



Weekly Newsletter 8/10/21

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL CAMPBELL

Dear Harrison Families,

Our first week of school was awesome as our Hoyas were excited to return to campus ready to learn. Today we hosted class meetings with all grade levels in our Performing Arts Center. It was great to welcome back our students to celebrate academic gains and remind our students on how they can get involved at school. Please click [here](#) to learn more about our clubs and organizations at Harrison. During our class meetings, we also reviewed our expectations for safety, academics, and behavior. During classes last week, teachers also reviewed academic information as well as safety procedures so students know what to do in the event of an emergency, such as an evacuation, weather situation, or code red/lock down. We have already conducted one fire drill and will plan a code red/lock down drill in the coming days. As always, please continue to have these conversations at home so we have a safe learning environment for students as they work towards their academic goals.

As we continue to adjust to changes as related to COVID-19 protocols, just a reminder that the new [district public health protocols](#) were released by our school district last Wednesday. We have adjusted our procedures to comply with the newest guidelines. We encourage families to keep students home if they are ill until they are 24-hour symptom free, and we continue to reinforce good hygiene habits to all students throughout the school day. If your student does test positive for COVID-19, please email our school nurse, Shannon Keely at Shannon.Keely@cobbk12.org so that we can begin the infectious disease reporting protocols.

As we look ahead to the school year, below are a few important upcoming dates:

Open House on Thursday, August 26

Open House for parents is scheduled for Thursday, August 26. Classroom visits will follow a bell schedule beginning at 6:15 p.m. with our general PTSA membership meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. in our new gym (also known as the Hoya Center). If you have not joined PTSA, you can join by clicking [here](#). We appreciate your support in joining PTSA which helps all our families stay connected and helps support our teacher mini-grant program that enriches the educational experiences for our Hoyas. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for additional details for Open House on Thursday, August 26.

Early Release on Monday, August 23

Monday, August 23 is our first early release day. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Busses will run at 11:30 a.m., and we ask that all students leave campus.

9th Grade Parent Night on Tuesday, August 31

If you are a 9th grade parent, please join us on Tuesday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. for our 9th Grade Parent Night in our Performing Arts Center.

Class Dues & PSAT on Tuesday, October 13

Please make sure you have visited [My Payments Plus](#) to pay for class dues for your student as well as the PSAT fee for 11th graders. The PSAT will be administered to all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students on Wednesday, October 13, but only 11th graders must pay for the test. Taking the PSAT prepares our students for college entrance exams and test results can be linked to each student's Khan Academy account which provides students and parents with valuable feedback on strengths and weakness. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the PSAT.

I also want to thank our awesome teachers and staff for their hard work in making sure our school year started in a positive way. They have all worked incredibly hard to prepare for the opening of school. Thank you as well to our PTSA for their ongoing support, such as treating our faculty and staff to a luncheon during pre-planning and helping with Hoya Hello. Everyone's role is vital to the success of our students, and we are very thankful for the parent support that we have in the community.

Finally, please pay close attention to the campus traffic message below as we work to make afternoon dismissal as smooth as possible.

We are all looking forward to a great school year with our Hoyas!

Sincerely,
Principal Ashlynn Campbell

DISMISSAL MESSAGE

As we continue to navigate the best practices for afternoon dismissal of car and bus riders, we ask for your continued patience. Please pay close attention to the directions given by administrators and campus officer in the main lot as we try to figure out the best solution for our traffic woes. We do ask families to consider using district buses to transport students however, we understand there are unique situations where students must be dropped off. We cannot allow traffic for pickup or drop-off to stop on Due West Road. To help with this, we ask that students be dropped off in the mornings before 8:00 a.m. In the afternoon, we are asking parents to delay picking up students until 3:40 p.m. in order to allow buses to stage and leave campus with student traffic. These staggered times will make it easier for parents to pick up their students and leave campus without the heavy volume we experienced on the first week of school.

Please reference the diagram below for our updated campus dismissal traffic pattern. All student driver and car rider traffic should enter and exit the campus using the main traffic light entrance on Due West Road. As always, we would like to remind all of our drivers on campus to please use caution and safe driving practices at all times. Drivers should not cut through parking spots to skip traffic in the parking lots. Please continue to be watchful of others in the parking lot during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. These are the busiest times for our campus traffic, so we encourage everyone to remain vigilant while driving and walking on campus. We ask you to remind your student (bus rider, car rider, or student driver) to use sidewalks as much as possible while on campus during these very busy times. We also strongly recommend allowing extra time

for arrival to school, especially the first couple of weeks as everyone in our community gets accustomed to back to school traffic. Also, a friendly reminder that rainy mornings and Mondays tend to be more congested. Thank you for your continued support.



HARRISON FOUNDATION

Please consider donating to Harrison High School Foundation. Just click the link below to our donation page. Thank you for your support! Your generous donations have made all of the wonderful updates to our Learning Commons possible. We look forward to bringing even more enhancements and opportunities to our Hoyas! [Donate Here.](#)

Don't forget to wish your student a Happy Birthday on our Birthday Marquee! [Birthday Marquee Form](#)



STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules are now available via StudentVUE. The drop/add deadline was May 12th. We are now very busy reviewing transcripts to ensure proper course placement, assisting teachers with fall semester procedures, and getting ready for the new school year. If you feel there is an error on your schedule, you can discuss with your teacher the first day of school who, if they agree, can submit a course change request on your behalf. Teachers have been instructed to only submit a course change request if a student is misplaced, as the time for a change of heart in selected courses has passed.

PRE-COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Be sure to complete your pre-course assignments for your upcoming courses! All Pre-Course assignments are due at the end of the second week of fall semester view the [pre-course catalog](#) for complete details.

STUDENT PARKING

At this time, all Junior and Senior parking applicants have either been assigned and/or notified with instructions for decal pick up and payment. If a student has not yet picked up their decal, they must do so by this Friday, August 6th, no later than 3:00, in Room 801, or their reserved decal will no longer be held for them.

We will still accept applications, but they may be placed on the waitlist.

HOYA BLOCK

We will be returning to a Hoya Block schedule this school year. The Fall Hoya Block course catalog is now available. Registration will be open until August 13, 2021, through the link on the website where students will pick their top three Hoya Block choices. Hoya Block will begin on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Students should keep in mind which academic course they may need extra time and assistance in during the fall semester. No matter what you decide, we have a Hoya Block course for you! Click [here](#) for more information.

PSAT

Juniors mark your calendar to sign up for the PSAT by September 10th!

Hey, Juniors!
Sign up for the
PSAT

\$18
Register on MyPaymentsPlus.com
Deadline: Sept. 10th | PSAT Date: Oct. 13th

 **National Merit®
Scholarship Program**

The PSAT, which is aligned with the redesigned SAT, serves as an excellent way for students to preview and practice for the SAT.

Those not taking the PSAT will take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB) on Oct. 13; all juniors will test on this day.

For more info about the ASVAB - HOME | ASVAB (officialasvab.com). Sign up details to follow soon.



The PSAT is the only way to qualify!

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.

<https://www.cobbk12.org/foodservices/page/45098/paying-for-meals>

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.

COUNSELING GROUPS SURVEY

The Harrison High School Counseling Department is working to provide our students with groups relevant to their needs. To get a better idea of what our students want/need, please complete this two question survey below. Thank you![Counseling Groups Survey](#)

SENIOR LESSONS

August 24th through 27th, [Seniors Lessons](#) will take place during the school day. Topics include graduation, college applications, and more.

HOYAS, BACK AT IT GROUP

Let's navigate being back in the building together! Returning to in-person learning or just need support as you navigate high school? Click [here](#) to join us. The group will focus on different strategies to cope with anxiety, daily routines, plugging into the Harrison community, and more.

DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION SESSION

Join us on August 26th at 7:15 in the Main Café for an information session on Dual Enrollment. Representatives from Kennesaw State University and Chattahoochee Technical College will present.

WORK PERMIT

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

SPORTS

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the Girl's Softball program for their recent wins and strong performances: The Girl's Softball team opened their season with 2 wins last week; Won against E. Paulding 11-7 and won against River Ridge 2-1; had strong individual and team performances

STUDENT PASSES

A one-time \$75 fee is good for STUDENT entry into ALL REGULAR SEASON HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS. Pass will be digital so holder will simply display using mobile device at the entry gate for validation.

Note: Does not include the following...

- *Away events*
- *GHSA-sanctioned events held before the playoffs (i.e., Region Tournaments/Championships hosted at Harrison)*
- *Post-season/playoff events*

URL LINK → <https://gofan.co/app/events/335145>

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