

Message from Principal Ashlynn Campbell

July 30, 2020

Dear Harrison Families,

I hope everyone is healthy and enjoying the last couple of weeks of summer. As you know, we will officially begin the 2020 – 2021 school year on Monday, August 17 with all teaching and learning being conducted through our school district’s virtual platform, CTLS Learn. While this school year will open with many challenges, I am excited for our teachers to begin instruction in just a couple of weeks for our Hoyas.

Our teachers and staff have already been working extremely hard during this first week of pre-planning with online trainings and collaborative team meetings as they prepare to offer exceptional and engaging instruction in a digital classroom. It’s been exciting to have the teachers back in the building, and I am always amazed by their passion and dedication for teaching our students. We will continue to work these next couple of weeks with our teachers to give them the resources they need so that a meaningful and a structured learning environment will take place for all students.

Cobb Learning Everywhere Website

On Tuesday afternoon, our Harrison eblast included a few updates. One of the updates was a reminder for parents to continue checking our school district’s Learning Everywhere website at <https://www.cobblelearningeverywhere.com/>. I referenced the remote schedule that students would follow each day which is located at <https://www.cobblelearningeverywhere.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/HS-Sample-Schedules.pdf>. The schedule is also below:

Block Schedule

8:00-9:10	1st period
9:10-9:20	Break
9:20-10:30	2nd period
10:30-10:40	Break
10:40-11:50	3rd period
11:50-12:20	Break
12:20-1:30	4th period

Cobb Teaching and Learning System (CTLS)

Each day students will log into CTLS Learn and follow their class schedule period by period. CTLS Learn will serve as the platform where students will go to find calendars, assignments, submit work, and access digital textbooks. See more information at <http://cobbctls.com/>. CTLS Learn has live capability, so instruction, chat, and discussions can be in a live format to help support students in the learning process. Students will be live with their teachers as they follow their schedule from 8:00 – 1:30. As you can see from the schedule above, breaks and a lunch period is included into the school day. From 1:30-3:30, students will work independently completing homework, studying, and preparing for class the next day. This time is also designated for teachers to have virtual office hours where they will be available to answer questions.

Attendance will be taken each period, and students are expected to actively engage in all lessons, complete all assignments on time, and adequately prepare for assessments. Grades will reflect student understanding and mastery of the curriculum. Teachers will communicate their grading policy at the beginning of the semester.

Wednesdays are designated as time for students to complete assignments and allow teachers to work with individual and small groups of students to meet individualized instructional needs. Classes do not formally meet on Wednesday.

Digital learning plans will be created for students with an IEP. Special education teachers are being trained on digital learning plans this week. Case managers will be in touch with families regarding this process.

Clubs & Organizations

As we start the school year, our priority is to make sure our students and teachers are comfortable with the new learning environment. After Labor Day, we will work with club sponsors to determine club viability within our school district guidelines.

Administrators and Counselors

We are all here to support our Hoyas academically, socially, and emotionally. Like our teachers, our counselors and administrators have also been hard at work planning for ways to virtually connect with our students and families. They are

working on videos, newsletters, and social media posts to welcome students and to introduce themselves. Be sure to follow our Hoya counseling team on twitter at @HoyaCounselors. We will continue to be available for all students and families with parent presentations, virtual college visits, assistance with seniors for college admissions process, social and emotional support, and anything else our students may need to be successful at Harrison. Our counselors will keep our families updated with messaging in our community eblasts as well as on the counseling webpage of our school website regarding remote services.

To connect with your student's counselor or administrator, please see the alphabetical breakdown below:

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I know this is a lot of information, but I wanted to make sure you have some answers to your initial questions. Over the next couple weeks, we will continue to refine information, problem solve, and communicate pertinent information to you. **We are still under Governor Kemp's executive order, which limits our**

ability to host any large group meetings or schedule any events that have traditionally been part of our opening school procedures. Even though we are starting the school year with a virtual format, I can promise you that all of us at Harrison are looking forward to connecting with our students and providing them the best possible learning experience! We are committed to our vision of **H**elping **O**ur **Y**outh **A**chieve **S**uccess!

Sincerely,

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