

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2/2/2021

REOPENING PLAN

This week, the county has updated the <u>District Quarantine Guidelines</u> and added it to the county website at <u>Reopening Plan</u>. Based on recommendations from local and state public health and effective Monday, February 1, the District will adopt a 10-day quarantine period for individuals exposed to COVID-19 in certain circumstances. Please review <u>the details</u> so you are aware of the changes.

In addition this week, <u>the District joined with ten other metropolitan districts</u> to request teachers be moved to the "priority 1a" vaccination distribution group.

We continue to encourage you, to check the Reopening Plan website regularly as guidance is provided by each division based on public health guidance, and additional 2020/2021 school year specific questions can be directed to <u>learningeverywhere@cobbk12.org</u> where they will be distributed to the appropriate division and, through the reopening site, will be responded to through the FAQ section.

Please remember that our local school information is located at the following link on our school website at <u>Harrison Remote Learning & Reopening Plan</u>. We will continue to keep updated information on this page of our school website.

COVID 19

New COVID quarantine guidance has been posted to the CCSD website. This new guidance applies ONLY to students/staff who have an exposure date of Feb 1st and beyond. Please note that this new quarantine guidance will not be applied retroactively to previous cases. CCSD standard quarantine period remains at 14 days.

As variant cases of COVID-19 have been reported in metro Atlanta, Harrison HS is reminding everyone to do their part to stop the spread of this virus. Please participate in frequent hand washing, wipe down your classroom desks, maintain social distance in common areas on campus, diligently wear your mask over BOTH your nose and mouth and utilize the provided hand sanitizer stations across our campus.

Also, if you have ANY symptoms of illness, please stay home and participate in remote learning.

International Travel rules are changing:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html

To reduce the introduction and spread of new variants of SARS-CoV-2, CDC issued an <u>Order pdf icon[PDF – 9 pages]</u> effective January 26, 2021. It requires all air passengers arriving to the US from a foreign country to get tested for COVID-19 infection no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to provide proof of the negative result or

documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight. For more information on this testing requirement, see the **Frequently Asked Questions**.

RISING 9th GRADE ELECTIVE REGISTRATION

Elective registration for rising 9th graders will begin on February 12th. Detailed instructions can be found <u>here</u>.

VIRTUAL 8th GRADE OPEN HOUSE

Virtual 8th Grade Open House will be held Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:00 p.m. This is an informative evening to learn about registration, what to expect in high school, our STEM program, how to get involved, and how to make an easy transition. The general presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please register to attend the virtual meeting in advance. You will be sent a link via email. You can register <u>here</u>.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION

Spring/Yearlong registration for AP exams opens this Friday, January 15th, and runs through Sunday, February 28th. The registration portal will close at midnight on February 28th. Please pay attention to this important deadline. More information can be found <u>here.</u>

WINTER EOC MAKE-UP

Students that missed their EOC last semester will take Make-Up EOC's on February 8th and 9th. Families that have a student in need of taking a make-up EOC will receive an email from Mr. Figueroa with which date(s) to attend.

ACCESS TESTING

Access testing for eligible English Learner students will take place February 23rd-26th. More information regarding testing will be shared with individual families. For additional questions please email alicia.lepianka@cobbk12.org

<u>ASVAB</u>

If you have registered to take the ASVAB test on Wednesday, February 3rd at 8:30 AM, the test will be administered in the Café of the Attendance Building (bottom floor) – enter the Attendance Building through the main doors.

You must be wearing a mask to enter the building, as well as during testing, so please be prepared.

You must be on time to be guaranteed admittance into the test – I would arrive by at least 8:20 am. The testing period is approximately 3 hours.

If you would like to access some practice questions, please use this link: <u>Understand the</u> <u>ASVAB | ASVAB Career Exploration Program (asvabprogram.com)</u>

If you have decided NOT to take the test, please email Christi.osborne@cobbk12.org so that you can be removed from the testing list.

EXTENDED LEARNING

We will be offering an extended tutoring program to assist students in all major content areas. Sessions will be held at Harrison High School or virtually either before or after school on the dates and times listed on our website.

What are the benefits? Harrison's extended tutoring program is the window of opportunity to increase a student's skills in the academic areas.

Do I need to arrange transportation? Yes, transposition will NOT be provided for the program. All students will need to be picked up from all extended tutoring sessions at the ending time.

Do I need to supply any materials? No. All supplies will be provided to the student.

Is homework assigned? There will be no homework assigned.

What do I need to do as a parent? Please check out the Extended Learning page on our website to find what your student needs support in. Click <u>here</u> for more information. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Sitten at <u>mandy.sitten@cobbk.org</u>.

SPRINGBOARD BOOKS

Virtual learners in need of a SpringBoard book will be able to pick up a copy in the Attendance Office Thursday, January 28th – Thursday, February the 4th during school hours. Please note: Wednesday, February 3rd will not be a day for pick-up. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Connors at <u>gail.connors@cobbk12.org</u>.

YEARBOOK



GRADUATION

Harrison's Commencement is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 9:00 am at Cantrell Stadium at McEachern High School. Please mark your calendar! The full commencement schedule for our school district, as well as other commencement details, will be posted on our school district website after 4:00 pm today.



SENIOR INFORMATION

Save the Date: March 3rd – Drive-thru pick up of graduation items including cap/gown and announcements. More details to come – stay tuned!

Save the Date: Feb 10th – Senior Superlatives.

Due to Covid restrictions, only those students who have been nominated for a senior superlative will be invited to attend the ceremony. Invitations will be sent out to nominated seniors this week. **#RockSolid21**

IF you have NOT completed your graduation information form in Parent Vue, you may not receive a diploma. This needs to be done ASAP. For instructions please click <u>here</u>.

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS FED

All breakfasts and lunches for remote and face-to-face students are provided to students at no cost. Families also do not need to pre-order student meal kits, which include items that can be reheated at home. Reheating instructions and a menu are included with the meal kits. Menus for meal kits and in-person meals are also available on the <u>Food and</u> <u>Nutrition website</u>.



Step 1) Harrison's Pick-Up Day is Wednesdays from 2-4PM.





Step 2) Drive to the school.

Or get someone to drive you!

Step 3) Tell them how many children you need to feed!

Meal Kits are available at no charge! 🕊

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



HOYA NEWS!

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEEK

It's National School Counselor Week! Thank you to our School Counseling Department! They play an integral role in the success of our students – schedules, registration, scholarships, parent nights, college planning, recommendation letters, transcript reviews, parent meetings, classroom guidance, the list goes on and on. Thank you to this team for being awesome and partnering with our students, staff, and parents. We appreciate you! They have several treats this week to celebrate! If you see them this week, be sure to thank them for all they do. Big thanks to Tammy Campbell, Jason Evans, Stephanie Gardner, Katie Hoptroff, Gillian Moody, Ajaye Schmit, and Audra Skalski!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Yesterday marked the first day of Black History Month. President Gerald Ford officially recognized February as Black History Month in 1976, asking all Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." We are reminded not only this month, but at all times, to reflect and appreciate the contributions that African American people have made to better this great nation and the world around it and to inspire movements to change. Our African American Leadership Club has a few things planned for the month, so we will share more information throughout the month.



HOYA STEM

Congrats to the following Hoya STEM students who placed at the Cobb/Pauling Science Fair. 1st Place Ghaithanya Ganji Samantha McGarity Maryam Najeeb

2nd Place Andrew Zoblisein Arsha Kishor Reid Taylor

3rd Place Alex Arrieta Taryn Claassens Nathan Robertson Lily Chappell Maya Chappell

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

VIRTUAL COLLEGE VISITS

We have several Virtual College Visits set up for our Harrison Students. Please check these out here: <u>Harrison Virtual College Visits</u> and on the Counseling Website.

MANAGE STRESS AND ANXIETY

Hoyas, you're invited to a workshop focused on coping, managing, and minimizing stress. Click here to learn more and register.

- Session 1, February 10th at 1:30: Define It
- Session 2, February 24th at 2:30 and Session 3, March 3rd at 1:30: Manage It
- Session 4, March 10th at 11:00 am and Session 5, March 17th at 11: am: Take care
 of It

9th GRADE ADVISEMENT

Counselors will host 9th Advisement Lessons with students on Wednesday, February 10th at 10 AM and 1 PM. Please encourage your student to log into the Zoom meeting to participate in creating their Individualized Graduation Plan. Zoom links are posted in CTLS for students.

VIRTUAL 9th ADVISEMENT PARENT NIGHT

Virtual 9th Advisement Parent Night will be held February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Parents of 9th graders are invited to attend this informational session. The high school years are an important time in your child's life. Decisions made here will impact future goals and opportunities in a significant way. During this meeting, we will review graduation requirements, explain your child's IGP (Individual Graduation Plan), discuss college and other post-secondary options, as well as hold a Q& A. Please register in advance to receive a meeting link. To register, click <u>here</u>.

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY DUAL ENROLLMENT

If you have a prospective student who is interested in applying to the dual enrollment program at Kennesaw State University for summer, fall, or a future term, they will be hosting their spring information sessions via Zoom.

Students can register for a session by going to <u>https://visit.kennesaw.edu/special-events/index.php</u>

February 10th at 6:00 p.m. March 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSIONS

WHEN: Wednesdays in February from 12:30- 1:00.

WHERE: ZOOM!

Fill out this Goole Form to get the ZOOM Link: <u>Scholarship Information Session</u> Form

WITH WHO: Ms. Barnes, a school counseling intern WHAT: Information on how to find scholarships and scholarship opportunities WITH WHO: Ms. Barnes, a school counseling intern Questions? Email <u>katie.barnes@cobbk12.org</u>

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Please <u>click here</u> to learn about several scholarship opportunities available from the Kennesaw Business Association. Each scholarship is worth \$500.

JUNIOR ADVISEMENT MAKEUP SESSIONS

Did you miss junior advisement during the fall semester? No problem! The Counseling Department is offering virtual makeup sessions. <u>Click here</u> to learn more and sign up.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Interested in Dual Enrollment? Please <u>click here</u> to see the Dual Enrollment Brochure for Families.

WORK PERMIT

When the student has been offered a position, the student will access <u>Work Permit</u> <u>Datasheet</u> to complete the first section (Section A) of the work permit datasheet. The student's new employer will complete Section B of the permit datasheet and provide the student with an **MSK #** that the student will submit to Harrison High School via email: <u>harrison@cobbk12.org</u>. The information will then be verified and the work permit issued and sent back via the email address provided. Please allow 48-72 hours for completion.

SPORTS AND CLUBS

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

The first meeting for the Spanish Honor Society will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 3rd at 1:30 pm. Please join the remind or email Sra. Stewart (<u>lauren.stewart@cobbk12.org</u>) for more information. **Remind:**

- Text the code "@3d6h8h"
- Text to "81010"

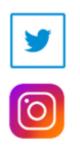
BASKETBALL

Basketball games tonight vs North Paulding. 4:30 pm JV Girls, 6:00 pm varsity girls, 7:30 pm varsity boys

The first 40 students receive a free Hoya Nation Sports t-shirt and Chik-fil-a sandwich

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