



## Weekly Newsletter 10/5/21

### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Harrison Families,

I hope everyone had a safe and restful September break. It's hard to believe that we are now about halfway through first semester. This is a good time for students to reflect on their current performance in their courses and look ahead for the second half of the semester. We want to make sure students are on track and working to achieve their academic goals. Please remind your students that all departments have posted tutorial times for extra help. This information is listed on our school website under "Academics." You will need to visit each department's page for tutorial times. Please encourage your student to communicate with his or her teachers for questions or concerns about course work. Also, our entire counseling team is always available for our Hoyas and are great resources for support. Please let us know how we can help your student!

Besides academic success, the safety of our Hoyas is paramount. Before the September break, I made a morning announcement reminding our students about good decision making and the importance of school safety. I emphasized that school safety is a collective responsibility where everyone plays a role. I reiterated that if students are ever aware of anything that jeopardizes the safety of another student, faculty/staff member, or our campus to please report the information to an adult so that our campus officer and administrative team can investigate. This includes anything that creates an unsafe learning environment or interrupts our normal operations at Harrison.

The most important safety feature that we have at Harrison, and the one that we rely on the most often, is the relationships we build with students and families. It is not uncommon for students to come to us with information that allows us to be pro-active in keeping all our students and staff safe. Students holding each other accountable is a powerful tool and the best way that we have to stay informed. We will continue to maintain the culture we have at Harrison that our faculty and staff is approachable so that students will continue to report information to us or the Cobb County Police.

What can you do to help? Please keep talking to your students about making good decisions at school and in social settings. Please also make sure that your students are using social media safely and practicing positive digital citizenship. Specifically, this means that students are not putting anything on TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, in text, etc... that may lead to an arrest or a suspension from school. We do not want our students to make decisions based on what is trending on a social media platform. Finally, please encourage your student to practice the “see something, say something” ethic. No concern is too small.

We are very proud of our students and appreciate the way they continue to positively represent Hoya Nation. We are not anticipating any problems, but as always, we want to clearly communicate our academic and behavior expectations. Thank you for your continued support as we all work towards our vision of **H**elping **O**ur **Y**outh **A**chieve **S**uccess.

Sincerely,

Ashlynn Campbell  
Principal

## **LAPTOPS**

Before the break, parents received a letter from the Cobb County School District notifying you of the opportunity for any face to face learner to have a school issued laptop. Students will keep the laptop as long as they are enrolled in the District. While many of our students may already have a personal device, we encourage all families to “opt-in” through Parent Vue and have your student receive a device.

### **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 begin on Friday, October 8th. Students will receive laptops during their lunch period, based on the date of their opt-in. We will continue to distribute devices each day – students will receive a pass during 1st block (or 2nd block if they are off campus during 1st) which will allow them to pick up their laptop during their lunch period. Distribution will take only a few minutes – students will still be able to have lunch in the café.

### **Questions?:**

Please direct any questions to Dr. Christi Osborne.  
([Christi.osborne@cobbk12.org](mailto:Christi.osborne@cobbk12.org))

## **COLA LOTTERY INFORMATION**

As Superintendent Chris Ragsdale announced during the August Cobb Schools Board of Education meeting, Cobb families will once again have an opportunity to choose the learning environment that best supports the needs of their student(s).

The District is offering students (6th-12th grade) the option to enter a lottery for seats in Cobb Online Learning Academy (COLA) at Cobb Horizon starting in January 2022.

Middle and high school lottery winners will be withdrawn from their current schools and enrolled in COLA for the spring semester.

**Enrolling adults** may enter the lottery for full-time online learning between **October 6 and October 19, 2021**.

Starting on October 6, **enrolling adults** may enter the online learning lottery through ParentVue. Once logged in to ParentVue, **enrolling adults** should click Online Learning Lottery in the menu on the left, and then click again at the top of the page. Select your choice for each of your students and click submit. You will receive an email confirmation regarding your lottery entry after the lottery window closes.

Lottery results will be emailed in early November.

## **THANK YOU, OFFICER WADDELL!**

The Cobb Chamber has designated October 3 – 9 as Public Safety Appreciation Week. This is a countywide effort where communities have

an opportunity to say thank you to public safety personnel. Here at Harrison, we are fortunate to have Officer Waddell on campus! Thank you to Officer Waddell for keeping our campus safe! We appreciate you!



## PSAT

On October 13th all 9th, 10th, and all paid 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT. All 11th grade students that did not pay for the PSAT will be taking the ASVAB that morning. Please help us with reminding your student to get a good night's sleep and have a number 2 pencil and approved college board calculator for testing day.

\*All seniors will be involved in the senior summit during the testing time.

**WEDNESDAY, October 13th, 2021**

**Advisement and Testing 8:20 – 12:25**

**3rd Period 12:29 – 2:21**

**A 12:29 – 12:54\***

**B 12:58 – 1:23\***

**C 1:27 – 1:52\***

**D 1:56- 2:21\***

**4th Period 2:27 – 3:30**

## SENIOR SUMMIT

Senior Summit – Wednesday, Oct 13th

All seniors who have not signed up to take the ASVAB test on October 13th will attend the Harrison HS Senior Summit.

This amazing program will incorporate guest speakers, a senior breakfast, and a Class of 2022 group picture.

Seniors will report to the PAC by 8:20 AM on October 13th. The Summit will conclude at approximately 12:25 pm, at which time students will report to their regularly scheduled 3rd block class.

## **HOMECOMING**

It's Homecoming time, Hoyas! Come join us for an evening to "Dance through the Decades" on Saturday, October 16th from 7-10 p.m. in our Hoya Center. Outside areas for fellowship will also be available. Information on ticket sales will be communicated soon!

## **MESSAGE FROM PTSA**

Please help the PTSA Hospitality Committee treat our Harrison Staff to a tailgate style lunch to celebrate Homecoming. Sign up to donate by using this link. As always thank you for helping make this possible!

**[Volunteers 2021-2022: PTSA Tailgate Grab and Go Lunch \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)**



## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

October 3 – 9 has been designated as Fire Prevention Week by the National Fire Protection Association and the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. The statewide fire drill during Fire Prevention Week will allow Georgia's students, faculty, and citizens to practice emergency exit procedures to ensure prompt, safe evacuations of facilities in the event of an emergency. This year's FPW campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action. Please check your fire alarms at home and make

sure that they are working. For more information about fire prevention week, please visit this site: [Fire Prevention Week \(FPW\) \(nfpa.org\)](https://www.nfpa.org).

## **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.

## **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/safety-and-security/report-abusive-behavior>

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>

## **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.

## HOYA WRITING CENTER



**Harrison High School**

*Hoya Writing Center*

The Hoya Writing Center is open for appointment in room 9129. NEHS tutors can help you with writing assignments, college essays, creative writing, & more!



Times:

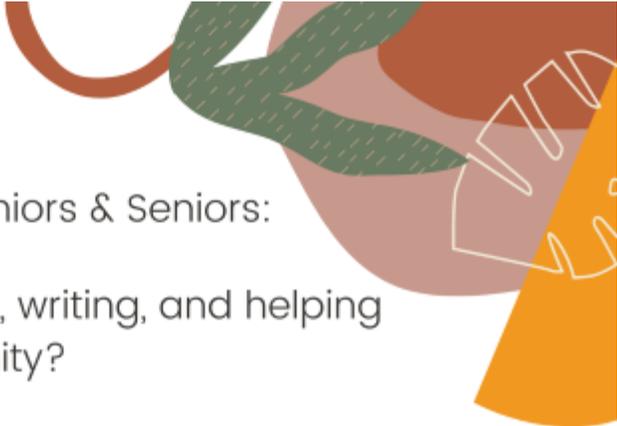
Tuesday-Friday Mornings (7:15-8:15)  
Monday-Thursday Afternoons (3:45-4:30)

Sign-up:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4da4af2aa5f4c16-tutoring1>

Scan to sign up!



## JOIN NEHS



Attention Juniors & Seniors:

Love reading, writing, and helping  
the community?

# Join NEHS!

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*National English Honor Society*

SCAN HERE FOR THE  
APPLICATION!

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 17TH



## HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA REFLECTIONS CONTEST

Hoya students, we want to see your creativity reflected in the area of dance, film, literature, visual arts, photography, music composition and special artist work in this year's National PTA 2021-2022 Reflections Contest. The theme this year is "I Will Change the World By...." Get your creative juices flowing, and show how Hoyas will change the world! Entries are due by Friday, October 22nd at 3:45 p.m. to the Harrison HS

Front Office (main office). Forms and more information can be found at [www.harrisonptsa.org](http://www.harrisonptsa.org).

## 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.

## 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>

## 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](http://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
10/6: Johnson & Wales University @ 4:00 pm University of Kentucky @ 7 pm	10/5: Stetson University @ 4:00 pm	10/6: Clemson University @ 4:00 pm	10/7: University of North GA @ 4:00 pm	10/8: Mississippi State University @ 4:00 pm
10/11: University of Miami @ 4:00 pm	10/12: Chattahoochee 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: Reinhardt University @ 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 Southern @ 4:00 pm; Birmingham Southern @ 7 pm	10/28: University of Tennessee @ 4:00 pm	10/29: Savannah College of Art & Design @ 4:00 pm

### **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 October 2nd at 10:00 AM and 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.

The poster features a background of US dollar bills. At the top, the word "Virtual" is written in a cursive font. Below it, "Financial Aid Meeting" is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. A block of text in the center reads: "A representative from Georgia Student Finance Commission will present information about the FAFSA, HOPE, and scholarships available to students." Below this, a white rectangular box with a black border contains the dates "Oct 2 at 10 AM" and "Nov 10 at 6 PM" in bold black text. In the lower-left corner, a yellow banner says "Register at:" above a QR code. A red arrow points from the QR code to a stylized tree on the right, where the leaves are represented by dollar bills. At the bottom left of the poster, the URL "https://bit.ly/FAnight21" is printed.

*Virtual*  
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**Nov 10 at 6 PM**

**Register at:**



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### **VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS**

On October 29th, join us for Virtual Coffee with the Counselors – College Application 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 application 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](#)

## SCHOLARTREK COBB COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR

The ScholarTrek Cobb County College Fair is right around the corner! The in-person college fair is on Thursday, October 7th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the North Cobb Regional Library. Thanks to our Sponsors, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student in attendance. Pre-registration is encouraged to help us manage social distancing and serves as an entry for the \$500 scholarship. Masks will be required for all attendees. Students can pre-register [here](#).



ScholarTrek

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# COBB COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR

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**Thursday, October 7 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**North Cobb Regional Library**  
3535 Old 41 Hwy NW  
Kennesaw, GA 30144



**Scan the QR code  
or  
visit [scholartrekevents.com](https://scholartrekevents.com)  
to pre-register**

## WORK PERMIT

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

## **FINE ARTS**

### **BAND**

Congratulations to our Harrison Bands for an awesome Fall concert before the September break. They were exceptional!

### **ORCHESTRA**

Congratulations to our Harrison Orchestra for an awesome Fall concert before the September break. Our Hoyas were excellent!

### **THEATRE**

Congratulations to our theatre team for being recognized as a Gold Honor Troupe. This award is for our theater team's work on the stage as well as in our community. Way to go!

## **SPORTS**

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

- Volleyball for their win over Villa Rica 2-0 on Sept 23, with a strong team and individual performances.
- XC girls and boys teams for competing in the Wingfoot Classic and the Kowboy Classic over the break at Osceola HS, Kissimmee, FL. There were strong individual and team performances.
- Softball for their wins over North Paulding 3-0 on Sept 22; Marietta HS on Senior Night, Sept 23, Game 1 16-0 and Game 2 12-0, with a strong team and individual performances.

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Boys Basketball Tryouts

October 25th and 26th

10th-12th grade 6:25 - 7:55 AM in Hoya Center

9th grade 4:00 - 5:30 PM in Presidential Gym

### **SWIM AND DIVE TEAM**

The Harrison High School H2oyas Swim and Dive team electronic registration is still open but will be closing this week on Thursday, October 7th.

Whether you're a returning member or new to joining our team, the registration process is simple and takes only a few minutes. Go to [www.h2oyas.com](http://www.h2oyas.com) to find further information and register.

Team tryouts are scheduled for Monday, October 11th and the initial team meeting (parents and athletes) will be held on Wednesday, October 13th.

In order to be on the Harrison High School Swim and Dive team roster, you must also have your athletic registration completed through PARENTVUE.

### **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*
- *GHSA-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>

### **PLEASE FOLLOW**

<https://twitter.com/hoyaprincipal>

<https://twitter.com/hhshoyasports>



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**@hoyacounselors**

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<https://www.harrisonptsa.org/>