

Welcome Back, Harding!

Important Dates

- ◆ April 2: No School-Good Friday
- ◆ April 8: English OST Testing-Remote day for non-testers
- ◆ April 8: Practice AP English Testing-8am
- ◆ April 8: Practice AP Music Theory Testing-12pm
- ◆ April 20: Social Studies OST Testing-Remote day for non-testers
- ◆ April 20: Practice AP Calculus Testing-12pm
- ◆ April 22: Biology OST Testing-2 hour delay for non-testers
- ◆ April 22: Practice AP Government Testing-8am
- ◆ April 27: Math OST Testing-Remote day for non-testers
- ◆ April 27: Practice AP Math Testing-8 am Computer Science & 12pm Statistics

Prom & Graduation Will Go On!

Dust off those dresses you bought last year, ladies! Gentlemen, start thinking about which girl will say "yes" when you ask her to prom.

Prom is scheduled for May 21 and details are still in flux as administration determines the safest way for everyone to attend and have a good time.

Graduation will be the following afternoon on May 22.

Check back for more details in next month's issue.

After Anastasia

As some of you may know, on the last weekend of February our school performed our musical at the palace theater. Mrs. Rawlins had nothing but positive things to say about how it played out. "The roles were well played and the audience was great. We almost had a full house and didn't have any problems with the masks besides kids forgetting to take them off before walking out on stage."

Mrs. Rawlins also expressed how proud she was of the kids who participated in the musical. "It was a blast and tons of fun." Her son Carter Rawlins is a freshman that performed in the musical. Carter said that he thinks the musical went well, better than expected actually. He said that the best part about the whole experience was being able to spend time with the cast after school hours and just relax and have fun. Another student that performed was Hailey Smith. She also said that it was a fun experience and it was great to hang out with friends and make new ones during the practices and during the musical.

Carter and Hailey were asked if they plan on being in the musical next year and they said "yes" enthusiastically. They both also recommend doing the musicals. "It looks good on college applications and it's a good experience to have."

It's amazing how Mrs. Rawlins and everyone in the musical cast was able to pull this off in a safe and fun way. With everything that our school has done for students to be able to do a simple musical, makes it very clear how far they will go for the students at Harding High School.

Student Spotlight



Phoenix Johnson is this month's student spotlight! Phoenix is a senior and has been involved in

multiple extracurricular activities throughout her 4 years at Harding. Her activities include golf, Heath Tech, and she is the current President of National Honor Society. She explained to me that she knows it can be hard to get motivated especially because of the pandemic, but "In order to achieve great things you must work hard."

The pandemic has been tough on all students and teachers, but it's been especially difficult for the senior class. I asked Phoenix how she was handling everything and she said, "Remote learning has helped me academically because I can have my own schedule, but it's tough missing out on things I've always looked forward to."

After graduation Phoenix plans to attend The University of Akron majoring in Pre-medicine and Biomedical Science. She credits her success to her family, "Because they have always inspired and supported me." Congratulations Phoenix!

Staff Spotlight



Mr. McCrery has been chosen for staff member spotlight for the month of March! Mr. McCrery currently

teaches Honors American History and History of Marion. He has been employed by the school district for nearly 22 years! He started teach-
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Spring Sports

In the last season of the school year Marion Harding athletics hopes to end it with a bang.

Baseball looks to have a strong season after finishing 4th in the MOAC in the past season. Baseball will have their next game April 6th at Galion at 5:15.

Girls Softball started their season off with a scrimmage against Bucyrus on March 16th. Their next game will be April 3rd. This year's squad looks promising.

Boys Tennis will face Kenton on April 2nd at home at 4:15. After winning the MOAC conference tournament last past season, they look to repeat that performance despite losing multiple seniors.

Track and Field will start off the season with a second meet at the Bucyrus Elks Invitational starting at 9:00 am. This past week the boys finished 1st at the Red Riders Relays. Harding looks to have a successful season with some amazing athletes.

Women's History Month

The whole month of March is declared and celebrated today as Women's History Month. Women's History Month was officially recognized in March 1987 when Congress declared that the whole month would celebrate and honor achievements of women that went unrecognized in the past. Women's History month first got its start as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The week of March 8th (National Women's Day) was initially the only week of March that was celebrated, however as time went on the weekly celebration became a whole month of celebration. **Cont.'d on page 2**

Help Harding Stop It

Over the past year, everyone's lives have become problematic and hard to adjust to. What a lot of people don't notice though is that for high schoolers, middle schoolers, and even elementary students there are things some of them have to deal with that go unnoticed or ignored: bullying.

Over the years there have been movies, books and TV show series that are based on high school life, and most of the time, there is a bully around to ruin the main character's life. If we think about it for a minute, everyone is a main character in their own lives, and some of us are the victim of bullying. It's the type of thing that has been around for as long as anyone can remember.

Bullying has gotten to the point where students are becoming depressed and some suicidal. Yes, there is always going to be a flaw in the system, but it isn't always because a teacher doesn't notice or doesn't care. There is always a bystander that watches what is happening and doesn't say anything because they are scared that they will be the next victim.

It's sad that bullying can be phrased that way, that it's something that can collect 'victims' and actually make it to where a human being is harassing another because they either want to fit in, they think it's fun, or they're just jealous of the person they are inflicting pain on. Even though you may not realize it all the time, the writers for *The Herald* are also students. They see, hear, and sometimes are a part of the bullying and harassment that happens in Harding's halls.

No one is perfect and everyone has emotions: anger, jealousy, anxiety, but that doesn't make it okay for people to hurt the ones they feel these emotions towards.

Even if you think that what you are saying or doing doesn't really impact the person you're doing it to, it causes more pain and emotional trauma than you may think.

If you really want to prevent any more loss and hurt for students and their families, you can. All you have to do is speak up! Go to the principals: Mrs. Musbach, Mr. Panamarzic, Mrs. Pace, or Mr Stone. You don't have to be named if that is what you wish. Speaking up is all it takes to save another life, another student, another kid, like you. Take a stand against bullying and help prevent anymore pain. Everyone already feels like they're isolated enough and bullying doesn't make anyone feel any better. Don't let things get anymore worse than they are. Help us make a change.

Staff spotlight cont.'d
ing at Harding, April of 1999 as a substitute teacher and was then hired in his current position fall of 2001.

Mr. McCrery attended The Ohio State branch for his college education, intending to be a sports writer. He said, "At some point, I wanted to be a major league baseball umpire, so I chased that dream for a bit." He explained to me how a degree in education was the quickest way for him to finish school and that "You could say teaching was a back-up plan."

This past year Mr. McCrery has been working hard to re-establish the school club known as "Varsity H", which has been a club at Harding for over 75 years.

The club goals are to "instill a sense of pride in the school and recognize student-athletes collectively." In order to become a member you must earn a varsity letter in

athletics. McCrery says, "We want to celebrate and give these dedicated kids a group to call their own. Sometimes it's ok to be exclusive. This, I believe, is one of those times."

Mr. McCrery says that his favorite part of teaching at Harding is that he "Enjoys my co-workers, the students and getting to teach at a place that I love." Congrats Mr. McCrery!

Women's History cont.'d

Women's History month is an essential celebration. Women from the past and present deserve to be recognized for making a difference in the world. By celebrating and recognizing the stories of women who have changed history, young girls are taught that they can do anything and deserve equality.

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