



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2/23/2021

CCSD REOPENING PLAN

Click [here](#) to read our school district's factsheet regarding local school events during COVID-19.

We continue to encourage you to check the CCSD Reopening Plan website regularly as guidance is provided by each division based on public health guidance, and additional 2020/2021 school year specific questions can be directed to learningeverywhere@cobbk12.org where they will be distributed to the appropriate division and, through the reopening site, will be responded to through the FAQ section.

Please remember that our local school information is located at the following link on our school website at [Harrison Remote Learning & Reopening Plan](#). We will continue to keep updated information on this page of our school website.

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL CAMPBELL

Dear Harrison Families,

I hope everyone had a safe and restful February break. With just three months left in the school year, I want to communicate what we can during this busy time of year. I appreciate everyone's flexibility as we are still navigating school during a pandemic. We will continue to keep everyone updated in the weekly eblast on how the pandemic continues to impact events, testing, and the end of the school year. Below are a few updates/reminders:

- **Third Choice Option Window:** The Cobb County School District is opening another window for families to select their preferred learning environment: Face to Face or Remote. Go to your ParentVue account between February 15-28 and on the left side bar you will find the "back to school choice" menu option. If no choice is made during this window, student(s) will continue with their current second-semester classroom choice. We recognize that family circumstances may change throughout the course of a semester, so please communicate with your student's teachers and/or administrator if you need to change your instructional selection after the choice window closes.
- **Spring Testing:** Before the February break, College Board published information regarding testing: [AP 2021 Exam Dates - AP Central | College Board](#). Over the next couple of weeks, we are going to develop a spring testing calendar that incorporates Advanced Placement exams, End of Course Tests, as well as final exams. Even without a pandemic, creating a testing schedule requires a lot of planning so there are many pieces to consider as we prepare for testing season. We

will communicate testing plans as more pieces of the puzzle are communicated to schools.

- **Final Exams:** As a school district, we have not discussed the format of final exams; however, I think it is safe to plan for virtual final exams at the end of the semester...similar to last semester.
- **Prom/Senior Events:** At the end of the February break, we communicated to seniors that unfortunately school events that do not comply with local public health guidance cannot be held; therefore, I am sure it is not a surprise that we cannot have our traditional March prom. Simply put, there are venue restrictions, high transmission rates of COVID-19, contact tracing, and social distancing requirements that have forced all high schools in our district to rethink normal spring events, including prom. If we cannot schedule an event in place of prom and the student has a refund from last years' prom, we will process all refunds at the end of the school year. We are looking forward to celebrating the class of 2021, and we want to continue the process of planning events that meet health and safety guidelines. Please understand that during this time of COVID-19, schools are required to submit proposals for events to our district leaders for approval. We have asked seniors to provide input as we look to host one event for seniors and one event for seniors and their families. We have also asked seniors to make sure they have paid their dues because we can only plan/budget events with the money that we have in our senior dues account. Seniors who have not paid their dues can do so through [MyPaymentsPlus](#). To clarify: senior dues pay for senior events and prom fees pay for prom. Also, thank you to our core team of senior sponsors who always do a great job planning senior events: Ms. Meredith Bonanni, Ms. Mary McKibbon, Ms. Lindsay Riley, Dr. Christi Osborne, Dr. Sarah Holcomb, and Dr. Scott Schomer.
- **Graduation:** We are excited that our school district has set a date for Harrison's graduation. Our graduation will be held on Thursday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. at McEachern High School which is where all CCSD high schools will have graduation. We are looking forward to returning to our formal and socially distanced ceremony where we can properly honor and respect the accomplishments of the class of 2021. We will send out updates and ticket information as soon as our district leaders provide more details. For questions regarding graduation, you can email Dr. Christi Osborne at Christi.Osborne@cobbk12.org
- **Caps, Gowns, Announcements:** Wednesday, March 3rd is the date for seniors to pick up cap/gowns and announcements. More details to follow.
- **Additional Senior Events:** Please see the senior section below with more details about senior events.

Finally, thank you once again for your continued support. I know our teachers appreciate the support and encouragement you provide at home to ensure your student is prepared for class and ready to learn each day. As always, if you are aware of a student/family that is in need, please let us know. Please continue to reach out to our counselors for academic or emotional support as they can provide you with a great list of resources. Our school district also maintains a web page with helpful resources which can be

found [HERE](#).

Sincerely,
Ashlynn Campbell
Principal

SENIOR INFORMATION

Upcoming Events:

- Cap & Gown Drive-Thru on March 3rd – 9 am until noon in the bus port (map and more details to come next Tuesday) *Includes breakfast biscuit
- Homecoming Week – March 22 thru March 26 (more details below in section “Homecoming Announcement”)
- Homecoming Court – Court presentation/walk on March 26th between women’s and men’s soccer games (court nomination info coming soon)
- Senior Week – April 26 thru April 30 (details coming on specific activities and spirit days). This week includes yearbook distribution, senior spirit days, distribution of senior letters, senior picnic, class names senior t-shirt distribution, and senior slideshow events are currently being planned
- Senior Final Exams – May 17 & May 18th (virtual)
- May 20th – pick up honor cords, graduation tickets, and stoles in the café – shifts to allow for social distancing – more details to follow
- Graduation – June 3rd at 9 AM @ McEachern HS Stadium (there will be no graduation practice)
- Updates coming soon regarding other possible activities

Reminders:

The senior events listed above are funded via senior dues. Please go to www.MyPaymentsPlus.com to pay any outstanding senior dues. Anyone who pays senior dues by March 5th at 4 pm will receive an amazing Class of 2021 t-shirt, listing the names of the graduating class of Harrison HS. *Those who have already paid dues will automatically receive this newest t-shirt.

Thank you to all who have already paid their dues. As a reminder, this is what your \$75 senior fee covers: Hoya Pride t-shirt (if paid by Sept 4), Senior Spirit t-shirt (if paid by Oct 31), Senior week activities as listed above, senior summit (may be combined with another activity), college application program fees, Senior Class of 2021 (all graduates listed) t-shirt (if paid by March 5), and other possible events.

We are looking forward to celebrating the class of 2021, and we want to continue the process of planning events that meet health and safety guidelines. Please understand that during this time of COVID-19, schools are required to submit proposals for events to our district leaders.

HOMECOMING ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to announce that our Homecoming date has been set for March 26th, with the court presentation and crowning to take place in between our soccer matches against Hillgrove that evening. More information will be communicated in the coming weeks.

RISING 9th GRADE ELECTIVE REGISTRATION

Elective registration for rising 9th graders will begin on February 12th. The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 3rd at midnight. Detailed instructions can be found [here](#).

RISING 10th-12th GRADE ELECTIVE REGISTRATION

Elective registration for rising 10th through 12th graders will begin on February 12th. The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 3rd at midnight. Detailed instructions can be found [here](#).

AP EXAM REGISTRATION

Spring/Yearlong registration for AP exams opens this Friday, January 15th, and runs through Sunday, February 28th. The registration portal will close at midnight on February 28th. Please pay attention to this important deadline. More information can be found [here](#).

EXTENDED LEARNING

We will be offering an extended tutoring program to assist students in all major content areas. Sessions will be held at Harrison High School or virtually either before or after school on the dates and times listed on our website.

What are the benefits? Harrison's extended tutoring program is the window of opportunity to increase a student's skills in the academic areas.

Do I need to arrange transportation? Yes, transposition will NOT be provided for the program. All students will need to be picked up from all extended tutoring sessions at the ending time.

Do I need to supply any materials? No. All supplies will be provided to the student.

Is homework assigned? There will be no homework assigned.

What do I need to do as a parent? Please check out the Extended Learning page on our website to find what your student needs support in. Click [here](#) for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Sitten at mandy.sitten@cobbk.org.

YEARBOOK

OH, THIS IS HAPPENING!

YOU MAY HAVE ASKED YOURSELF, 'IS THIS STILL HAPPENING THIS YEAR?' OF COURSE IT IS. THERE'S NEVER BEEN A MORE INTERESTING YEAR TO DOCUMENT THAN 2020-2021. MAKE SURE YOU RESERVE A COPY TODAY! AND THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN CONTRIBUTING PHOTOS, CAPTIONS AND STORIES ALONG THE WAY. ONLINE PAYMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE.

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KEEPING OUR STUDENTS FED

All breakfasts and lunches for remote and face-to-face students are provided to students at no cost. Families also do not need to pre-order student meal kits, which include items that can be reheated at home. Reheating instructions and a menu are included with the meal kits. Menus for meal kits and in-person meals are also available on the [Food and Nutrition website](#).



Free Meals

For your children Ages 0-18

IN THREE STEPS!

**Step 1) Harrison's Pick-Up Day is
Wednesdays From 2-4 PM.**



**Step 2) Drive to the left
side entrance, near the
Performing Arts Center.**

Or get someone to drive you!

**Step 3) Tell them how
many children you need
to feed!**

Meal Kits are available at no charge!



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HOYA NEWS!

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Congratulations to our Senior Superlatives that were announced on February 10th. Please help us in congratulating them when you see them!

TOP TEN SENIORS

- Maggie Austin
- Emily Balentine
- Caroline Cunningham
- Grace Farrell
- Michael Kalafut
- Caroline Kastenschmidt
- Alex Scott
- Sully Shelton

- Zoe Weir
- Kendall Wilkes

SERIOUS SUPERLATIVES

Most Unforgettable

- Peyton Quathamer
- Caroline Cunningham

Best Style

- Sully Shelton
- Zoey Weir

Most Likely to Brighten your Day

- James Boyle
- Kendall Wilkes

Most Likely to Save the Planet

- Zach White
- Katie Mitchell

Most Comical

- Derek Waters
- Jill Perkins

Most Athletic

- Jay Zigor
- Riley Perlakowski

Most Talented

- Alex Scott
- Dani Applegate

Most Changed Since 9th Grade

- Jack Nooney
- Katie Boff

Most School Spirit

- Luke Soupiset

- Maddy Hyde

Best Laugh

- Jabril Abdul-Malik
- Caroline Dennehy

Mr. HHS

- Stephen Amolegbe

Ms. HHS

- Maggie Austin

SILLY SUPERLATIVES

Worst Driver

- Will Tankersley
- Jenna Heuer

Best Bromance

- Tommy Chriszt and Will Tankersley

Class Mom and Dad

- Kolbe Mendoza
- Mary Kate Kuchinski

Most Likely to become a Reality TV Star

- Tripp Richardson
- Callyn Hogan

Worst Case of Senioritis

- Jason Manzanarez
- Sara Peterson

Most Likely to be Late to Graduation

- Jack Shelby
- Kelbie Murphy

Best Hair

- Cole Simmer
- Meredith Maskell

Most Likely to Buy a Ticket to the Pool on the Roof (Most Gullible)

- Evan Riekkel
- Jenna Luders

Biggest Teacher's Pet

- Braxton Bullard
- Lydia Konopczynski

Biggest Flirt

- Spencer McNearney
- Sara Beth Crawford

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

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



STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

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



SPORTS

Congratulations to all of our athletic programs that competed over the winter break last week. We saw a lot of success from some of our spring sports here in the early stages of their season:

- Baseball – Wins at LakePoint against Dunwoody, Newnan, and Woodward Academy on Fri 2/19 and Sat 2/20
- Boys Lacrosse – Win vs West Forsyth on Fri 2/12
- Boys Soccer – Win @ Pope on Fri 2/19
- Track & Field – Fantastic individual and team performances at the Marietta Distance Carnival on Sat 2/20. Boys team placed 1st and girls team placed 2nd overall. Additionally, three Hoyas set new school records (Parker Buchheit – 800m, Andrew Cole – Steeplechase, Riley Perlakowski – Steeplechase)

Additionally, we saw some awesome results from our remaining winter sports:

- Girls Basketball – Big region win vs Hillgrove on Fri 2/12, advancing them on to play at Campbell in the first round of the GHSA State Playoffs tonight
- Wrestling – Solid team and individual performances at the Traditionals State Championship Tourney in Macon on Fri 2/12 and Sat 2/13. Five different wrestlers found their way to the podium (Bryce Gibbs, Landon Jones, Jarrod Pominville, Peyton Quathammer, and Wyatt Sligh) each placing 5th overall in their weight class
- Competition Cheer – Outstanding performance and finish at the State Championship in Macon on Tue 2/16. Our girls finished 3rd overall, which is the highest finish in school history

PTSA REFLECTION WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2020-2021 PTSA Reflections winners moving on to state:

- Elizabeth Dabrowa: 10th grade - won for a literature entry

- Michael Kalafut: 12th grade - won for a 2D art entry and a photography entry

Their entries placed at the Tom Mathis Sr. Council level and will move on to the GA PTA state level. Way to go!

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.



MANAGE STRESS AND ANXIETY

Hoyas, you're invited to a workshop focused on coping, managing, and minimizing stress. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

- Session 2, February 24th at 2:30 and Session 3, March 3rd at 1:30: Manage It
- Session 4, March 10th at 11:00 am and Session 5, March 17th at 11: am: Take care of It

9th GRADE ADVISEMENT

If your student was unable to attend the 9th Grade Advisement Lesson on February 10th, please click [here](#) to access the information from the lesson, including a recording of the virtual session.

VIRTUAL 9th ADVISEMENT PARENT NIGHT

Virtual 9th Advisement Parent Night will be held on February 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Parents of 9th graders are invited to attend this informational session. The high school years are an important time in your child's life. Decisions made here will impact future goals and opportunities in a significant way. During this meeting, we will review graduation requirements, explain your child's IGP (Individual Graduation Plan), discuss college and other post-secondary options, as well as hold a Q& A. Please register in advance to receive a meeting link. To register, click [here](#).

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY DUAL ENROLLMENT

If you have a prospective student who is interested in applying to the dual enrollment program at Kennesaw State University for summer, fall, or a future term, they will be hosting their spring information sessions via Zoom.

Students can register for a session by going to <https://visit.kennesaw.edu/special-events/index.php>

March 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Interested in Dual Enrollment? Please click [here](#) to see the Dual Enrollment Brochure for Families.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSIONS

WHEN: Wednesdays in February from 12:30- 1:00.

WHERE: ZOOM!

Fill out this Goole Form to get the ZOOM Link: [Scholarship Information Session Form](#)

WITH WHO: Ms. Barnes, a school counseling intern

WHAT: Information on how to find scholarships and scholarship opportunities

Questions? Email katie.barnes@cobbk12.org

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for scholarships? Click [here](#) to access the Scholarship Bulletin or visit the Counseling Department's Website.

JUNIOR ADVISEMENT MAKEUP SESSIONS

Did you miss junior advisement during the fall semester? No problem! The Counseling Department is offering virtual makeup sessions. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up.

SAT GROUP CLASS

Prepare for the May SAT with Applerouth Tutoring Services. As a participant in the classroom, you will receive an 18 hour, structured review of major SAT concepts and strategies from a tutor trained to deliver content in an interesting way. Test guides & session notes are provided to help simplify the studying process. Additionally, after each mock test, you will receive a detailed results analysis to help you chart your own unique course towards mastering the test. Featuring: 18 hours of group tutoring instruction, comprehensive treatment of major strategies, access to study guides and session notes, 3 scheduled mock test opportunities, detailed results analysis.

- Location: Online
- Instruction: 6 sessions (3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, and 4/29 from 4:30-7:30 pm)
- Mock Tests: Online (3/20, 4/10, 4/24)
- Price: \$400
- Registration: Go to applerouth.com/signup and enter the event code **SAT 5476**.

BIG FUTURE DAYS VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR

College Board is hosting virtual events for high school students to connect directly with college admissions representatives and take action on the most important steps for college. Students will have a chance to meet with college admissions representatives and current college students, ask questions, and learn more about planning for college. Students can sign up to meet with colleges in each region. They can attend any event and more than one. Click [here](#) to learn more and register. Dates and regions are as follows:

- Northeast: March 7th, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
- West & Southwest: March 30th, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm
- Midwest: April 18th, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
- Southeast, April 29th: 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

VIRTUAL VAPE PREVENTION SERIES

The Teen Advisory Council (TAC) is hosting a 4-Part Virtual Vape Prevention Series. This series is created by youth, for youth! Middle and high school students are invited to attend, but must register beforehand. Please click the following link to learn more and register: [Vape Series](#).



WORK PERMIT

When the student has been offered a position, the student will access [Work Permit Datasheet](#) to complete the first section (Section A) of the work permit datasheet. The student's new employer will complete Section B of the permit datasheet and provide the student with an **MSK #** that the student will submit to Harrison High School via email: harrison@cobbk12.org. The information will then be verified and the work permit issued and sent back via the email address provided. Please allow 48-72 hours for completion.

SPORTS AND CLUBS

H.O.Y.A. AWARDS

Each year, the student council of Harrison High School sponsors the H.O.Y.A. Awards-- Highlighting Our Year's Accomplishments. The awards ceremony celebrates the arts, athletics, and academics of our school as well as noteworthy community and school service endeavors. This year will be a virtual event, but we still want to recognize all of the amazing things we do at Harrison.

Student Council asks for nominees from everyone in the Harrison community (teachers, parents, administrators, staff, and students). Judges from outside the Harrison community rate the nominees. The nominee with the highest compiled score receives the award. The top 5 nominees in each category will be recognized at the virtual event in April. We will send more information about the event as soon as we finalize the plans.

Polls close on March 26th so be sure to get those nominations in as soon as possible. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the student council sponsor at lindsay.riley@cobbk12.org

Nominate

Here: <https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2F1fVZnBouVLsknUVz5&data=04%7C01%7Cstephanie.tatum%40cobbk12.org%7Cb4f221f313b9472feeb408d8c0ef5e78%7C2fce1dfb919f4938aab8c47f0fc9182d%7C0%7C0%7C637471481618611575%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KJKHzXcDDmHgh9%2FUc3OI3hVWvuQI3W6Y5rquLiwl09U%3D&reserved=0>

Nomination Categories:

- Most Outstanding Group Community Service Project
- Most Outstanding Individual Community Service Project
- Most Outstanding Individual Athlete
- Most Outstanding Group Athletic Performance
- Most Outstanding Individual Artist
- Most Outstanding Group Artistic Performance

Most Outstanding Individual Scholar
Most Outstanding Group Academic Performance
Most Outstanding Coach/Director
Most Outstanding Sponsor/Advisor
Hoya Pride Award

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

Students who qualify should have received an invitation to put in an application for the National Honors Society. Attendance at one of the scheduled zoom meetings listed on the invite for this Tuesday at 6 pm or Wednesday at 1 pm is mandatory. A make-up meeting will be held on March 10th. Applications are due by April 1st. If there are any questions, please see Mrs. Loesch in room 9308.

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