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Dear Parents and Guardians of Harding Middle School Students:

I hope that each of you have had a wonderful summer so far and have found time for plenty of fun and rest during the summer break. It is hard to believe that in just a few weeks time, our children will be **back to school!**

I want you to know that the **staff at Harding is here to serve our children, your family, and our entire community.** It is only through a true partnership between the school and families that your child will be able to experience true success. Therefore, I am asking that you support your child by **monitoring their homework, making sure that they are in school every day on time and in their proper school uniform.** Also, I recommend that you join the Home and School Association, **attend** our monthly student performances and parent workshops, and that you come to visit to see the **great things going on in our school.**

The **first day of school** for students is **Tuesday, September 6, 2011.** The regular school day begins at **8:01 AM** and dismisses at **3:05 PM.** Students are expected and required to attend school each day on time.

There are some **very important changes this year** that you need to know about. **Breakfast** will no longer be served in the classroom; however, it will be **provided in the Girls Lunchroom from 7:40-7:55 only.** Also, the **Academy entrance doors** (on the Wakeling St. side of the building) **will be open at 7:55 AM. Students are required to be in their advisory and seated by 8:05 AM or they will be marked late.** It is imperative that you stress the importance of being on time to your child.

I can't wait to meet each of you at our **"Back to School Night"** on **Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 5:30 PM in the Auditorium.** We have a great deal of information to share with you, so please make sure you **attend this important event.** I look forward to the opportunity to serve you and your child in any capacity that I can.

For more information you can check out **Harding on the web** 24 hours per day at:
www.philasd.org/schools/harding.

Respectfully yours,

Michael J. Calderone
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Principal