

A New Year of Firsts

1992 - 1993

The 1992-1993 school year was one marked by tradition and transition at Harrison High School. With an enrollment of 1553 students and its first senior class, Harrison established itself as an up and coming high school in Cobb County.

While many traditions were established in Harrison's first school year, those traditions were solidified through Harrison's second. During this school year, Harrison saw the addition of 35 new teachers and more than 500 new students in the freshman class. This new freshman class was nicknamed the Olympic class, due to their graduation just before the excitement of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. Their spirit was seen throughout all of Harrison's sporting events and first pep rallies.

Harrison's developing football program saw substantial expansion during this school year. After two months of construction and \$300,000 worth of materials, Hoya Stadium was completed. This stadium, now renamed Cobleigh Stadium, can hold over 4,200 screaming fans. Student trainers were another new addition to the football program.

As a result of the addition of a new varsity football team, Homecoming became an annual tradition at Harrison High School. At the football game against Sequoyah High School, Towana Ahrenkiel was crowned Harrison's first ever Homecoming Queen.

The 1992-1993 school year proved to be a year of accomplishment in athletics, academics, and performing arts. Harrison students Steve Layne, Ryan Russell, and Lori Stewart were selected as members of the Olympic band and marched in the Olympic Inauguration Parade. HHS senior Kristin Duncan participated in the Young Woman of the Year scholarship program and received the Deidre Karen Ross Spirit Award and a \$200 scholarship, making her the first of all Harrison students to receive any form of a scholarship. The Harrison mens' and womens' Cross Country team continued the tradition of excellence by finishing as region 5AAAA champions and finishing sixth in the state tournament meet.

Along with other high schools in Cobb County, Harrison participated in the Cobb Remembers Columbus Project in order to celebrate the 500-year anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America. In this project, a commemorative mosaic was designed and created by students at various high schools in Cobb County. The mosaic depicted Georgia landmarks such as the "Big Chicken" and Stone Mountain.

Following its completion, the mosaic was then shipped to the city hall in Cortona, Italy, the birthplace of Christopher Columbus.

The second school year proved to be yet another year of development and achievement for Harrison High School.

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