



Weekly Newsletter 8/17/21

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.

Please see the bell schedule for early release on Monday, August 23rd below.

- 1st 8:20- 9:03
- 2nd 9:09- 9:52
- 3rd 9:58-10:41
- 4th 10:47- 11:30

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 click [here](#) to view the flyer for additional details for Open House on Thursday, August 26.

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.



SAFETY CHECK

Today at Harrison, the Cobb County School District Police Drug Dog and her handler were on campus. Once in the building, classrooms were randomly selected and students were asked to stand in the hall with their teacher while the dog sniffed the bags and jackets left behind. The dog is trained to "alert" to any item that smells of drugs or drug residue. We also do routine checks in our parking lot. This practice is common among all high schools and is just one of the procedures we have in place to keep our campus as safe as possible. Any student who is found to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs faces a mandatory minimum suspension of at least ten days up to the maximum suspension which is expulsion for a specified period of time. There are criminal charges associated with this policy violation as well. We are never anticipating any problems, and we are always proud of our Hoyas! Thank you for your continued support.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE, MRS. KEELY

If your student is not feeling well and is having any illness symptoms, please keep your student home until he or she is feeling well. Examples of these symptoms include congestion, sore throat, coughing, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, draining eyes, and/or headache. There are other illnesses present in our community that are not related to COVID; however, the symptoms are all similar. The safest practice is to stay home if you are sick. Please remind your student to continue to practice good hygiene habits, such as

hand washing and using our school's hand sanitizer stations, as well as social distancing when possible. I encourage each student to keep a personal care pack in his or her backpack with items like Kleenex, band aids, a small bottle of hand sanitizer, extra masks, feminine hygiene products, snacks, water bottles, Clorox wipes for desk, etc... This will assist in keeping healthy students out of the clinic where they may be exposed to someone who is ill.

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](#)



MESSAGE FROM PTSA

Open House is a long day for our Harrison Teachers and Staff. To help ease the burden, the PTSA Hospitality Team is coordinating a grab and go salad bar for them to enjoy between when school lets out and Open House begins. In order for it to be a success, we need the help of Hoya Nation! Please use the Sign Up Genius link to see what is needed and donate! Thank you!

[Volunteers 2021-2022: PTSA Open House Teacher Salad Bar \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

HOYA BLOCK

Hoya Block will begin on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Please have your student check their StudentView account starting on Friday, 8/20/21. If your student has an issue with their

Hoya Block please have them stop by any of our offices or the learning commons to submit a Hoya Block change form.

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

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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!



SENIOR DUES

Senior Dues must be paid by September 3rd to receive your Senior Hoya Pride t-shirt, AND the other Senior T-shirts this year. There will be no extra shirts ordered, so please get your dues paid through My Payments Plus ASAP.

Senior dues are \$80 and pay for multiple t-shirts, senior week activities, Senior Summit, and Naviance fees.

Seniors – make sure you join the Class of 2022 Remind – text @hhshoyas22 to 81010. Please use your first and last name when requesting access. The senior class remind will be one of the primary modes of communication for the class of 2022, so join now!



Sign up for important updates from Dr. Osborne.

Get information for Harrison High School right on your phone—not on handouts.


Pick a way to receive messages for Hoyas2022:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/hhshoyas22

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.




B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @hhshoyas22 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @hhshoyas22 to (770) 212-3996.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/hhshoyas22 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

SENIOR MESSAGE

Seniors all graduation orders are due by December 1st. Please click [here](#) for more information on purchasing caps/gowns, graduation announcements, and senior memorabilia. All graduating seniors participating in commencement MUST purchase a cap and gown.

PICTURE DAY

Freshmen and sophomores will have yearbook pictures taken tomorrow, Wednesday the 18th. You will receive a pass today in homeroom for your designated time slot. Junior pictures will take place this Thursday. You will receive picture passes tomorrow.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Who is my School Social Worker?

My name is Alicia Hayworth and I am the school social worker at Harrison High School, Lost Mountain Middle School, and Ford Elementary School. This is my 21st year in the

district and my 6th year serving Harrison. I graduated from the University of Georgia with degrees in Bachelor and Master of Social Work.

What does my School Social Worker do?

Counsels students individually and in groups connects families to resources within the community, provides support during crisis, advocates for students and families by working collaboratively to remove barriers that are preventing school success.

How can I get connected to resources in the community?

Visit our Family Resources Database at [Cobb County School Social Work Family Resources \(cobbk12.org\)](https://www.cobbk12.org/familysocialwork/familyresources)

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](https://www.harrisonhigh.org/counseling), or go to the Counseling page on www.harrisonhigh.org.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Students may now sign up for a monthly newsletter with specific information just for their year! See below to register or see your newsletter:

Freshman Class of 2025 [Register Here](#)

Sophomore Class of 2024 [Register Here](#)

Junior Class of 2023 [Register Here](#)

Senior Class of 2022 [Register Here](#)

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

BASEBALL

Players and Parents: If you are interested in trying out for the 2022 Baseball Team this year, please visit the following link to sign up. Questions? Reach out to Coach

Elkins mark.elkins@cobbk12.org

BASEBALL SIGN UP: <https://coachelkins10.weebly.com/baseball.html>

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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