Jun Wang
Director of Annual Giving



Our Community

Volunteer Programs

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

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



Room Parents and Grade Level Coordinators

- Field trip chaperones
- Classroom parties
- Library
- Harker Day
- 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 in early June



Parent Development Council

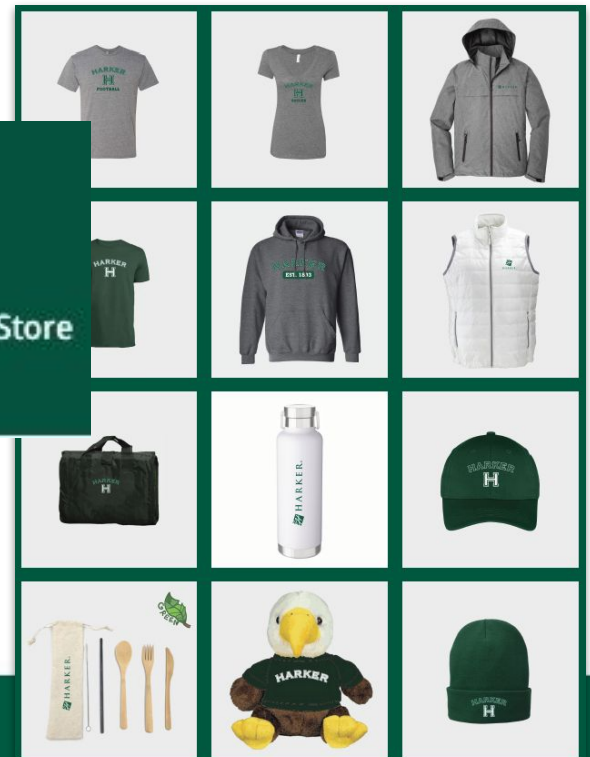
- Parent volunteers help the advancement team raise annual giving dollars each year.



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 15 - Fri., June 5

- 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 15-June 5

Dear K-8 Harker Families -

We are happy to announce that Harker will be hosting a uniform fit event. From Mon., April 15-Wed., June 5, 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.

Hours of appointments:

Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 7:30-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Wed.: 7:30-11 a.m.

Fri.: 7:30-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

[Schedule an appointment here.](#)

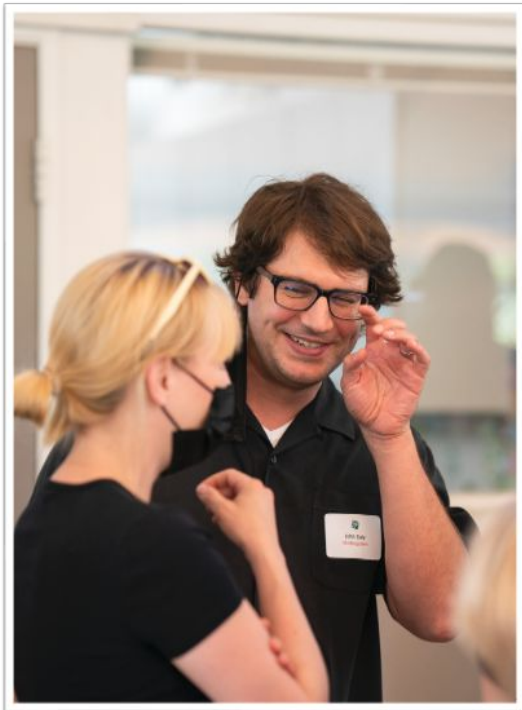
Also, Tommy Hilfiger is offering a one-week exclusive promotion for Harker parents of 10% off of your entire order, from June 24-July 1.

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

[Online Purchasing Instructions](#)

Upcoming Events

Tues., June 4 | 6:30 p.m.: TK-12 New Parent Social
Upper School Campus



Upcoming Events

Sat., July 20 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: TK-5

Playdate at Bucknall

Ambassadors, Room Parents, GLCs, New Families



Sat., Oct. 5 | 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Harker Day (73rd annual picnic/homecoming)





Catherine Snider
Communications Manager

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Tools & Tips

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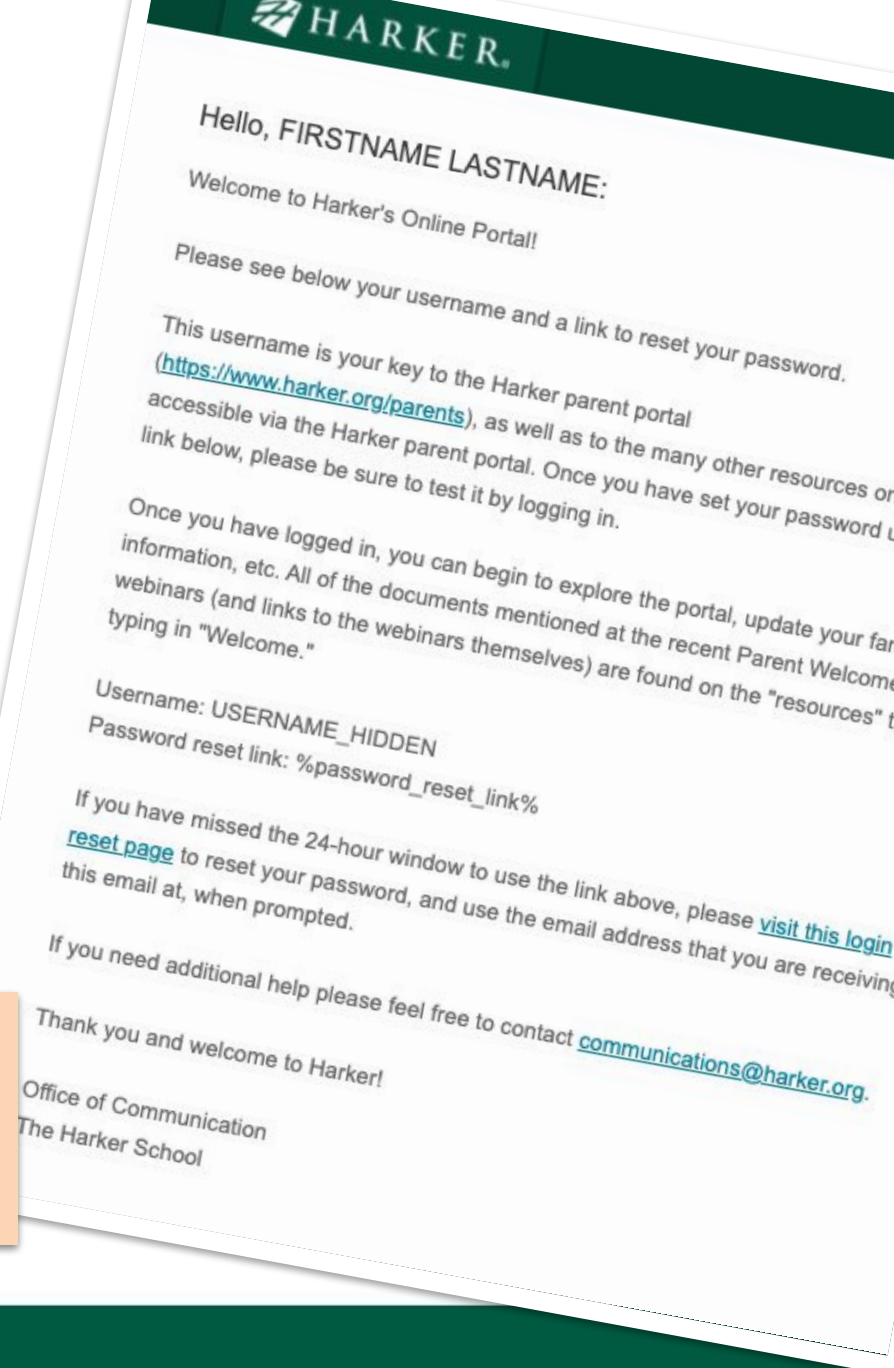
New Families

The week of April 29 you will receive an email from ...

communications@harker.org

... with your username and password reset link.

Tip:
Invite expires in
24 hours



If 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:

yourf@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 Home Page

- Home page tiles are for schoolwide needs.
- Division tabs along the top house tiles specific to that division.

Tip:
All tiles are moveable!

The screenshot displays the Parent Portal Home Page for Pam. At the top, there is a navigation menu with tabs for 'Portal Home', 'TK', 'Lower', 'Middle', and 'Upper'. Below the menu is a grid of tiles. The 'Announcements' tile (pink) lists schoolwide news items. The 'Resources' tile (green) shows recently posted items like lunch menus. The 'Family & Student Information' tile (purple) is a large central tile. Other tiles include 'Harker Digital Archives', 'School Calendar', 'COVID-19 Hub', 'Diversity, Equity & Inclusion', 'Magnus Medical Info', 'Staff Directory', 'My Groups', 'Bookstore', 'Video on Demand', 'How-To Videos', 'Performing Arts', 'Harker News', 'Photo Dropbox', 'Harker Eagle Store', 'Athletic Schedules', 'Library Portal', 'View & Pay My Bill', 'Counseling & LIFE', 'Giving', 'Volunteering', and 'Recognition & Thanks'. A central video player shows a performance with the password 'EaglePhotos1893!'.

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Parent Portal Division Pages

Division-specific:

- Calendar
- Announcements
- Forms
- Event tickets
- Photos
- Contact info
- ... and more!

The screenshot displays the Harker Parent Portal interface. At the top, the Harker logo is visible. Below it, a navigation bar contains tabs for 'Portal Home', 'TK', 'Lower', 'Middle', and 'Upper'. Four large green arrows point down from the top of the page to the 'TK', 'Lower', 'Middle', and 'Upper' tabs. The main content area is a grid of tiles. The 'TK' tab is active, showing a 'Welcome Pam.' message and a 'SHOW PORTAL MENU' dropdown. The grid includes tiles for 'Announcements' (with a list of recent updates), 'Resources' (with a 'RECENTLY POSTED' section listing lunch menus and handbooks), 'Harker Digital Archives', 'School Calendar', 'COVID-19 Hub', 'Diversity, Equity & Inclusion', 'Family & Student Information', 'Magnus Medical Info', 'Staff Directory', 'My Groups', 'Bookstore', 'Photos' (with a password 'EaglePhotos1893!'), 'Video on Demand', and 'How-To 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 menu items: "Message Center", "Today", "Calendar", "Schedule", "Reports", and "More". The main content area is titled "Message Center" and shows two tabs: "Announcements" and "Inbox (40 new)". A message card is displayed under the "Inbox" tab, titled "Lower Division" with the date "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".

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 year will be correct for THIS year, but will update to next year 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.

Health Info Due May 10

RECENTLY POSTED

Middle School Lunch Menu

Upper School Lunch Menu

Lower School Lunch Menu

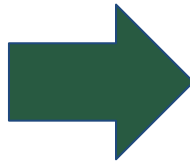
Upper School Planning Charts & Course

Resource Tool



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Harker Resources Your hub for useful files and links ▼ SHOW MENU	Portal Home	Transitional Kindergarten	Lower School	Middle School	Upper School



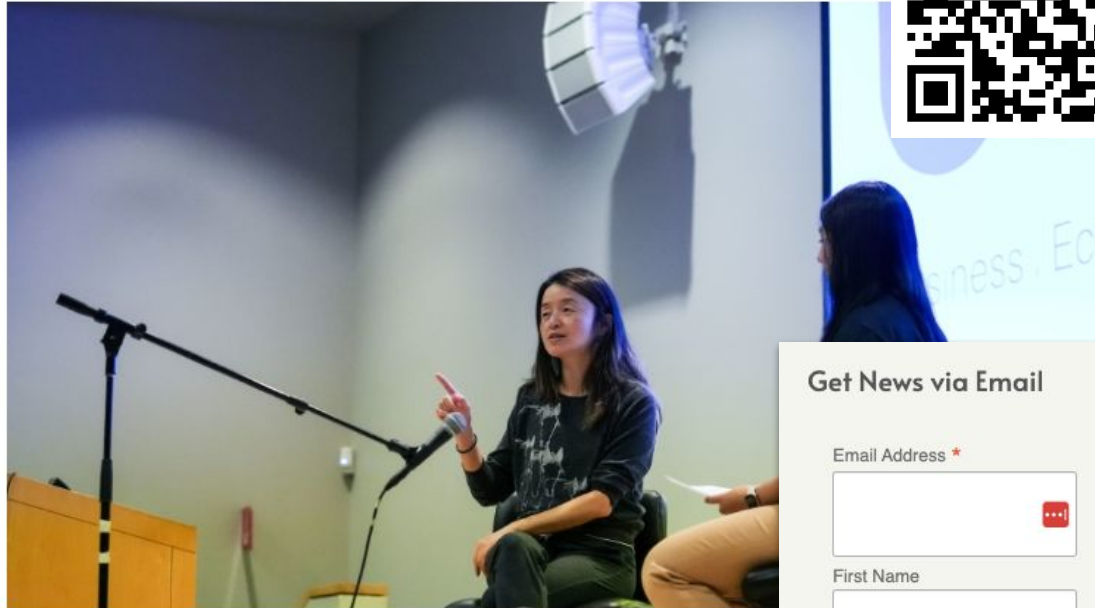
All Resources

handbooks				
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Upper School Student/Parent Handbook	Upper School	Back-to-School Hub, Handbooks, Reference, Files	01/12/2022	Download
TK Parent Handbook	Transitional Kindergarten	Back-to-School Hub, Handbooks, Reference, Required, Files	06/22/2021	Download
Upper School Athletic Handbook	Upper School	Athletics, Back-to-School Hub, Handbooks, Reference, Files	06/08/2021	Download
Middle School Student/Parent Handbook	Middle School	Back-to-School Hub, Handbooks, Reference, Files	06/08/2021	Download
Lower School Student/Parent Handbook	Lower School	Back-to-School Hub, Handbooks, Reference, Files	06/07/2021	Download

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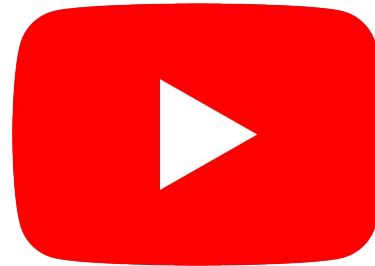


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Daily: Social Media



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eWeekly

Emailed each
Thursday.

- Announcements
- Calendar reminders for coming week
- Latest news



Upcoming Events

View all events in the [school calendar](#).

FRIDAY
MAR
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C Special Schedule (Upper School)

[View details](#)

Neurodiversity Week

Grade 6 Parent Coffee

8 to 9 a.m. | Heartbeat Cafe (in Cambrian Plaza) 14392 Union Ave, San Jose

Grade 3 Parent Coffee

8:15 to 9:15 a.m. | Starbucks at Westgate, 1600 Saratoga Ave, San Jose

Upper School Spirit Night

3:30 to 6 p.m.

Grade 8 Dad's Night Out

6:30 to 8 p.m. | Eureka! Cupertino Main Street 19369 Stevens Creek Blvd STE 130

[View details](#)

Upper School Musical Performance

7 to 9:30 p.m. | Saratoga Campus, Patil Theater

[View details](#)

SATURDAY
MAR
23

Alumni Egg Hunt

9 to 11 a.m. | Saratoga Campus

Upper School Musical

Announcements

View all announcements in [our archive](#).

Fall Parent Connect Meeting Videos Available

News

View all stories at [Harker News](#)

Hundreds attend 2024 Cancer Walk to benefit Camp Okizu

An estimated 600 members of the Harker community headed to the middle school campus on March 14 for the 2024 Cancer Walk.

[Read More](#)

24th Diana Nichols Math Invitational draws record attendance

The 23rd annual Diana Nichols Harker Math Invitational for grades 6-8, held Sat., March 9 was a highly successful event with a record 20 schools and 405 contestants.

[Read More](#)

[UPDATED] Senior Michelle Wei places third in Regeneron Science Talent Search

Senior Michelle Wei was named third-place winner of this year's Regeneron Science Talent Search, taking home an award valued at \$150,000.

[Read More](#)

Monthly News Express

Emailed the first week of each month.

- Top news of the previous month
- Major event reminders for the month ahead.

Harker News Express: March 2024

The Harker School <noreply@notice.harker.org>
To: Pam Dickinson

Friday, March 1, 2024 at 6:31 PM

HARKER News Express Home News Portal

February 2024: Top News

Senior nominated for Presidential Scholar in the Arts
Iris Fu was just one of 60 students nominated nationwide.
[Read More](#)

Adi Parige '11 wins Jury Short Film Award at Alameda Int'l Film Festival

Kicks Against Cancer Raises more than \$3,000 for Camp Okizu

Dav Yendler '03 named 2024 Life in the Arts recipient

Aaron Lington Organ Quartet closes out

2024 pajama assembly celebrates successful

Harker team reaches

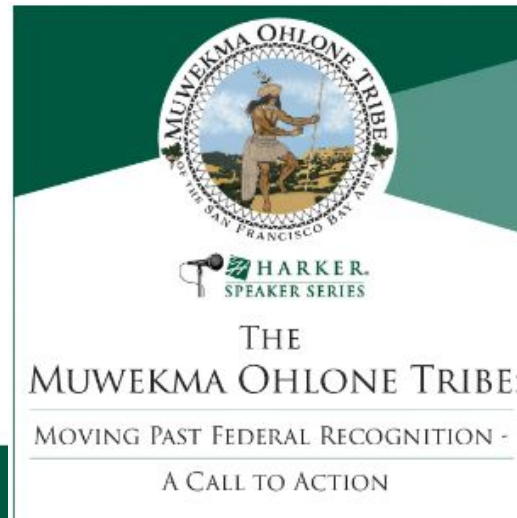
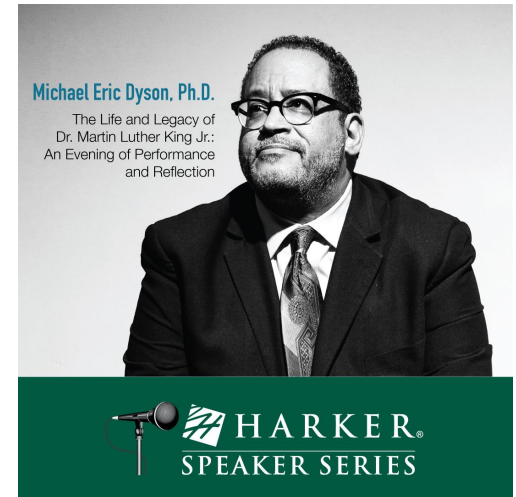
Twice-Yearly Harker Magazine

Mails in June and December to all families and alumni.
Also posted on Issuu.

- Features
- Alumni profiles
- Teacher profiles
- Photo essays
- and more!



Harker Concert & Speaker Series



Greatest Hits: Now through June

- Health Info
- Family & Student Info
- Back-to-School Hub
- BEST and athletics sign ups Mon., Aug. 5



Launching
June 5
in the portal.

Questions?

communications@harker.org

A large, festive graphic featuring the word "WELCOME!" in bold, white, 3D-style capital letters. The text is set against a background of colorful confetti in shades of red, blue, yellow, and purple, scattered across a white rectangular area.

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Q & A Time