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Dear Parents and Guardians of Seventh Graders and of Students New to Harding:

Welcome to Harding Academy at Cherry Road! We are glad that you have chosen to share your student with us, and we are looking forward to a great partnership.

Orientation for all seventh grade students and all new students 8-12. For these students, the first day of school is Monday, August 12. A schedule for our student Orientation Day is printed with this letter. On this day, we will go over some basic information that every student needs to know, as well as allow for students to learn their way around the building, try out lockers, and meet new friends. Students will need to bring their schedules, some paper, and writing instruments, and iPads (fully charged) that day. Students will also need to be in uniform on this orientation day.

Students will meet their Student Government Association Big Brothers/Sisters before lunch. The cafeteria will be open, and students will be able to use their meal tickets. Students who have not chosen meal tickets should bring lunches or money to purchase lunches (\$5-8 should be enough).

Our buses will pick students up on the regular morning routes at the regular times on this day. However, parents or guardians are expected to provide transportation home at 2:40 in the afternoon.

Parent Orientation. We have arranged for separate orientation sessions for parents of seventh graders on Monday (August 12) and for parents of students in 8-12 on Tuesday (August 13). By attending your parent meeting, you will become acquainted with other parents, and you will get a better understanding of our school's climate and culture. I hope each seventh grader and each new student will have at least one parent who can attend. Mrs. Patti Copeland and others will share valuable information that will enable you to help your student get off to a good start. She will discuss school life at Cherry Road, introduce you to people you will need to know, and answer your questions. I believe you will find the session to be worthwhile.

- **Parents and guardians of all seventh graders**— You are invited to begin your orientation in the auditorium at Harding Academy on Monday morning, August 12, 8:00. Your seventh graders will be in the auditorium, as well. Don't be offended if they don't want to sit with you! Teachers will be introduced, we'll worship together, and then we'll embark on separate orientation sessions (see the attached schedule). Our Parents Club will host a reception in the afternoon, and you will be finished in time to retrieve your student at 2:40.
- **Parents and guardians of new students in 8-12**— You are invited to come to the reception on Monday, August 12, (2:15-2:40) before you pick up your student at 2:40, and then to return to campus for your orientation session on Tuesday morning, August 13, 8:00-10:30, in the Stepherson Room.

Our parent orientation sessions do not work well for babies and young children, so we ask that you please arrange for childcare for younger siblings for these orientation sessions. If you are unable to attend, please check the Harding website to find the information that will be in the orientation packets.

Again, I am glad that you are a part of the Harding family, and I am eager to meet you and your student. I know it will be a good year.

Sincerely,

Melanie P. Semore

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Monday, August 12, 2013

Orientation for

All 7th Graders and All 8-12 Students New to Harding at Cherry Road

(Only these students should be on campus this day.)

- 8:00-8:20 Welcome assembly in the auditorium
- 8:30-10:30 Student orientation session (Mr. Goddard)
- 10:30 SGA and volunteers meet new students, assign Big Brothers/Sisters, conduct tours
- 11:15 All students meet in elementary gym for activity
- 11:30-12:00 SGA gives instructions to students about lunch and guides them to lunch
- 12:15 Seventh graders reconvene in auditorium for orientation session (Mr. Goddard)
- 12:15-2:40 New students 8-12 meet in the Stepherson Room with student representatives and teachers
- 12:38-2:36 Seventh graders visit their classes
- 2:40 New students 7-12 dismissed (Parents/guardians provide transportation.)

Orientation for Parents of Seventh Graders

- 8:00-8:20 Welcome assembly in auditorium
- 8:30-8:45 Complimentary continental breakfast in cafeteria
- 8:45-10:00 Information sessions by various faculty and staff
- 10:00-12:35 Rotation through stations on campus
- 12:45-1:15 Lunch with Parents Club representatives in the cafeteria (cost of lunch will be \$5-8)
- 1:20-2:05 Rotation through stations on campus
- 2:05 Parents Club reception in foyer
- 2:40 Rendezvous with your seventh grader to go home
(Parents/guardians provide transportation home.)

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

First regular day of classes

Orientation for Parents of New Students 8-12

- 8:00-10:30 Meet in Stepherson Room for orientation session
(Mrs. Patti Copeland)

*Note: Parents of new students 8-12
are also invited to attend the Parents Club reception
on Monday, August 12, 2:15-2:40, in the foyer of the auditorium.*