



Weekly Newsletter 10/26/21

CONGRATS, HOYA NATION, ON THE 2021 GRADUATION RATE!

Congrats, Hoya Nation, on the 2021 Graduation Rate! Harrison has the highest graduation rate among all high schools in the Cobb County School District at 97.7%! Thank you to our entire staff and our families for staying committed to the well-being and academic success of our Hoyas! Please click [here](#) to read more.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. HOLLY REASON!

Congratulations to Mrs. Holly Reason! She was recognized on October 26, 2021 at The Galleria as Harrison's Teacher of the Year! Thank you, Mrs. Reason, for being an awesome teacher! We appreciate you!



LAPTOPS

We have over 1700 students who have already opted-in for their school-issued laptops – great job. We need every student to opt-in, and pick up their device prior to November 5th, as End-of-Course testing begins right after Thanksgiving break. If you have not opted-in, please do so today – it only takes a minute. Directions to opt-in can be found [here](#).

Why Should I opt-in for a laptop?:

School issued devices will be connected to the Cobb server. This will allow for better connectivity.

School issued devices will come with the required Office 365 software that Cobb students utilize.

School issued devices will have access to our testing platforms. For example, students can take End of Course Tests, MI/RI tests all from the classroom, which provides us more flexibility. We have a limited number of computer labs.

When all students have the same device, teachers can incorporate technology more often since they are assured all students have access.

Distribution Plan:

The distribution of laptops will continue during lunches – please have your students report to the learning commons during their lunch period to pick up their device.

Questions?:

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

RED RIBBON WEEK

PTSA is ready for Red Ribbon Week 2021. This year's theme is Drug Free Looks Like Me. At school, students will notice red ribbons around the school symboling a drug free and healthy lifestyle. Parents, please partner with us and discuss this message at home, at the dinner table, at family outings, and with friends and extended family. Want a fun way to start or continue the conversation about drugs with your children AND have a chance to win an iPad? National Family Partnership is sponsoring a photo contest. This contest is free, simple, and you could win an iPad and \$1,000 for our school!! Log onto www.redribbon.org

SPRING SCHEDULES

Spring Schedules will be made available via StudentVUE on Wednesday evening, October 13th. A drop/add period will follow from Wednesday evening, October 13th through Friday, November 5th. Students may request to drop/add if they 1.) are scheduled for a course in which they **have not taken the prerequisite**, 2.) are scheduled for a course in which they have **already received credit**, 3.) are scheduled for **3 or fewer classes** (students should not assume they have minimum day - if they have minimum day, it will be listed), 4.) missing a **course required for graduation**, 5.) are scheduled for an **incorrect academic course**, 6.) wish to **double up in an Honors/AP math or science class**, or 7.) wish to take a class **online or via dual enrollment** (student will use the form to express their desire to take an online or dual enrollment course, but will not be scheduled for the course until they have discussed and received approval from their counselor, and completed all paperwork. The following links may be helpful as you review your schedule: [Graduation Requirements](#); [Harrison Course Catalog](#)

Students will use the following link to submit a drop/add submission. **Each student will only be allowed to submit one form but may include more than one drop/add request on their one submission.** [Spring Drop/Add Form](#)

STUDENT CHECK-OUTS

As we continue to keep student safety a priority, please remember that students are required to check out of school through the attendance office. Students may not leave campus without following important check-out procedures. Any early checkouts should be requested through a note brought in by the student on the day of their early dismissal. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

MESSAGE FROM LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS

We have been asked to send a friendly reminder that students should not park in local neighborhoods or businesses as they may receive a ticket or have their car towed.

REMINDERS

Please pay your class fees. These dues help pay for student events and activities throughout the school year. Visit [My Payments Plus](#) to pay your dues today. Parents, please make sure that your child comes to school prepared each day (homework, lunch, clothing, school supplies). Our offices do not accept drop-offs of items for students. Please refer to the student handbook on our website for further details. Please remember that all lunches are offered at no cost this year in the café.

HOYA BLOCK

Hoya Block has started! 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.

SENIOR MESSAGE

Seniors all graduation orders are due by December 1st. Please click [here](#) for more information on purchasing caps/gowns, graduation announcements, and senior memorabilia. All graduating seniors participating in commencement MUST purchase a cap and gown.

The deadline for seniors to choose their portraits for the yearbook has been extended to 11/29. Please log on to Prestige Portraits' website to select your pose. Information on how

to choose is included in your proofs. If you have any problems, see Mrs. Madray in room 808.

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>

ED-SPLOST VI

As you know, the ED-SPLOST VI voting referendum is Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Please visit the Cobb County School District website by clicking [here](#). This link includes a detailed notebook of all ED-SPLOST VI projects and a one-page overview of ED-SPLOST VI. This link also includes a short video which we encourage you to watch.

HOYA NEWS

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

The Harrison chapter of National Honor Society will induct its newest members on October 27th. The ceremony will be held in the PAC on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served afterward.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Sleighbells on the Square is presented by the Cobb County Bar Association to support the Children's Emergency Fund, a 501c3. The Fund provides emergency grants to Cobb County families within our school system who are facing financial emergencies or crises. The Fund provides support for Cobb families in need in areas that are often not addressed by traditional charities, assisting with utility bills, clothing, medicine, housing, to help local families get back on track.

The 20th Anniversary Sleighbells on the Square 5K is Peachtree Qualifying Race and USATF certified, sponsored by the Cobb County Bar Association. This event for the whole family takes place on Marietta Square where the races will start and finish. Festive holiday attire is encouraged. Strollers and dogs are allowed. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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.

OCTOBER COLLEGE VISITS Sign up using the link in our bio or through the counseling office website!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10/05 Johnson & Wales University @ 4:00 pm	10/05 Stetson University @ 4:00 pm	10/05 Clemson University @ 4:00 pm	10/07 University of North GA @ 4:00 pm	10/08 Mississippi State University @ 4:00 pm
10/11 University of Miami @ 4:00 pm	10/12 Chattanooga Technical College @ 4:00 pm	10/13 Worcester Polytechnic Inst. @ 4:00 pm	10/14 Vanderbilt University @ 4:00 pm	10/15 St. John's College @ 4:00 pm
10/18 Agnes Scott College @ 1:00 pm	10/19 Pennsylvania State University @ 4:00 pm	10/20 Berea College @ 4:00 pm	10/21 Dalton State College @ 4:00 pm	10/22 Gordon State College @ 4:00 pm
10/25 Oglethorpe University @ 4:00 pm	10/26 Flagler College @ 4:00 pm	10/27 Georgia State @ 4:00 pm	10/28 University of Tennessee @ 4:00 pm	10/29 Savannah College of Art & Design @ 4:00 pm

NOVEMBER College VISITS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11/01 Emory State University @ 4:00 pm; University of Alabama @ 7:00 pm	11/02 School of the Art Institute of Chicago @ 4:00 pm	11/03 Sanford University @ 4:00 pm	11/04 United States Navy @ 4:00 pm	11/05 University of North Georgia @ 4:00 pm	11/06 Bryant University @ 4:00 pm
11/07	11/08	11/09	11/10	11/11	11/12
11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18
11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24
11/25	11/26	11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30
11/30	11/31				

Thanksgiving Break

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](#)

FINANCIAL AID VIRTUAL PARENT MEETINGS

A representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will present information about FAFSA, HOPE, and scholarships available to students on November 10th at 6:00

PM. These meetings will be virtual and the same information will be presented at both meetings. Please click [here](#) to register for the date/time you plan to attend.

A poster for a virtual financial aid meeting. The background is a collage of US dollar bills. The text is as follows: "Virtual Financial Aid Meeting" in a mix of bold and script fonts. Below that, it says "A representative from Georgia Student Finance Commission will present information about the FAFSA, HOPE, and scholarships available to students." A white box contains the dates "Oct 2 at 10 AM" and "Nov 10 at 6 PM". A yellow box says "Register at:" with a red arrow pointing to a QR code. Below the QR code is the URL "https://bit.ly/FAnight21". On the right side of the poster is a tree where the leaves are dollar bills.

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VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

On October 29th, join us for Virtual Coffee with the Counselors – Drop/Add Help Session from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM. This session will be an informal presentation/discussion to help parents support their students in the drop/add process. Click [here](#) to register.

JUNIOR ADVISEMENT

Counselors will meet individually with every junior from October 5th – November 19th. Parents have received communication regarding their student’s junior advisement appointment via email and are invited to attend this meeting virtually. Please take some time to look over the junior advisement packet with your student prior to this 20-minute meeting. If you have questions please reach out to your student’s counselor. [Junior Advisement Packet](#)

US SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

The United States Senate Youth Program sends two delegates from every state to spend a week in Washington, D.C., where they study our government firsthand. There is also a \$10,000 college scholarship for each delegate. Georgia's deadline for United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) applications has been extended to October 29, 2021. High school juniors and seniors who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- Must serve in an elected or appointed position representing a constituency during the current (2021-2022) school year (see website for details).
- Will be attending high school in Georgia through spring 2022.

- The week of March 5-12, 2022, selected students will be required to completely block the timeframe of the program and attend all events in order to serve as delegates and receive the scholarship.
- Must have proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residence (this is a requirement of the national program).

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

WORK PERMIT

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

FINE ARTS THEATRE

Congratulations to Harrison Theatre's Cast & Crew of *dirt* by Mandy Conner on their First Place finish at the Region 7-A One Act Competition. They will be moving on to the State Competition on November 20th in Buford. In addition to the win, Mason Rountree was selected for All-Star Cast and Brayden Fennell won Best Actor in a Female Role. The Judges created a special Recognition Award to honor the Musicians in the show's live Blue Grass Band and the cast won Best Ensemble for the third year in a row!



Announcing Auditions & Technical Applications for Harrison Theatre's Spring Musical *Chicago: High School Edition!*

Scene and Song Auditions will be held by appointment on Monday, November 1 and Tuesday, November 2 and Dance auditions will be Wednesday, November 3. ALL those auditioning MUST attend the Dance audition. Applications for the Technical Crew are due Wednesday, November 3 at 10 pm. Please visit www.harrisontheatre.com for all audition selections, tech applications, resume templates, and more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HARRISON BAND MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO THE TRI-M HONOR SOCIETY!

Congratulations to our Harrison Band Members who have been inducted into the Tri-M Honor Society! Please click [here](#) to read this story and more about our Harrison Band! Members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society from Harrison High School in 2021-22 are Back Row: Daniel Banstetter, Charles Sweetman, Zach Taneri, Tristan Sandford, David Wetter, Ainsley Collier, Ashley Fulton, Maggie Frost. Front Row: Ashling Clark, Alex Thrash, Abbie Newton, Kate Kennedy, Lyndsey Williams, Anna Miller, Aurora Hampton, Michael Strickland.



SPORTS

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

- Volleyball for their win over Lowndes HS in the State Playoffs and finishing their excellent season in the Sweet 16 of the State Playoffs!
- Softball for their excellent season and finishing up in the Sweet 16 of the State Playoffs.
- Cross Country Boys team for finishing 1st in the Region and will advance to State in 2 weeks. There were strong team performances and individual performances by Andrew Cole, Kaden McVey, Mark Ravenscraft, Bryce Brownlee and Sterling Sellier. The Girls finished 3rd in the Region meet and Samantha McGarity is the Region Champion. They will advance to State in 2 weeks. There were strong team performances and individual performances by Ellary Hackworth and Marley Hess.

BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER

If you are interested in trying out for the Harrison Girls or Boys Soccer team this Spring, please complete this [Harrison Soccer 2022 Season Interest](#) form.

There will be a Parent Meeting on **Thursday 10/28 at 7:00 pm** in the Freshman Cafe. Tryouts are scheduled to begin on January 3rd. Please note this is during our Holiday Break, two days before school starts back.

TRACK AND FIELD

Please join us on Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 for information regarding the 2022 Track and Field season. We will meet in the Performing Arts Center for this General Meeting. Click here for additional information: [Announcements - HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD \(weebly.com\)](#)

BASEBALL

HOYA BASEBALL SPIRIT STORE IS NOW OPEN! "Official" Hoya Baseball Gear - Store closes at Midnight on Sunday, Nov. 21. You may go to the home page on our website www.harrisonbaseball.org to the online store to order, or this link will take you there as well: <https://hoyabaseballteam2021-22.itemorder.com/>

STUDENT PASSES

A one-time \$75 fee is good for STUDENT entry into ALL REGULAR SEASON HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS. Pass will be digital so holder will simply display using mobile device at the entry gate for validation.

Note: Does not include the following...

- *Away events*
- *GHS A-sanctioned events held before the playoffs (i.e., Region Tournaments/Championships hosted at Harrison)*
- *Post-season/playoff events*

URL LINK → <https://gofan.co/app/events/335145>

GIRLS BASKETBALL

SAVE THE DATE

HARRISON

HOYAS
 Girls Basketball

**PAINT CAN
 RECYCLING
 FUNDRAISER**

WHEN
 Saturday, November 13th 9am - 2pm

WHERE
 Harrison High School Parking Lot
 4500 Due West Rd, Kennesaw

WHY
 Directly Benefits Girls Basketball Program.
 Recycle paint instead of sending to the dump

ACCEPTED All cans must have labels. Latex and Oil Paints.
 Including Behr, Valspar, Kilz, Minwax, Thompson Wood
 Sealer, Helmsman, Polyurethane and Spray Paint cans
 QUESTIONS? email terrimitch@gmail.com or (770) 845-7704

**DROP-OFF FEE
 REQUIRED**
 Cash, Checks, Venmo accepted

Latex

Pint	\$2
Quart	\$2
Gallon	\$5
2 Gallons	\$10
5 Gallons	\$25

OIL

Spray Can	\$2
Pint	\$2
Quart	\$2
Gallon	\$5
5 Gallon	\$25

NOT ACCEPTED

- Lacking Containers
- Tank/Plastic/Marine coating
- Lacquer & Lacquer thinner
- Roof tar
- Two-part epoxy
- Oil paint
- Catalyst Part A or Part B
- Lead paint
- Paint with Mercury
- Acetone
- Cleaners, Chemicals
- "Professional Use Only"

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