

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL SAFETY REMINDERS

As we begin a new school and are continuing best practices for transporting students to and from Harrison, we ask for your patience. Please consider using district buses to transport students; however, we understand there are unique situations where students must be dropped off. **Parents, we ask that you PLEASE talk with your student(s) about the information in this message and the importance of being vigilant while walking or driving in our campus parking lots, especially during arrival and dismissal times.**

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, which is always our top priority, please make note of the following information for drivers, pedestrians, and bus riders:

- **Drop Off Location:** Students should be dropped off in the main entrance area in front of the school. *ALL other areas are unsafe.*
- **Peak Traffic Times:** The busiest times are between 7:55-8:20am and 3:30-3:50pm. To help with this, we ask that students be dropped off in the mornings before 8:00 a.m. In the afternoon, we ask parents to delay picking up students until 3:40 p.m. to allow buses and student drivers to leave campus as quickly as possible. These staggered times will make it easier for parents to pick up their students and leave campus without the heavy volume we regularly experience.
- **Best Practices for Student Transportation:**

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

Following these general guidelines goes a long way to ensure the safety of everyone in our parking areas. Student recklessness or failure to comply with these items can result in the revocation of parking privileges. One final, friendly reminder that rainy mornings and Mondays tend to be more congested. Thank you for your continued support!

SUPERINTENDENT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Georgia State Superintendent Richard Woods is forming his 2023-24 Student Advisory Council. Any Harrison student interested in this leadership opportunity should visit [this site](#) to apply. Hurry as the application is due by September 8th!

SAVE THE DATE – FALL OPEN HOUSE 2023

Parents, please mark your calendars for our fall semester “Open House” on Thursday, August 24th at 6:00pm so that you can meet your student’s teachers, attend a PTSA meeting, and more. Details will be forthcoming in next week’s eblast.

CLASS OF 2024 INFORMATION

Seniors, please make sure you download the CTLS Learn app through the App Store/Google Play App (search CTLS Learn). This app will allow you to receive one way communication/notifications from your teachers and administrators. Important senior information will be shared via CTLS and student email address. It is important that you check CTLS and your student email regularly to ensure you have all needed information for senior year.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

We are in the process of reviewing requests for schedules changes based on improper student placements. We are only making schedule changes at this time for students who lack a prerequisite course or a course required for graduation, as the drop/add deadline was April 28th. If a course change request has been submitted by a teacher on behalf of a student, please be patient, as we are working very hard to make sure all students are placed appropriately. If you feel you are misplaced, the quickest

way to get a schedule change is to discuss with your teacher. Again, we are only making schedule changes for student who are misplaced.

HOYA BLOCK

Hoya Block will be starting soon! Registration will be open on August 4th-August 9th. Students need to pick their Hoya Block by using the registration link on the Harrison website by Wednesday, August 9th. This link will also be shared with students and parents through a CTLS message. Students will need to log into their CCSD OneDrive account to access the link. Parents, please make sure your student selects a Hoya Block. Hoya Block will begin on Tuesday, August 22nd. Students should keep in mind which academic course they may need extra time and assistance in during the fall semester. No matter what you decide, we have a Hoya Block course for you! Click [here](#) for more information.

ATTENDANCE CHECK-OUT REMINDERS

Parent/guardians, we need your help regarding check-out of students during the school day. The following are the procedures for checking-out your student from Harrison:

1. Send in an early check-out note request via your student on the day of the event – students are to drop these notes off at the attendance office prior to 8:20am.
2. Attendance will call the parent/guardian and verify the note.
3. The student will be provided a pass to report to the attendance office at their designated check-out time.
4. Upon reporting, the student will sign out and be released for check-out.
5. Latest check out time is 3:15pm.
6. Latest parent check out time is 3:00pm.

Please note: Any emailed request to check-out **MUST** be received by 10am on the day of check-out, or the parent/guardian will have to come to the attendance office to request in-person check-out. Walk-in check-out ends at 3pm each day.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PSAT

Juniors, mark your calendar to sign up for the PSAT by August 28th.

Please visit [My Payments Plus](#) to pay the PSAT fee for 11th graders. The PSAT will be administered to all 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade students on Wednesday, October 11th, but only 11th-graders must pay for the test. Taking the PSAT prepares our students for college entrance exams. Test results can be linked to each student's Khan Academy account, which provides students and parents with valuable feedback on strengths and weaknesses.

HARRISON PTSA

Please help PTSA support the students and staff of Harrison by purchasing a membership. All the funding for scholarships, classroom grants, and staff appreciation comes from the sale of memberships. [Click here](#) to access their website to find out more information about their programs, to purchase a membership, and/or to donate. PTSA appreciates your support!

HARRISON FOUNDATION

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. As in previous years, our Harrison Foundation is committed to our goals of continuing the growth of our STEM program and upgrading the Learning Commons to enhance student engagement. Your donations in the past have helped us make substantial updates to the Learning Commons for our students, but there is still work to do. Please consider donating to our Harrison Foundation this school year so we can continue the work for our Hoyas! To make an online donation, please click [here](#). Thank you for your continued support!

CLASS DUES

If you did not pay your class dues during Hoya Hello, please pay those **before September 1st** by clicking [here](#). Only those who have paid by the deadline will receive their Hoya Pride t-shirt (delivered in October). No extra Hoya Pride t-shirts are ordered, and they can't be purchased separately. They are only available to those who pay dues by the deadline.

TWO PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. You may pay online via www.mypaymentsplus.com.
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To select a t-shirt size online, your My Payments Plus account must include all your enrolled Cobb students, no matter what Cobb school they attend. Please update your account prior to paying your class dues, or the shirt size selector will not function properly.

2. You may print the class dues form, complete the information, and return the completed form (make sure to fill out the t-shirt size info) with a check made out to Harrison HS. Those forms and payments can be dropped in the black payment box outside the bookkeeper's office or delivered to the main office.

Questions regarding class dues can be directed to Mr. Staruch –
Matthew.Staruch@cobbk12.org

PRE-COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Be sure to complete your pre-course assignments for your courses! All Pre-Course assignments are due at the end of the second week of fall semester. [Click here](#) for our summer one-pager that has links to all pre-course work required.

STUDENT PARKING

Please [click here](#) to access all parking information. All information can be viewed and downloaded on the school website.

CLINIC UPDATE

Please help us welcome our new school nurse, Mrs. Callie Evans, to Hoya Nation!

Nurse Evans is responsible for receiving student medications and/or supplies that are needed during the school day. The Clinic is in the Attendance Building. Please [click here](#) for medication forms and care plans. Keep in mind, **all prescription medication, other than EpiPens, albuterol inhalers and diabetic supplies, must be kept in the clinic.** Over the counter medications are allowed to be carried with your student during the school day. The medication must be in the original container and does not require a medication form. Please refer to the student handbook for guidance. Nurse Evans can be reached by email at

Callie.Evans@cobbk12.org or by phone 678-594-8104 extension 020 for any questions or concerns.

UPDATED SCHOOL LUNCH INFO

Per Cobb County policy, starting 8/7/23 students MUST have \$3.50 or more in their lunch accounts to receive a meal. They will no longer be allowed to charge meals to those accounts. Please contact our Café Manager, Lisa Krusemark, if you have any questions: Lisa.Krusemark@cobbk12.org.

COUNSELING NEWS

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Class newsletters are sent monthly to all students and parents through CTLS. Please make sure your email is correct in StudentVUE/ParentVUE to make sure that you receive the monthly newsletter. Your most recent class newsletter can be viewed using the links below:

[Freshman Class of 2027](#)

[Sophomore Class of 2026](#)

[Junior Class of 2025](#)

[Senior Class of 2024](#)

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 [Harrison Counseling Calendar](#), or go to the Counseling page on www.harrisonhigh.org.

SAT & ACT DATES FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

SAT and ACT dates for the 2023-2024 school year have been announced. Please visit SAT.org or ACT.org for more information.

WORK PERMIT

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

PEACH STATE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TOUR

On September 14th at 6:00PM, you are invited to the 2023 Peach State Tour informational session at Mount Paran Christian School. These sessions allow you to learn more about Augusta University, Georgia State University, Georgia Tech, and the University of Georgia. These events are FREE and open to ALL high school students and their families, but space is limited! Register online today to secure your spot. [Click here](#) to register.

PROBE COLLEGE TOUR

The Probe College Tour will be coming to Marietta High School on August 31st from 6:00-8:00PM. Over 40 colleges will be in attendance. [Click here](#) to register.

APPLEROUTH TUTORING – SAT PREP AT HARRISON

Applerouth tutoring will be offering a group SAT Prep class at Harrison with 17.5 hours of tutoring and 2 mock tests for the cost of \$500. The registration deadline is September 4th and the class will run from September 9th – November 2nd. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

ATHLETIC NEWS

CHEERLEADING

Congratulations to our cheerleaders who competed at the state level this week for All State Honors. A big congrats to Avery Castaneda and Lily Grubb for being chosen as finalists in the Georgia Cheer Coaches Association Cheerleader of the Year competition. Avery was also selected as a member of the all-state team. Way to go ladies!!



FOOTBALL

Hoyas, come on out and support our football team in their scrimmage Friday Night at East Paulding High School at 7:30pm.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at [East Paulding Raiders - Ticket Spicket](#).

HARRISON ALL SPORTS PASSES ON SALE NOW!!

- **Student All Sport Passes** are available for purchase on MyPaymentsPlus for \$40. Students can receive their promo code for their pass in the Café 8/8-8/11 or in Office 801 after this week.
 - **Community All Sports Passes** are available for \$55 on the [GoFan Harrison Site](#). There are two options for purchase:
 - Option 1 – Standard All Sports Pass
 - Option 2 – All Sports Pass (Feeder School) – a Harrison feeder school of your choice will receive \$5 for the purchase of the pass.
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- Additional information can be found on the links below:
 - [How Students Use their Promo Code](#)
 - [All Sports Pass Instructions and Information](#)

DIGITAL TICKETS ONLY

For the 2023-2024 school year, Harrison will continue to use the GoFan digital platform exclusively for all tickets. **No cash sales** will be offered at the gate.

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