MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL CAMPBELL

Dear Harrison Families,

It's been great to have our Hoyas back on campus as we begin the 2022/2023 school year. Today we hosted class meetings with all grade levels in our Performing Arts Center. During this meeting we celebrated academic gains and reminded our students on how they can get involved at school. Please click <u>here</u> 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 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. Each time we conduct a safety drill at Harrison, our administrative team debriefs to discuss potential issues and reflect on our current safety plan. We also do random safety checks of our campus and in our parking lots. Officer Dunkerton is always part of our drills and the follow-up discussions with our administrative team. Please continue to have conversations at home so we have a safe learning environment for students as they work towards their academic goals. We want our students to make good decisions at school and in social settings, use social media safely and responsibly, and to practice the "see something, say something" ethic. Student safety is always our top priority.

Please also remind your students to stay proactive in their learning. Encourage your student to stay connected with their teachers if they have questions about their course work. Hoya Block begins on Tuesday, August 23 so this will be another layer of academic support for our students. Please visit our school website for information about our counseling office, writing center, Learning Commons, and department tutorial times for ways we can support our students.

As we look ahead to the school year, below is some additional information:

PTSA Open House on Thursday, August 25

PTSA Open House for parents is scheduled for Thursday, August 25. Details are below. If you have not joined PTSA, you can join by clicking <u>here</u>. 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.

5:45 – 6:00 PTSA Meeting in the Hoya Center (our new gym)

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

Early Release on Monday, August 22

Monday, August 22 is our first early release day. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Busses will run at 11:30 a.m., and all students will need to leave campus as teachers will be in meetings.

9th Grade Parent Night on Tuesday, August 30

If you are a 9th grade parent, please join us on Tuesday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m. for our 9th Grade Parent Night in our Performing Arts Center.

Class Dues (by 9/2) & PSAT on Wednesday, October 12

Please make sure you have visited <u>My Payments Plus</u> to pay for class dues for your student (due by 9/2/22) 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 12, 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 <u>here</u> 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

HOYA BLOCK

Hoya Block will be starting soon! Registration will be open on August 3rd and go through August 15th. Students need to pick their Hoya Block in StudentVue click <u>here</u> for step-by-step directions. Hoya Block will begin on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. 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 <u>here</u> for more information.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAS 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*.
- <u>Peak Traffic Times</u>: 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.
- <u>Best Practices for Student Transportation:</u>

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 <u>ALWAYS</u> 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!

PARENT ACCESS TO CTLS LEARN

Good news parents – you are now able to access CTLS Learn so that you can stay apprised of what is happening in your student's classes. Please click <u>here</u> for information on how to utilize this new update!

HOMECOMING

"Summer's Not Over," Hoyas!! Join us for the Homecoming Dance on August 27th, from 7-10pm in the Hoya Center. Tickets are \$35, and will go on sale Monday, August 22nd through My Payments Plus! More information to come!

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

Please <u>click here</u> 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 <u>clicking here</u>.

<u>PSAT</u>



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

HARRISON PTSA

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.

Please click <u>here</u> to join Harrison HS PTSA online and/or visit our website. Click <u>here</u> for a print and mail option.

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 <u>flyer</u> for all information.

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

REMIND

Seniors make sure you sign up for Dr. Osborne's Remind using the information below:

Remind

Sign up for important updates from Dr. Osborne.

Get information for Marrison High School right on your phone-not on handouts.



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 <u>pre-course catalog</u> for complete details.

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

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: <u>Harrison College Visits</u> and on the <u>Counseling Website</u>.



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, <u>Harrison Counseling Calendar</u>, or go to the Counseling page on <u>www.harrisonhigh.org</u>.

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 three question survey by clicking <u>here.</u>

SAT & ACT DATES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

SAT and ACT dates for the 2022-2023 school year have been announced. Please visit <u>SAT.org</u> or <u>ACT.org</u> for more information.

APPLEROUTH SAT PREP CLASS AT HARRISON

The tests are standardized - our approach is anything but. In this interactive class, you will hone the test-taking strategies necessary to master the SAT. Your tutor will use class data from mock tests to tailor each session to your group's needs. To register, go to <u>www.applerouth.com/signup</u> and enter the event code SAT6541. The cost is \$400, and the registration deadline is August 15th.

COBB COUNTY SCHOOLS COLLEGE KICK OFF

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

WORK PERMIT

Please <u>click here</u> 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! <u>Register online</u> 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 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. <u>Click here</u> to apply and <u>click here</u> to see the informational flyer.

MESSAGE FROM NURSE KEELY

Nurse Keely is responsible for receiving student medications and/or supplies that are needed during the school day. The Clinic is in the Attendance Building. Please <u>click here</u> for medication forms and care plans. Keep in mind, all prescription medication, other than EpiPens, albuterol inhalers and diabetic supplies, must be kept in the clinic. Over the counter medications are allowed to be carried with your student during the school day. The medication must be in the original container and does not require a medication form. Please refer to the <u>student handbook</u> for guidance. Nurse Keely can be reached by email at <u>Shannon.keely@cobbk12.org</u> or by phone 678-594-8104 extension 020 for any questions or concerns.

HOYA ATHLETICS

DIGITAL TICKETS ONLY

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

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 <u>GoFan</u>. Information regarding the All Sports Passes can be found using the link below: <u>HARRISON ALL SPORTS PASSES 2022-2023.docx</u>

BASEBALL TEAM INFORMATION

In order to sign up for conditioning and tryouts for the 2023 Harrison Baseball Team, click <u>here</u> to register or use the QR code below.



Important Dates & Reminders:

- Conditioning begins October 24th (more information to come)
- Tryouts begin January 16th (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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