



Weekly Newsletter 12/14/21

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Hoya Nation wishes you a safe and happy holiday as you gather with family and friends over the break. We are very thankful for our students, faculty & staff, parents, and community support. Harrison High School is a great place of learning and growth for our students because of the ongoing support and encouragement from our Harrison family. We ask that you keep our students, faculty & staff members, community, nation, and world at large in your thoughts during this holiday season. We look forward to seeing our Hoyas back in the building on Wednesday, January 5.



HOYAS GIVE BACK WITH HARRISON'S ANNUAL OPERATION CHRISTMAS!

Thank you to all of Hoya Nation for quietly working behind the scenes once again for our annual Operation Christmas. Operation Christmas is a long-standing tradition at Harrison High School where our students, teachers, and staff provide for needy families in our community and county at large. Many of our clubs, organizations, athletic groups, and teams of students from various classes partnered together to serve close to 60 families this holiday season. Thank you to our Hoyas for joining forces the last couple of weeks to provide for these families in need and to spread some holiday cheer. Being a Hoya means being rock solid, and it means taking part in something bigger than yourself. Big shout out to our Hoyas for carrying on the giving legacy of Mr. Carl J. Harrison for whom our school was named. #HoyasGiveBack



UPCOMING DATES

Over the next six weeks, please mark your calendars with holidays and early release days:

- Thurs, December 16, 2021 is an Early Release/Final Exam (Regular bus transportation provided at early release time)
- Fri, December 17, 2021 is an Early Release/Final Exam (Regular bus transportation provided at early release time)
- Mon, December 20, 2021 - Friday, December 31, 2021 is Winter Break
- Mon, January 3, 2022 & Tues, January 4, 2022 are Student Holidays/Staff Workdays
- Wed, January 5, 2022 is the first day of second semester

EXAM INFORMATION



Harrison High School
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HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL-FALL SEMESTER 2021
FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 16, 2021
8:20-9:50 1st Period Exam
9:50-10:00 BREAK
10:00-11:30 2nd Period Exam

Friday, December 17, 2021
8:20-9:50 3rd Period Exam
9:50-10:00 BREAK
10:00-11:30 4th Period Exam

EARLY DISMISSAL at 11:30 a.m. - BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED At 11:30 a.m. ONLY!

Final Exams:

During the two days of final exams, students should make every effort to be fully prepared. All courses will have a final assessment, to include those classes that took an EOC Exam.

- Final exams will not be given early. All students will complete final exams during the scheduled exam time listed above.
- Students who miss a final exam will receive a zero (0) on the exam.
- Students must remain in class until the end of the period. Under no circumstances will students be allowed to leave an exam early. For example: No early checkouts.
- Students must leave campus immediately and not return during the rest of that school day. Please note that Cobb County policy states that students dismissed early may NOT go on other school campuses, including elementary and middle schools. Doing so may result in disciplinary action.
- Bus service will be provided at the 11:30 a.m. dismissal time ONLY.

Please note additional important information:

- Report cards will be available via PARENTVUE and STUDENTVUE on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.
- Students who have textbooks may begin returning them to the Learning Commons the week of final exams. The deadline to return textbooks is Friday, December 17th at noon.
- School is back in session for all students on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.
- Reminder: All students must exit campus upon dismissal at 11:30 a.m. on December 16th and 17th.
- If you have any questions about final exams, please see your alpha administrator.

Upon completion of finals, we wish all a wonderful Holiday Break!

HOYA BLOCK

Registration for Hoya Block next semester will start on Thursday, December 9th. Please click [here](#) to register. All students will need to register before the

deadline on Friday, January 7th. Please visit the [Hoya Block](#) page on our website for additional information.

SPRING 2022 STUDENT PARKING

All current junior and senior students who wish to purchase a parking decal for next semester must complete the student parking survey by following the link below. This survey will close at 5 pm on Tuesday, December 21st, but please complete as soon as possible so that we can get an accurate count of students who wish to park on campus next semester. Once all parking information has been processed, we will communicate specific instructions for parking decal payment and pick-up to the email address that was used to complete the survey. Look for that information to be sent out by the end of the December 27th week, with a tentative decal distribution schedule of assigned pick-up times on January 3rd and 4th.

IMPORTANT: You must complete the survey to be considered for parking, but you do not need to re-apply for parking if you currently have a Fall 2021 decal or if you have a current parking application for this school year submitted.

Please email Becky Kelly (rebecca.kelly@cobbk12.org) if you have any questions. Thank you!

PARKING SURVEY

LINK: https://HarrisonHS.formstack.com/forms/spring_semester_student_parking_survey

VAPING MESSAGE

In the last few weeks, we have seen more and more students using and/or possessing vapes. The vaping devices come in various forms and look very similar to a USB flash drive, pen, lighter, and other everyday items. Not only are the vaping devices difficult to identify, but the traditional smoke smells are also not present with vaping.

We are very concerned about the vaping trend because it puts the safety of our students at risk. For example, students can have very serious reactions to vaping even requiring medical attention in some cases. Many of the substances used in vapes contain high concentrations of nicotine and are highly addictive. Vapes can also be used to distribute marijuana and other drugs.

Please help us at home, if you have not already done so, by talking with your teens about the dangers of vaping. Please also remind them that vaping is not allowed at school per Cobb County School District Student Code of Conduct. We will continue to administer appropriate discipline for students who are in violation of

the code of conduct. We have messaged out this information in class meetings and will continue to make announcements. We will also more closely monitor the areas on campus where vaping has been reported.

Please click [here](#) for information from the Georgia Department of Education about the dangers of vaping as well as other helpful resources. Student safety is always our top priority, and we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Harrison Administration

SENIOR NEWS

Any senior who is graduating in December MUST turn in school laptops, pay for library fees/fines, and turn in all textbooks by the afternoon of Dec. 15th. Notices were given out last Tuesday of those with outstanding fees/fines.

Graduation Date:

We are excited to announce that Harrison's commencement will be Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 2:30 pm at the KSU Convocation Center. We are looking forward to celebrating our wonderful Class of 2022! Additional details for our graduation ceremony will be communicated in the coming days.

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. It is imperative that our students practice good digital citizenship to avoid embarrassing themselves and their families and/or dealing with law enforcement for potential cybercrimes. Remind them 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 always proud of our Hoyas. Thank you for your continued support.

Below are some parent links for reporting social media abuse:

- Instagram <https://help.instagram.com/165828726894770>
- Twitter <https://help.twitter.com/en/forms/safety-and-sensitive-content/abuse>
- 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>

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 the spring semester view the [pre-course catalog](#) for complete details.

LAPTOPS

We have over 1900 students who have already opted-in for their school-issued laptops. We need every student to opt-in, and pick up their devices ASAP. Students will be required to begin bringing their laptops to school beginning January 5th. If you have not opted-in, please do today – it only takes a minute. Directions to opt-in can be found [here](#).

Laptop resources for parents/students

[Student Laptop Resources \(cobbk12.org\)](#)

Questions?:

Please direct any questions to Dr. Christi Osborne.
(Christi.osborne@cobbk12.org)

LOST AND FOUND

Have You Lost Anything
This Semester?

Lunch Box? Jacket? Shoes?



Stop by the
MAIN OFFICE
Before
Dec. 14th
before all items
are donated

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>

HOYA NEWS

SOFTBALL

Please join me in congratulating the following softball players on being selected first team all-region:

- Hannah Turner
- Libby McAbee
- Kyndall Rackley
- Bayleigh Rouse
- Saylor McNearney
- Alena Ball
- Hannah Turner was named Pitcher of the Year

Congratulations to the following softball players on being selected second team all-region:

- Mackenzie Kirby
- Abby Sitten
- Reagan Janney
- Maren Lipani

NATIONAL PTSA REFLECTION CONTEST

Congratulations to our winning submissions for the National PTA Reflections contest: Logan Weir for Photography, Avery Jesionowski for Dance Choreography, Kaci White, and Olivia Hayes for Visual Arts. Best of luck in the next round of judging.

FILM TEAM

Congratulations to our AVTF-1 Film Team: on winning 1st place novice film, Best Actor Novice and Best Supporting Actor Novice for their Film “Future Lens” in the Cobb County Short Movie Extravaganza Competition.

DECA CLUB

Congratulations to Harrison’s DECA club members who participated in the Region 4 DECA event on Wednesday. We had 3 students who have qualified to move on to the state DECA tournament. Good luck to them as they compete at this next level. Our 3 DECA competitors who qualified for the state tournament are Jackie Hunt, Tori Iorillo, and Alaina Hall. We have 9 total competitors going to state. Those who competed in regions can go to state for the experience.



STATE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Samantha McGarity for being recognized at the Cobb County School District Board Meeting on Thursday, December 10. Samantha McGarity was the individual state champion in the Class 7A cross country meet. She led her team to a 2nd place finish and she had the fastest time at the State meet in any classification. She also was the region 3 individual champion. She was selected to the Atlanta Track Club's 1st team All-Metro team and is the Cobb County Runner of the Year.



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.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE VISITS

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

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](#)

ATTENTION SENIORS – IMPORTANT TRANSCRIPT REQUEST INFORMATION

FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

All transcript requests for colleges with a January 1st through January 5th deadline must be processed through My Payments Plus by December 10th. Please click [here](#) to request your transcript.

FOR MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

First semester grades are not posted on transcripts until early January. If a mid-year transcript is needed for your college application, please request it after January 5th.

COBB STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

The Cobb Student Leadership Academy is currently taking applications for membership for the 2022 spring semester. Students may be in middle school or high school, and no prior leadership experience is necessary. Students simply must be interested in learning about leadership, serving the community, and collaborating with other students and teachers to make your school and school district a better place to learn. Applications will be taken until January 7th, 2022: Apply [here](#).

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:

- Girls Basketball for their win over Hiram HS 52-39. There were strong individual and team performances.
- Wrestling for their 3rd place finish at the Fort Mill Invitational over the weekend. Congrats to Tournament Champions Tyler Gallegos, Gavin Glenn, Landon Jones and Bryce Gibbs. There were strong individual and team performances.

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<https://twitter.com/hhshoyasports>



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