



Harrison High School  
Proud Home of the Hoyas

## Weekly Newsletter 4/12/22



### IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, April 19- Hoya Challenge Night: Open to upcoming 8th graders and their parents - Showcases our Honors and AP programs

Thursday, April 21st- Last day of Hoya Block section

Tuesday, April 26th – Hoya Awards: An Awards ceremony to Highlights Our Year's Accomplishments - Hosted by Student Council

Friday, April 29th- Yearbook Distribution

Monday - Friday, May 2nd - 6th - Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday-Thursday, May 18th-May 19th- Senior Finals

Monday, May 23rd; Tuesday, May 24th; and Wednesday 25th- Early Release Days

Tuesday-Wednesday, May 24th-25th- Underclassmen Finals

Wednesday, May 25th-Last Day of School

Thursday, May 26th-Graduation at 2:30 at KSU

### CONGRATULATIONS, HARRISON, ON ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS!

The Georgia Department of Education and State Superintendent Richard Woods recently recognized schools across the state for Advanced Placement Honor Schools. Harrison's categories are listed below. This recognition is a testament to the hard work of our students and teachers.

With close to 95% of our students attending college and the admissions process becoming more competitive each year, we want to make sure our Hoyas are prepared by taking challenging courses. Congratulations to our students and teachers for their hard work!

### **AP Schools of Distinction**

Schools with at least 20 percent of the total student population taking AP exams and at least 50 percent of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

### **AP Humanities Schools**

Schools with a minimum of five students testing in each of the following AP categories: one ELA course, two history/social science courses, one fine arts course, and one world language course.

### **AP Humanities Achievement Schools**

AP Humanities schools (see above definition) with at least 50 percent of all AP Humanities exams earning scores of three or higher.

### **AP STEM Schools**

Schools with a minimum of five students testing in at least four AP STEM courses (AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, AP Physics C, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles).

### **AP STEM Achievement Schools**

AP STEM schools (see above definition) with at least 50 percent of all AP STEM exams earning scores of 3 or higher.



## **NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS WEEK**

The National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the American Federation of School Administrators designated April 4-8 as National Assistant Principals Week in honoring the important role they have to student success. Since this national recognition came during our school district's Spring Break, we wanted to include a note of thanks in this week's eblast. Our Harrison administrative team continues to demonstrate their unwavering leadership and dedication to our students and staff. Big thanks to our awesome Assistant Principals for their dedication to all our Hoyas!

Mr. Wesley Ellis  
Dr. Christi Osborne  
Mrs. Lucia Poole  
Dr. Mandy Sitten  
Mr. Matthew Staruch

## **WELCOME TO NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MR. MATT STARUCH!**

Welcome to New Assistant Principal, Mr. Matt Staruch! Mr. Staruch joined our administrative team on Friday, April 1st. He will be working with the alphabet S-Z. For more information about Mr. Staruch, please click [here](#).

## **SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY**

Parents, please continue to talk to your teens about how they use social media. Remind them that posting a threat or negative comment is hurtful and can even be against the law. Mean, illegal, or negative social media postings are online forever and can be seen by law enforcement, future employers, military recruiters, and college admission officers. When students practice digital citizenship, they avoid embarrassing themselves and their families and/or dealing with law enforcement for potential cybercrimes. Remind your student that there is no anonymity in the digital world and that there is always a record/digital footprint of anything that is put on a social media site. Occasional morning announcements are made for students as friendly reminders. We are not anticipating any problems, and we are always proud of our Hoyas! Thank you for your continued support.

Below are some links for reporting social media abuse:

Instagram <https://help.instagram.com/165828726894770>

Twitter [How to report violations of Twitter Rules and Terms of Service](#)

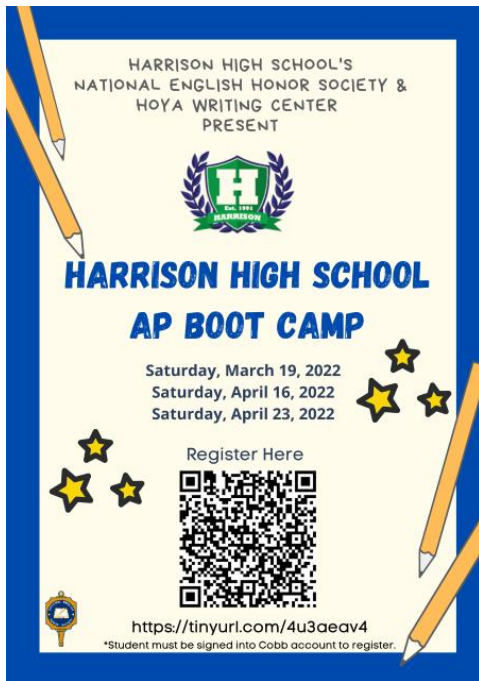
Snapchat <https://support.snapchat.com/en-US/a/report-abuse-in-app>

TikTok <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/help/1753719584844061>

## **AP BOOT CAMP**

We will be offering an AP boot camp this year to get our students ready for AP exams. Students, please register by clicking on the QR code in the flyer below. The sign-up deadline for AP Boot Camp Review Sessions is Friday, April 9th.



## BIOLOGY EOC REVIEW

# Biology Boot Camp EOC Review

**"Ready, Set, Study!"**



**4/21-Cells review in room 9303**

**4/25-Genetics review in room 9304**

**4/26-Evolution review in room 9303**

**4/27-Classification review in room 9325**

**4/28-Ecology review in room 9308**

**ALL sessions are after school from 3:45-4:45**

## UPCOMING TESTING DATES

Please review the below schedule for upcoming testing for this semester. You can also visit our website by clicking [here](#) for updated information on testing.



**2021-2022 Testing Schedule  
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL**

Georgia Milestones End of Course Assessments (EOC)	
November 30 – December 15	<b>WINTER - main administration</b> American Lit, Algebra 1, U.S. History, Biology
April 26 – May 17	<b>SPRING - main administration</b> American Lit, Algebra 1, U.S. History, Biology

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Knowledge Inventory (SKI)	
Fall Administration	August 2 – August 20
Spring Administration	January 5 – January 26

AP Testing Schedule		
May 2	U.S. Gov. and Politics	Morning
May 2	Chemistry	Afternoon
May 2	Spanish Literature and Culture	Afternoon
May 3	Environmental Science	Morning
May 3	Psychology	Afternoon
May 4	Spanish Literature and Composition	Morning
May 4	Comparative Government and Politics	Afternoon
May 5	Computer Science	Morning
May 5	Human Geography	Morning
May 5	Microeconomics	Afternoon
May 5	Statistics	Afternoon
May 6	European History/	Morning
May 6	United States History	Morning
May 6	Art History	Afternoon
May 6	Microeconomics	Morning
May 9	Calculus AB	Morning
May 9	Calculus BC	Morning
May 9	Computer Science Principles	Afternoon
May 10	English Language and Composition	Morning
May 10	Physics C: Mechanics	Afternoon
May 11	Spanish Language and Culture	Morning
May 11	Biology	Afternoon
May 12	French Language and Culture	Morning
May 12	World History	Morning
May 12	Physics 1: Algebra-based	Afternoon
May 13	Music Theory	Morning
May 13	2D Art and Design Portfolio Deadline	Afternoon
May 13	Physics 2: Algebra-based	Afternoon

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Universal Screening (R/W)			
1st semester	Aug 2 – Aug 31	Pre-Test	
2nd semester	Nov 1 – Nov 19	Pre-Test	
2nd semester	Jan 5 – Jan 29	Pre-Test	
	March 21 – May 20	Post-Test	

EOPA	
April 12	
April 13	

## HOYA BLOCK NEWS

If you would like to make a change to your Hoya Block please visit the Main Office, Learning Commons, Counseling Office, and the Attendance Office to submit a change request form. Please contact [mandy.sitten@cobk12.org](mailto:mandy.sitten@cobk12.org) if you have questions.

## SENIOR NEWS

### **CAP AND GOWN**

Any student who did not pick up their cap & gown during distribution may do so from the Attendance Office.

### **SENIORS: SAVE THE DATE**

Did you attend one of our feeder elementary schools? If so, save the date for a senior walk on the afternoon of May 20th.

Vaughan, Due West, and Bullard – 1:00 PM

Ford – 1:30 PM

Frey ES – May 23rd at 8 am

Kemp ES – May 24th at 11:30 AM

Details to come..stay tuned!

### **BACCALAUREATE**

Baccalaureate for the Class of 2022 will be held on Sunday, May 15th at Sanctuary Church at 2:30 p.m.

### **NAME AT GRADUATION**

Want to make sure your name is pronounced correctly when you walk across the graduation stage? Then please upload your information to Flip Grid. Flip Grid group <https://flipgrid.com/Oa84188e> Seniors, please use your @students.cobbk12.org email address to log in and access the FlipGrid topic. Please speak slowly and clearly your full name (first, middle, and last).

## SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Interested in singing the National Anthem at graduation this year for the Class of 2022? Any candidates submitting a video must be current seniors at Harrison. Video auditions are being held now – the deadline to submit your performance is April 15th. Use your school email to register and upload your video [HERE](#).

**SENIORS C/O 2022**

### SENIOR DUES & T-SHIRTS

- Senior dues are \$80. If paid on time, they include 2 senior t-shirts, a Hoya Pride shirt, and pay for senior activities such as the Senior Summit & Senior Picnic.
- The deadline passed early Fall semester to receive all shirts but there is still 1 more shirt to come...the senior names shirt.
- Final chance to pay dues to receive the "senior names" shirt is Friday, February 4th.
- Pay through MyPaymentsPlus.

### T-shirt Name Verification

- If you didn't verify your name for the back of the senior t-shirt in October, use this QR code to verify by Fri. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.



### SENIOR SLIDESHOW & HOYA LIGHTS

- Submit 2 photos per senior
- Photos can be individual or group shots (we would like 1 individual & 1 with friends)
- QR Code for link to submit pictures.
- Deadline to submit pictures: Friday, April 29th
- Slideshow will be presented at the Hoya Lights family event on the evening of Thursday, May 19th



### IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES:

- Senior Letters due by Wed. April 20th
- Senior Week: April 25th – 29th
- Senior Breakfast: Wed., April 27th @ 7:45 AM
- Senior Picnic: Friday, April 29th @ 11:30
- Senior Exams: May 18-19
- Hoya Lights: Thursday, May 19th (evening)
- MANDATORY Graduation Practice at HHS: Tues., May 24th at 1 PM
- Graduation at KSU: Thurs., May 26th at 2:30 (graduates arrive at 1 PM)

## PARKING REMINDERS

- Only students who have purchased a decal are eligible to park on campus
- Decals must be adhered to the windshield in the appropriate location
- Sophomores are not permitted to park on campus... but can apply for limited parking permissions through the athletics office
- Students parking on campus without a decal will receive disciplinary action and fine

## YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be distributed on 4/29! There are less than 100 copies left. Don't miss out on the 2022 yearbook. Buy yours today at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com).

## CAFETERIA NEWS

Please check the Food and Nutrition Services website frequently for updated information on Paying for Meals, Menus, Allergy & Special Nutrition Needs, Wellness Information, and Employment Opportunities.

[Cobb Schools Food and Nutrition Services Website](#)

## HOYA NEWS

### **CHOIRS**

All three choirs performed beautifully - Concert Choir got an Excellent on stage and Select Chorale and Chamber Singers both got superiors on stage. Every choir got a perfect score in sight reading!

### **FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION**

#### New inductees

Kayla Wright  
Logan Weir  
Ashley Thibodeau  
Caroline Powers  
Thomas Wall  
Aidan Bitting  
Hayden Drum  
Parisse Goutier  
Wadisile Hadebe  
Jack Lakis  
Rhys Medhurst  
Peyton Owens

#### Seniors who received Honor Cords

Emma Bohannon  
Emily Whittemore  
Will Lipani  
Brynn Capuano  
Miles Cohall  
Patrick Curd  
Spencer Markwald  
Kaden McVey  
Paige Moore  
Parker Murray  
Sara Ryan  
Chloe Scholl



## SOS WEEK

BIG THANKS to everyone that helped make SOS week a success! Our students and faculty members came together last week to really embody the SOS mission statement below.

### We Are Sources of Strength

We are a group of diverse **students and adults** from many different corners and cultures of our school and community. We believe that life has ups and downs, that all of us will go through good times and tough times. Our mission is to ensure that during the rough times no one gets so overwhelmed or hopeless that they want to give up. Our mission is to **spread Hope, Help, and Strength** into every corner of our community. Our mission is to help students and staff turn to their strengths and their supports that are all around. We are **Connectors** to Help and Strength. Our mission recognizes that our voice has great power and we use it to **BREAK the SILENCE** when someone is struggling, and to connect them to the help they need and deserve. We **Spread Hope** by focusing on stories of strength, rather than on stories of trauma. We know our most powerful impact comes from our personal actions, conversations, and messages that use our music, our art, our writing, our activities, our social media, our culture, and our voice. This gives life to our efforts. **We are Sources of Strength**

### TOTY AND CEOTY

Congratulations to Ms. Reason and Mr. Gibson on being recognized for being our TOTY and CEOTY for the 2021-2022 school year.



### 15th ANNUAL HOYA AWARDS

Each year, the Student Council of Harrison High School sponsors the H.O.Y.A. Awards-Highlighting Our Year's Accomplishments. The awards ceremony celebrates the arts, athletics, and academics of our school as well as noteworthy community and school service endeavors. Audience members rave about this incredible show of Harrison's accomplishments, and we are beyond excited to get back to celebrating together! Nominee Invitations will be sent via enrolling adult email this week, but all Hoyas are welcome to join in the celebration. This year's Hoya Awards takes place on **Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.**



## COUNSELING NEWS

### COUNSELING CALENDAR

Please check the Counseling Calendar frequently for important dates, including Virtual Parent and Student Q&A sessions, Virtual College Visit information, and much more! Click here, [Harrison Counseling Calendar](#), or go to the Counseling page on [www.harrisonhigh.org](http://www.harrisonhigh.org)

### UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

We have several College Visits set up for our Harrison Students, both virtual and during lunch block. Please check these out here: [Harrison College Visits](#) and on the Counseling Website.

*April College Visits*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	<i>Spring Break</i>		7	8	9
10	11 US Marines F2F - lunches	12 Dental Assistant School of Atlanta F2F - lunches	13 Georgia Gwinnett College F2F - lunches	14	15 University of Alabama- Muscogee F2F - lunches	16
17	18 US Navy F2F - lunches	19	20	21 Kettering University F2F - lunches	22 University of Mississippi F2F - lunches	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Class newsletters are now sent to all students and parents through CTLS, and you no longer need to register. Please make sure your email is correct in StudentVUE/ParentVUE to make sure that you receive the monthly newsletter. Your most recent class newsletter can be viewed using the links below:

[Freshman Class of 2025](#)

[Sophomore Class of 2024](#)

[Junior Class of 2023](#)

[Senior Class of 2022](#)

### HOYA BLOCK COLLEGE VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

We have invited some of the top colleges that our Hoyas attend after graduation for a face-to-face visit during select Hoya Block days in March and April. These are small group presentations

with a representative from each school and space is limited. Please see the flyer below for information on how your student can sign up.

## COLLEGES COMING TO HARRISON

### WHEN

- Dates vary for each school
- Meetings will take place during Hoya Block (9:51 – 10:36) on Tuesday/Thursdays

### WHERE

- Harrison Room – off Main Street across from 100 hallway

### LIMITED SPOTS: Sign up @

<https://tinyurl.com/collegevisits22>

- You will receive a pass the day of the session



Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
*University of Alabama*

Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>  
*Kennesaw State University*

Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
*Georgia Southern*

Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Georgia Highlands*

Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
*Chattahoochee Tech*

Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
*Georgia College*

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
*Georgia State University*

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
*Univ. of West Georgia*

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
*University of North GA*

## HOYA CHALLENGE NIGHT FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS



**8TH GRADE  
HOYA CHALLENGE  
NIGHT**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH!**  
@ 6 PM IN THE PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTER

**ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?**

If your 8th grader is serious about taking challenging courses and working hard to achieve post-secondary goals, then this night is for you. Parents will be provided information about our honors/AP programs and given an opportunity to visit with classroom teachers from all curriculum areas to hear specifics about expectations for these classes, study tips, and summer preparation ideas. Eighth-grade students and their parents are invited to attend.

## ONLINE CLASS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Planning on taking an online class. [Click here](#) for the steps to take in order to register.

## FREE SAT/ACT TEST OPPORTUNITY

The Tutoring Center Powder Springs has openings for their free SAT/ACT practice test on April 30th. Contact them by phone at 770-222-7133 or by email at

[PowderSpringsGA@tutoringcenter.com](mailto:PowderSpringsGA@tutoringcenter.com) to register.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for scholarships? Click [here](#) to access the Scholarship Bulletin or visit the Counseling Department's Website.

## COBB SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Cobb Schools Foundation has announced its 2022 scholarship opportunities. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## WORK PERMIT

Please click [here](#) for directions for obtaining work permits for students under age 16.

## SPORTS

Congratulations to the following athletic programs for their recent wins and strong performances:

- Boys Soccer for their 5-0 win over Marietta HS on March 29th and a big 2-0 win over North Cobb HS Friday night before the break. There were strong individual and team performances in both games.
- Girls Soccer for their 7-0 win over Marietta HS on March 29th and a 7-1 win over North Cobb HS to begin Spring Break. There were strong individual and team performances in both games.
- Boys Lacrosse for their 16-6 win over Hillgrove HS on Thursday, March 31st. There were strong individual and team performances in the game.
- Baseball for their wins over Hillgrove HS – a 11-1 win to start the week, a 6-4 win the next night, and finished the week with a 13-2 win. There were solid individual and team performances in all 3 games.
- Boys Tennis for their solid 2nd place finish in the Region Tournament. They will now host Tift Co in the 1st round of the State Tournament this week.
- Girls Tennis for their strong play in the Region Tournament. They will now play in the 1st round of the State Tournament at Lowndes County next Tuesday.



**WHERE:** HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING ROOM

**WHEN:** JUNE 13-15 FROM 10AM-2PM

**WHO:** GRADES K-8 *no experience necessary* (USA Wrestling Card Required)  
<https://www.usawrestling.com/login>

**HOW MUCH:** \$150 PER CAMPER with HALF OFF FOR A SIBLING  
Pay by June 1<sup>st</sup> and receive \$35 off a full priced camper, only \$34!!!  
(Price includes shirt)

**REGISTRATION FORM:** ( <https://forms.gle/P9t72kHv8RjaTn0j> )



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Water will be provided but please bring more if needed. Campers will need to bring wrestling shoes, athletic shoes, workout clothes with extra change of clothes if needed, and bring their own lunch.

Please contact [Jeffrey.crocker@cobbsk12.org](mailto:Jeffrey.crocker@cobbsk12.org) (Harrison) or [Shawn.Slenczak@cobbsk12.org](mailto:Shawn.Slenczak@cobbsk12.org) (Hillgrove) for questions or concerns  
[www.harrisonwrestling.com](http://www.harrisonwrestling.com)

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[twitter.com/hshoyasports](https://twitter.com/hshoyasports)



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