

## Hoya Nation,

Below you will find pertinent and timely information for all things going on in the Harrison community. GO HOYAS!

### ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL SAFETY REMINDERS

As we continue implementing best practices for transporting students to and from Harrison, we ask for your continued patience. 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.

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, which is always our top priority, please make note of the following information for drivers, pedestrians, and bus riders:

- **Drop Off Location**: Students should be dropped off in the main entrance area in front of the school. *ALL other areas are unsafe.*
- **Peak Traffic Times**: The busiest times are between 7:55-8:20am and 3:30-3:50pm. To help with this, we ask that students be dropped off in the mornings before 8:00 a.m. In the afternoon, we ask parents to delay picking up students until 3:40 p.m. to allow buses and student drivers to leave campus as quickly as possible. 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.
- **Best Practices for Student Transportation:**

Drivers	Pedestrians	Bus Port
-Drive Slowly -Be punctual... don't be in a rush on campus -Don't cut through the parking lot to avoid traffic -Pedestrians <b>ALWAYS</b> have the right of way -Don't be distracted -Don't be on your cell phone while driving -NO EARBUDS WHILE DRIVING	-Be aware of your surroundings -Use sidewalks and crosswalks -Do NOT be on your cell phone -NO EARBUDS IN THE PARKING LOT	-No Parent pickups or drop-offs allowed -Use the crosswalk -Get to your bus quickly -Know your route and where your bus parks (lane number)

Following these general guidelines goes a long way to ensure the safety of everyone in our parking areas. Student recklessness or failure to comply with these items can result in the revocation of their parking privileges.

One final, friendly reminder that rainy mornings and Mondays tend to be more congested. Thank you for your continued support!

## **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 might 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>

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO HARRISON TEACHER MRS. JORDAN MOTSINGER!**

Congratulations to Harrison teacher Mrs. Jordan Motsinger for being recognized at the August CCSD board meeting as the CCSD High School Teacher of the year! Hoya Nation is proud of you!

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### **HOYA BLOCK**

Hoya Block started today! Please have your student check their StudentVue account for any changes. 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.

### **OPEN HOUSE – 8/25/22**

Open House will be held Thursday, August 25th. Parents are invited to drop into their student's classrooms from 6:00 to 7:00pm to meet the teachers. Open House will be preceded by a PTSA meeting in the Hoya Center beginning at 5:45 p.m. Parents of seniors and those interested in getting information on Dual Enrollment are invited to stay for informational meetings that begin at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC and Hoya Center, respectively. Please see the flyer below for details.

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## Harrison High School

### Open House

Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>



- 5:45 – 6:00 PTSA Meeting in the Hoya Center
- 6:00 – 7:00 Drop-In Open House
- 7:00 – 8:00 Senior Parent Meeting in the Hoya Center
- 7:00 – 8:00 Dual Enrollment Informational Meeting in the Performing Arts Center (PAC)

#### Future Dates:

- August 30<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night
- September 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day Holiday
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Fall Break
- October 12<sup>th</sup> – PSAT (Juniors pay online through MyPaymentsPlus)
- October 17<sup>th</sup> – Early Release
- November 8<sup>th</sup> – Election Day/Student Holiday
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break
- December 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – Final Exams/Early Release
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Semester
- January 5<sup>th</sup> – Students Return from Holiday Break



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Join PTSA weekly eblast at school website <http://www.harrisonhigh.org/>

## HARRISON PTSA

Please help PTSA provide a meal to our teachers for Open House by using [this link](#) to donate one of the requested items. Thank you so much for helping us show our teachers and staff just how much we appreciate their dedication!

Please join PTSA today! By joining, you make a difference! Your membership dues are what allow us to provide support to the students and staff at Harrison. We award scholarships to graduating seniors, provide teacher grants, put together staff appreciation lunches, help fund the Quest College Fair, promote the National Red Ribbon week, organize the Reflections Fine Arts Competition, and host a Baccalaureate ceremony. Join by August 25, and you will be entered to win a pair of homecoming tickets, a yearbook, a sports pass, or a pair of Prom tickets!

Please consider donating in addition to your membership. Donations of any amount make a difference to the programs funded by the PTSA and are 100% tax deductible.

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Please click [here](#) to join Harrison HS PTSA online and/or visit our website. Click [here](#) for a print and mail option.

## **9<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENT NIGHT – 8/30/22**

Please join us on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> for 9th Grade Parent Night, an informational presentation for parents of Hoya freshmen. Topics of discussion will include what to expect this year, different types of GPAs, Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs), and an overview of core pathways. This meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. [Click here](#) for the informational flyer.

## **GOVERNOR'S HONOR PROGRAM**

There will be an informational meeting for any student interested in GHP, Governor's Honor Program, on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:50 AM in room 407. Please visit [this link](#) for more information.

## **CLASS DUES**

If you did not pay your class dues during Hoya Hello, please pay those **before September 2<sup>nd</sup>** by clicking [here](#). Only those who have paid by the deadline will receive their Hoya Pride t-shirt (delivered in October). No extra Hoya Pride t-shirts are ordered, and they can't be purchased separately. They are only available to those who pay dues by the deadline.

TWO PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. You may pay online via [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com).  
To select a t-shirt size online, your My Payments Plus account must include all of your enrolled Cobb students, no matter what Cobb school they attend. Please update your account prior to paying your class dues, or the shirt size selector will not function properly.
2. You may print the class dues form, complete the information, and return the completed form (make sure to fill out the t-shirt size info) with a check made out to Harrison HS. Those forms and payments can be dropped in the black payment box outside the bookkeeper's office or delivered to the main office.

Questions regarding class dues can be directed to Dr. Osborne – [Christi.Osborne@cobbk12.org](mailto:Christi.Osborne@cobbk12.org)

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## PSAT – 10/12/22

Please visit [My Payments Plus](#) to pay the PSAT fee for 11th graders. The PSAT will be administered to all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students on Wednesday, October 12th, but only 11th graders must pay for the test. Taking the PSAT prepares our students for college entrance exams. Test results can be linked to each student's Khan Academy account, which provides students and parents with valuable feedback on strengths and weaknesses. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the PSAT.

Juniors, mark your calendar to sign up for the PSAT by September 16th!



**Hey, Juniors!**  
*Sign up for the*  
**PSAT**  
**\$18**  
*Register on MyPaymentsPlus.com*  
**Deadline: Sept. 16th | PSAT Date: Oct. 12th**

 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.

*The PSAT is the only way to qualify!*



## ASVAB – 10/19/22

**Junior and Seniors** who are interested in enlisting in the military or who may want help with career guidance may sign up to take the ASVAB at Harrison HS. There is no military commitment required to take this test, and scores provide valuable career insights.

Date: October 19, 2022

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Time: 3:30 PM

Place: Learning Commons

General Info: Approx. 2-hour test; must bring student laptop (charged) as the test is electronic; students need to bring picture ID; individual students may dismiss once they complete their test; transportation home will NOT be provided so students will need to arrange for their own ride home

**You must sign up to participate in the test** – use [this link](#) – deadline to sign up is October 4, 2022.

Open to juniors and seniors only.

Email questions to Dr. Christi Osborne ([Christi.osborne@cobbk12.org](mailto:Christi.osborne@cobbk12.org))

## **CLASS OF 2023 INFORMATION**

### **SENIOR PICTURES**

For you/your senior to be featured in the Yearbook this year, you must get your Senior Portraits taken!!

See this [flyer](#) for all information.

Visit <https://book.appointment-plus.com/d0zyvgrk/#/> to make your appointment – schedule as soon as possible!

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

Please [click here](#) for a letter from Dr. Toomey, DPH Commissioner and State Health Officer, outlining the Meningitis Vaccine requirement for 11th grade students. If you have not already done so, please provide your 11th grade student's updated immunization form through your ParentVUE account or directly to the Counseling Office. Instructions for uploading documents through ParentVUE can be found by [clicking here](#).

## **COUNSELING NEWS**

### **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

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newsletter. Your most recent class newsletter can be viewed using the links below:

[Freshman Class of 2026](#)

[Sophomore Class of 2025](#)

[Junior Class of 2024](#)

[Senior Class of 2023](#)

### UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

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

A graphic with a green vertical bar on the left containing the text "UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS:" in white, bold, uppercase letters. To the right of the bar is a list of five college visits, each in a light gray box. The visits are: 8/25 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, 8/26 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, 8/29 OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY, 8/30 JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY, and 8/31 GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY. Below the list is the text "Outside the cafeteria during all lunches!" in bold black font.

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8/29 OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY
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**Outside the  
cafeteria during all  
lunches!**

### PROBE COLLEGE FAIR

The Cobb County Probe College Fair will be at Marietta High School on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to register and [click here](#) to see a list of colleges attending.

### VIRTUAL FINANCIAL AID PARENT MEETING

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A representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will present information about the FAFSA, HOPE, financial aid, and scholarships information on September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM. Please click [here](#) to register for the virtual meeting.

### **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).

### **SAT & ACT DATES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

SAT and ACT dates for the 2022-2023 school year have been announced. Please visit [SAT.org](http://SAT.org) or [ACT.org](http://ACT.org) for more information.

### **COBB COUNTY SCHOOLS COLLEGE KICK OFF**

Save the date for the Cobb County Schools 2022 College Kickoff on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Sessions include Admissions Insider Workshop, College Fair, and Financial Aid & Scholarship Info. Pre-register [here](#) and [click here](#) for the informational flyer.

### **WORK PERMIT**

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

### **PEACH STATE COLLEGE TOUR**

Students, you are invited to the 2022 Peach State Tour information sessions offered in-person and via Zoom Webinars. These sessions will allow you to learn more about Augusta University, Georgia State University, Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia. These events are FREE and open to ALL high school students and their families, but space is limited! [Register online](#) today to secure your spot. When registering for a session, please sign up for the session that best suits your location.

### **GEORGIA TECH ENGINEERING CAREER CONFERENCE**

The Engineering Career Conference (ECC) is a one-day event where female high school students get the chance to learn about each of the 11 engineering

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programs available at Georgia Tech from current students and faculty. It will be held on Thursday, October 20th, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to apply and [click here](#) to see the informational flyer.

## HOMECOMING

“Summer’s Not Over,” Hoyas!!!

Student Council is so excited to host Homecoming Week, the Homecoming Pep Rally, and the Homecoming Dance during the week of August 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

Dress Up Days:

Wednesday 8/24: “Welcome to Hawkins” (dress like a character from Stranger Things i.e., 80’s attire)

Thursday 8/25: “Fire up the Grill and Grab the Snacks” (dress like a bbq dad or soccer mom)

Friday 8/26: Class Colors (9<sup>th</sup> – white; 10<sup>th</sup> – green; 11<sup>th</sup> – light blue; 12<sup>th</sup> – navy blue)

The dance is on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm in the Hoya Center. Tickets go on sale Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm through Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Student must purchase a ticket before 3:30pm on Friday so do NOT wait – no ticket sales at the door. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased through [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com).

## HOYA ATHLETICS

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

- **Softball** beat Hillgrove 7-4 last Tuesday for their 1<sup>st</sup> win of the season. There were solid individual and team performances in the game.
  - **Volleyball** had a great week with wins over South Paulding and then at the South Forsyth “Play Date” with wins over Cambridge, Whitefield Academy, East Forsyth and South Forsyth. There were many strong individual and team performances.
  - **XC Girls** finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 35 teams this past Saturday at the Pickens Preview, and the team had strong individual and team times.
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- **XC Boys** finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 35 teams this weekend in the Pickens Preview race, and the team had strong individual and team times.



### **DIGITAL TICKETS ONLY**

New for the 2022-2023 school year, Harrison will **no longer be accepting cash** for entry into games. We will be using the GoFan digital platform exclusively for all tickets.

You can find tickets to all our Harrison Sporting events at

<https://gofan.co/app/school/GA5056>

### **ALL SPORTS PASSES**

All Sports Passes are available to ALL – not just Harrison Students. The cost of the passes is \$50 and can be purchased through [GoFan](#). Information regarding the All Sports Passes can be found using the link below:

[HARRISON ALL SPORTS PASSES 2022-2023.docx](#)

### **BASEBALL TEAM INFORMATION**

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In order to sign up for conditioning and tryouts for the 2023 Harrison Baseball Team, click [here](#) to register or use the QR code below.



Important Dates & Reminders:

- Conditioning begins October 24<sup>th</sup> (more information to come)
- Tryouts begin January 16<sup>th</sup> (more information to come)
- Must be registered in Parent/StudentVue in “Athletic Registration”
- Must have a current physical uploaded in that same “Athletic Registration” section.

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<https://twitter.com/hshoyasports>



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