



Weekly Newsletter 9/21/21

FALL BREAK

Best wishes to Hoya Nation for a fun and SAFE Fall Break for September 27th – October 1st. Please remind your students to make good decisions off campus and to be responsible for what they post on their social media accounts over the break. We are not anticipating any issues, but we wanted to give a friendly reminder. We look forward to seeing our Hoyas back in the building on Monday, October 4th.



LEARNING EVERYWHERE STUDENT LAPTOP DISTRIBUTION

The Cobb County School District is initiating a program to provide a Dell laptop and carrying case to any high school student participating in face-to-face instruction this school year. To receive a laptop, the enrolling adult must [login to ParentVue](#) and click on the Student Device Liability Agreement menu option (on the left). You will then have to select the Student Device Liability Agreement link in order to review the terms and choose Opt-In. By clicking Opt-In, you indicate you have also reviewed and accepted the full Technology Checkout Agreement regarding care and usage of the laptop. Your student will be assigned a new laptop while they are enrolled in the Cobb County School District and will be required to return the device upon graduation or withdrawal from the district.

If you opt-out, no laptop will be distributed to your student.

More details, including tech support options, will be passed along to your child once they receive their device. **IMPORTANT: If your student was assigned a laptop for the virtual 2020-2021 school year, that device must be returned before a new one can be issued.**

This distribution plan will take some time, so please be patient as we strive to make this a seamless process. Schools will be individually communicating distribution dates.

Thank you for your support!



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

ASVAB

Thinking of a career in the military? Or are you just curious about exploring careers that may be a good fit for you?

Any current SENIOR who wants to sign up to take the ASVAB should sign up by October 2nd

at: <https://HarrisonHS.formstack.com/forms/hhsasvab2021>

Testing will take place on October 13th at 8:30 am in the Learning Commons.

Only Seniors who sign up can test.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Osborne
(Christi.osborne@cobbk12.org)

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 after September break!

EARLY DISMISSAL REMINDERS

Please make sure that all early dismissal notes are submitted to the Attendance office Via email the morning of the day the student is to leave early. The Attendance office calls the parent/guardian to confirm each note that is submitted. The student will not be permitted to leave campus until the note is verified. Parent contact must be through the phone numbers in the student information system. Please be sure the note includes a current phone number where a parent/guardian can be reached. If a parent wishes for another adult to pick up the student, this request must also be in writing via email, and/or their name(s) must be in the student information portal. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, the students will not be allowed to leave school. If a checkout note is not submitted via email for verification, the parent will be required to show identification at the Attendance office to process the checkout request. At the time of early dismissal/checkout, all students must sign out in the Attendance office before leaving. If returning the same day, students must also sign in at the Attendance office. Thank you for your support as we work to keep our students safe.

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>

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 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. **As a reminder, students that have a pending COVID-19 test result, may not attend school or any other school related activity until that test has been resulted. If the test is Positive, please notify the school nurse, immediately. Please check the COVID public safety guidelines by clicking [here](#).**

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/10c0c4da4a72aa5f4c16-tutoring1>

Scan to sign up!



JOIN NEHS



Attention Juniors & Seniors:
Love reading, writing, and helping the community?

Join NEHS!

National English Honor Society

SCAN HERE FOR THE APPLICATION!
QR CODE: 00710884 0716



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.

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>

HOYA NEWS

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALIST

Congratulations to **Andrew Hendershot** for being named as a Semi-Finalist in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. He now has the opportunity to continue in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our awesome Teacher of the Month, Ms. McGinnis! Thank you for all you do! Well-deserved recognition!



STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our wonderful Staff Member of the Month, Mr. Robinson! Thank you for all you do! Well-deserved recognition!



ROCK SOLID AWARD

Each month we award faculty members that go above and beyond to help Harrison be a great place to be. Please help us in thanking Ms. Motsinger, Mr. Case, and Mr. Holder for being ROCK SOLID!





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.

College Visits

9/20 4:00 PM	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	
9/21 4:00 PM	PERDUE UNIVERSITY	
9/22 4:00 PM	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA	
9/23 4:00 PM	AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY	
9/24 4:00 PM	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10/4 Johnson & Wales University @ 4:00 pm	10/5 Seton 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 Chattanooga Technical College @ 4:00 pm	10/13 Worcester Polytechnic Inst. @ 4:00 pm	10/14 Vanderbilt University @ 4:00 pm		
10/18 Samford University @ 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 Ogleshope University @ 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](#)

SOURCES OF STRENGTH

Sources of Strength provides the highest quality evidence-based prevention for suicide, violence, bullying and substance abuse by training, supporting, and empowering both peer leaders and caring adults to impact their world through the power of connection, hope, help and strength.

Click [here](#) to view the informational flyer or click [here](#) to join.

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL DUAL ENROLLMENT SESSIONS

The upcoming virtual sessions with Kennesaw State University will include information about the Dual Enrollment process, credit evaluation process, and next steps after admission. Dual Enrollment admissions counselors will be available to answer all your questions during the Q&A portion of the Zoom meeting.

October 14th at 6:00 pm: [Register here](#)

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE

Kennesaw State University Open Houses offer you the opportunity to ask questions about the major you're interested at either the Marietta Campus or the Kennesaw Campus. Learn about the admissions process, explore on-campus living with Housing & Residence Life, participate in a walking tour of the campus, discover more about our campus and collegiate life, and have all your college financial questions answered by the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid. Click [here](#) to register for the Marietta Campus Open House on September 25th.

USMMA ADMISSIONS Q&A WITH MIDSHIPMEN

Are you interested in attending one of the five federal service academies that include West Point, Annapolis, Air Force, and Coast Guard academies? Join this virtual question and answer session with some of our outstanding Midshipmen. This will be the perfect opportunity to learn about the admissions process and what it's really like to attend USMMA. This session is open to all high school students and college counselors. To register for the session on September 28, 2021, at 6:30 PM, please

click [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

JUNIOR PARENTS

Junior Advisement emails went out last week with information regarding your student's individual appointment with their counselor. The purpose of Junior Advisement is to discuss remaining graduation requirements and your student's post-secondary plans. Parents are invited to attend this meeting virtually. Access the Junior packet here: [Junior Packet](#).

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.



VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

On September 24th, join us for Virtual Coffee with the Counselors – College Application Help Session from 8:00 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.

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:

- Volleyball for their win, 3-1, over North Paulding on Sept 14, a win over Dunwoody on Senior Night on Sept 16 and wins over Columbus, Denmark and Centennial last weekend at the Rally High Tournament.
- XC girls for their 4th place finish and the boys 9th place finish at the Southern Showcase in Huntsville, AL this past weekend. Andrew Cole was the top finisher for the boys and Samantha McGarity broke a 10-year school record to finish 7th overall. Both teams faced elite competition at this event. There were strong individual and team performances.
- The Competition Cheer team was at Walton HS this past weekend and had strong individual and team performances.

GYMNASTICS

If you are interested in participating in the 2022 Harrison Gymnastics Team, please click [HERE](#) to sign up or scan the below code. Please contact Gillian Moody if you have any questions Gillian.Moody@cobbk12.org



HARRISON BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER

If you are interested in trying out for the Harrison Girls or Boys Soccer team this Spring, please complete this form so we can keep you informed of important dates and information. Tryouts are scheduled to begin on January 3rd. Please note this is during our Holiday Break, two days before school starts back.

[Harrison Soccer 2022 Season Interest](#)

BASEBALL

Players and Parents: If you are interested in trying out for the 2022 Baseball Team this year, please visit the following link to sign up. Questions? Reach out to Coach Elkins mark.elkins@cobbk12.org
 BASEBALL SIGN UP: <https://coachelkins10.weebly.com/baseball.html>

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>

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<https://twitter.com/hhshoyasports>



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