

Weekly Newsletter 1/25/22

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL CAMPBELL

Dear Harrison Families,

I hope 2022 is off to a good start for everyone. Now that we are well-underway for second semester, I wanted to provide a few reminders. I hope you will join us at Harrison this Thursday night from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm for a drop-in style Open House. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your student's teacher and hear more about what is being learned in your student's courses. The night will begin with a brief PTSA meeting in our Performing Arts Center at 5:45. Parents interested in learning more about Dual Enrollment are invited to attend an informational session in the Cafe at 6:10 p.m. or join us in the PAC for our Senior Parent Meeting at 6:10 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing our parents on Thursday night!

I also want to remind everyone that Hoya Block started today. Hoya Block occurs on Tuesdays and Thursdays between first and second period for 45 minutes. Hoya Block provides support for our students as they process curriculum standards and prepare for rigorous assessments. For more information about our Hoya Block program, please click <u>here</u>. For additional academic support, please visit our school website where each content area has an extra help schedule posted. This is a great opportunity for our students to receive support from their teachers with their course work. Please encourage your students to make the most of their Hoya Block time and to visit their teachers for extra help sessions so they are staying proactive with their learning. As always, our counselors are available to support our students whether it is with academics or any emotional needs. We are all here to support our Hoyas.

Finally, any athletic or facility use questions should now be forwarded to Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Mr. Wes Ellis at WESLEY.ELLIS@cobbk12.org or our athletic clerk Mrs. Becky Kelly at Rebecca.Kelly@cobbk12.org.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for these important upcoming dates:

February 8: 8th Grade Open House February 15: 9th Grade Parent Night March 7: Early Release Day March 12: Prom April 4 – 8: Spring Break April 19: Hoya Challenge Night April 26: Hoya Awards May 23: Early Release Day May 24 & 25: Final Exams/Early Release May 25: Last Day of Semester May 26: Graduation 2:30 p.m. at KSU Convocation Center

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Ashlynn Campbell

Principal

SAFETY MESSAGE

Dear parents and students,

The safety of our students is always our top priority. Please make note of the safety reminders for drivers, pedestrians, and the bus port reflected below:

- Students CANNOT be dropped off or picked up in the bus port. We must keep this area clear for buses to safely transport our bus riders.
- Please be cautious and mindful of your surroundings while driving on campus and walking in our parking lots.
- Please be early and patient. The busiest times for our campus traffic are always between 7:55-8:20 am and 3:30-3:50 pm. Keep in mind that rainy mornings always cause backups in west cobb, so give yourself extra time.

Drivers	Pedestrians	Bus Port
-Drive Slowly	-Be cognizant of your	-No Parent pickups or
-Be punctual don't be	surrounding	drop-offs allowed
in a rush on campus	-Use sidewalks and	-Use the crosswalk
-Pedestrians ALWAYS	crosswalks	-Get to your bus quickly
have the right of way	-Do NOT be on your cell	-Know your route and
-Don't be distracted	phone	where your bus parks
-Don't be on your cell	-NO EARBUDS IN THE	(lane number)
phone or any other	PARKING LOT	
device while driving		
-NO EARBUDS WHILE		
DRIVING		

Please take a few minutes to review these parking lot safety procedures with your student at home. We will continue to provide reminders on morning announcements. As always, we thank you for your continued support. We are not expecting any problems and we are always proud of our Hoyas, but we did want to provide a few reminders about parking lot safety as we start a new semester.

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 do NOT send your child to school if they have a pending COVID test. Out of an abundance of caution, wait for negative test results before returning to school.

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.

COVID-19

The District notified parents of changes in contact tracing protocols that were made late last week. We DO still need to know if your child tests positive for COVID-19. This is for attendance reporting, makeup work coordination, and required reports to the Department of Public Health. We remain responsible for monitoring and reporting positive cases in our building. Moving forward, we will continue to send notifications for positive cases in our building, though close contacts will not be specifically traced and notified. We will be sending notification to specific classes where a positive case was documented.

If you receive this letter, it serves as a reminder to watch for symptoms and be sure to keep your children home if they exhibit ANY symptoms that could be COVID-19.

If your child returns from quarantine and was positive for COVID-19, your child may come out of isolation after a minimum of 5 days, provided they have symptom improvement and have been fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of medication. Additionally, they must wear a mask at school for the next 5 days. Please be sure to send a mask with your student in this situation.

Close contacts of positive cases outside of school, must quarantine per the guidance of DPH.

<u>https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-</u> guidance.html.

If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse. Mrs. Keely can be reached at **shannon.keely@cobbk12.org** or by calling 678.594-8104 x 020.

OPEN HOUSE

January 27, 2022 - Open House– Parents are invited to a drop-in style Open House to meet your child's Spring Semester teachers. Make sure to view your child's schedule in ParentVue for visiting their teachers at your own pace. Drop-in times are from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. A brief PTSA meeting will be held in the PAC at 5:45 p.m. Those interested in learning more about Dual Enrollment are invited to attend an informational session in the Cafe at 6:10 p.m. or join us in the PAC for our Senior Parent Meeting at 6:10 p.m.



Harrison High School Open House



- 5:30 7:30 Drop in Open House/Classroom Visits
- 5:45 6:00 PTSA Meeting PAC
- 6:10 6:50 Senior Parent Meeting PAC
- 6:10 7:00 Dual Enrollment Informational Meeting Main Café

Future Dates

- February 36th 3th Grade Open House February 15th 9th Grade Parent Night March 7th Enrly Release Day March 12th Prom April 4th 5th Spring Break April 14th 4th Spring Break April 26th Hoya Awards May 24th Las² Final Exams/Early Release May 24th Las Day of Semester May 26th Graduation 2:30 p.m. KSU Convocation Center



AP EXAM REGISTRATION

Spring/Yearlong registration for AP exams is open and runs through Tuesday, March 1st. The registration portal will close at midnight on March 1st. Please pay attention to this important deadline. More information can be found here.



UPCOMING TESTING DATES

Please review the below schedule for upcoming testing for this semester. You can also visit our website by clicking here for updated information on testing.



HOYA BLOCK NEWS

Hoya Block started today! If you would like to make a change to your Hoya Block please visit the Main Office, Learning Commons, Counseling Office, and the Attendance Office to submit a change request form. Please contact <u>mandy.sitten@cobbk12.org</u> if you have questions.

SENIOR NEWS

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.

PROM

We are looking forward to hosting our juniors and seniors for this year's prom at Fernbank Museum on Saturday, March 12th! It's going to be a spectacular night! Ticket sales will occur through MyPaymentsPlus from 2/8/22-3/8/22. The cost for each guest is \$75, which includes admission to the venue, drinks and desserts, a DJ, photobooth, and more!

More information to come during our junior and senior class meetings on February 8th.

CCSD LAPTOPS

We are so happy that most of our students have received and are using their county-issued laptops. Thank you, parents, for opting in, and students for bringing your fully charged laptops to school daily.

You can help protect your laptop by either using the county-issued carrying case or another suitable protective case. Carrying your laptop without a case leads to potentially increased damage to the laptop. Unfortunately, computer parts are subject to supply chain issues as well, and a broken laptop may take some time to fix. We don't have loaner laptops available, so please be proactive.

We suggest keeping your charging cords at home. This prevents loss, damage, or even theft. Charge your computer fully every night, and you won't need a charging cord at school.

Students, please do your part to take care of this amazing resource that the county has provided by taking the extra time to protect your laptop.

<u>PTSA</u>

PTSA will be providing a soup and salad dinner for teachers Open House night next week, but we can only do it with your help! Here's the sign up if you'd like to donate something.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4caaaa29aafcc07-ptsa4

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

DECA

Congratulations to Harrison's chapter of DECA – they have been named as a Membership Campaign Winner for the 21-22 school year. Harrison's student leadership, along with their sponsor, Mr. Stephen Burton received accolades for their showcase of the effects of DECA in preparing emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for college and career success while also serving their community. Harrison's DECA chapter will be recognized at the upcoming Statewide Career Development Conference. These Hoyas are #rocksolid!

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.



CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Beginning the first week in February, class newsletters will be sent to all students and parents through CTLS, and you will no longer need to register. Please make sure your email is correct in StudentVUE/ParentVUE to make sure you receive the monthly newsletter. January class newsletters can be viewed using the links below:

- Freshman Class of 2025
- <u>Sophomore Class of 2024</u>
- Junior Class of 2023
- Senior Class of 2022

APPLEROUTH SAT PREP CLASS AT HARRISON

Applerouth is offering Harrison students a SAT prep class. It features 20 hours of group tutoring and 3 mock tests. The classes will be on Thursdays from 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm, March 5th – May 5th and the cost is \$400. Click <u>here</u> to view the flyer with more information or register <u>here</u>. The registration deadline is March 1st.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for scholarships? Click <u>here</u> to access the Scholarship Bulletin or visit the Counseling Department's Website.

COBB SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Cobb Schools Foundation has announced its 2022 scholarship opportunities. Click <u>here</u> to learn more.

DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION SESSION

Join us for our Dual Enrollment Information Session on January 27th from 6:10 pm – 7:00 pm in the Main Café.

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Kennesaw State University and Chattahoochee Technical College will present their dual enrollment programs, admissions requirements, and application



"PATHWAY TO COLLEGE" PRESENTED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION The Latin American Association is presenting a five part virtual series "Bathway

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9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

Parents of current 9th grade students are invited to join us for 9th Grade Parent Night on February 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Topics covered will include graduation requirements, your child's Individual Graduation Plan, college and other post-secondary options, and a Q&A.

9th Grade Pavent Night

Tuesday, February 15th @ 6 pm in the Performing Arts Center



Parents of current 9thgrade students are invited to:

- Learn about graduation
 requirements
- Review your student's individual graduation plan
- Discuss post-secondary options
- Q&A

WORK PERMIT

Please click <u>here</u> for directions for obtaining work permits for students under age 16.

FINE ARTS

GMEA COMPOSITION WINNER

Congratulations to Madison Hill for being selected as a winner in the GMEA state composition contest! Madison will be recognized and her music will be performed by our Harrison String Quartet at the GMEA In-Service conference this Friday in Athens, GA for the state's music educators.

CHORUS

Congratulations to our Chorus students for an EXCEPTIONAL GMEA Concert performance last night! It was amazing to see these Hoyas create magic!

BAND

Congratulations to our 16 Harrison High School band students who have received 2022 District 12 Honor Band recognition:

Named to the District 12 Honor Band from Harrison Bands are

- Daniel Banstetter, Clarinet
- Ashling Clark, Bass Clarinet
- Ainsley Collier, Clarinet

- Blake Dwelle, Alto Saxophone
- Maggie Forester, Trumpet
- Aurora Hampton, Trumpet
- Evan Janiga, Trombone
- Katherine Murray, Clarinet
- Connor Naylor, Trumpet
- Tristan Sanford, French Horn
- Alex Thrash, Clarinet, and
- Davis Wetter, French Horn/Bass Clarinet.

Recognized as alternate members of the District 12 Honor Band are

- Karl Christianson, Tenor Saxophone
- Katie Ferrell, Alto Saxophone
- Lauren Sanford, Oboe, and
- Wesley Wilder, Tenor Saxophone

The District 12 Honor Band will perform in concert at North Cobb High School on Sunday, Feb. 6, following music workshops and rehearsals conducted over the previous several days. Participants also will attend a special concert performed by the Cobb New Horizons Band on Saturday, Feb. 5. Click <u>here</u> to read more.

SPORTS

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

- The Girls Basketball team for their 58-41 win over North Paulding HS on Tuesday, January 18th, a 69-49 win over Walton HS on Friday, January 21st and another big win over Denmark HS 56-42 on Saturday, January 22nd. There were many strong individual and team performances in all 3 games.
- The Boys Basketball team for a win over North Paulding HS on Tuesday, January 18th. There were strong individual and team performances.
- Wrestling for their 3rd place finish in the 3rd Annual Spartan Duals on Saturday, January 22nd. There were strong individual and team performances.
- Swim and Dive teams for their performances over the weekend in the County Championships. The Boys finished in 2nd place and the Girls finished in 5th place. Mitch McClain took home 2 county titles and set a school record in the 200 Free with a time of 1:41.97. The other top 3 finishers were Parker Murray - 3rd – 100 Breast, Sam Voss/Parker

Murray/Mitch McClain/Robby Young – 3rd 200 Medley Relay and Sam Voss/Sean Dalton/Parker Murray/Mitch McClain – 3rd 400 Free Relay. Congrats to Divers Jack Lakis for his 2nd place finish and Sarah Behrman with her 3rd place finish.

• Boys and Girls Soccer teams for their wins over Brookwood HS, each winning their games 3-0.

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