Class of 2018

School Counseling Office Hours: 7:45 am until 4:00 pm.

Hope Scholarship: Your Harrison GPA is NOT your HOPE GPA.

- The HOPE program has changed to include various tiers of scholarships. You are encouraged to visit www.GAFutures.org for information.
- Only Advanced Placement (AP) courses will receive the .5 quality point weight in the calculation of the HOPE G.P.A. (This is different from how Cobb County awards extra quality points.) Your HOPE G.P.A. will not be higher than 4.0 meaning that an A will not receive the additional half point.
- HOPE G.P.A. is calculated using all courses in English, Math, Social Studies, Science, and World Language. The final HOPE G.P.A. will not be rounded up. Failing grades in these courses are included in the HOPE calculation.
- Transcripts are uploaded twice each year. Students will be notified when they may check HOPE eligibility.

Junior Advisement:
Eleventh grade advisement conferences will be held with a school counselor. These are scheduled for January 17 – 25. A junior parent meeting is scheduled for 6 PM on Thursday, January 26 prior to open house to review requirements for graduation, the final year of high school, and post-secondary options.

Graduating with honors:
Honor cords and special mention at graduation are given to students with a cumulative 3.500 grade point average at the end of the senior year. The G.P.A. is not rounded up.

Resume:
Students should be working on a resume now. Keep track of honors, awards, clubs, activities, employment, community service, etc. Students will need this information for college applications and scholarships.

Email:
Parents should subscribe to the Harrison PTSA Email Blast. This is our means of communicating information to parents. Please take your phone out now and visit www.harrisonptsa.org to subscribe.

Twitter:
Follow Harrison School Counseling @HoyaCounselors
Follow Mrs. Campbell @hoyaprincipal
Follow Harrison athletics @HHSHoyaSports

Elective Registration:
Elective registration for the 2017 – 2018 school year for juniors will be February 27th. Please note that if your student receives one of his or her elective choices, the course will not be eligible for a drop / add request. Students will be registering for the entire school year.

Schedules for Spring Term:
Schedules for spring term will be distributed on November 4. Drop add will be November 7 – 10.

PSAT:
Juniors may elect to take the PSAT Oct. 19. In addition to being practice for the SAT, the 11th grade PSAT score is the **ONLY** qualifier for National Merit Scholarships. **It is important that all college bound juniors take the PSAT.** The fee is $15.00 and may be paid tonight or in the freshman academy and main office between October 3 – 14.

SAT/ACT:
All college bound students should register to take the SAT and/or ACT this year.

Register for SAT by going to www.collegeboard.org. Test dates are: 10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/21, 3/11, 5/6, and 6/3.

Register for ACT by going to www.actstudent.org. Test dates are: 9/10, 10/22, 12/10, 2/4, 4/8, and 6/10.

Some students might benefit from structured preparation and additional resources. Check out the many resources at collegeboard.com and in the community. The best practice is taking the PSAT and using the resources connected to it through the College Board. Students are now able to link their College Board and Kahn Academy accounts for more personalized practice.

College Admissions:
#1 – above everything else – your student's application to a college or university will be assessed based on his or her grades in a rigorous curriculum. Check with specific colleges regarding admission requirements that may differ from graduation requirements. The goal for all of our students is the most rigorous curriculum based on strengths, abilities and interest. All students can benefit from taking honors and AP courses. It is important that not only should your student be competitive for admission, but that your student be prepared with the skills to complete a degree. If your student is enrolled in an AP course, we strongly recommend they take the AP test in May.

www.GAFutures.org
Create an account and login to apply for college, HOPE, FAFSA, scholarships, and learn about educational and career options. This is a wonderful, one-stop shop to do everything related to college including release of transcripts electronically to Georgia schools and some out of state schools as a senior. For student accounts, please be sure to use your Cobb ID as your user name.

Move on When Ready (MOWR):
Students interested in dual enrollment at Kennesaw State University should plan to attend one of their Honorview sessions on September 26, September 29, October 12, or October 19. Register at www.kennesaw.edu/dehp.

QUEST:
Allatoona, Harrison, Kennesaw Mountain, McEachern, Hillgrove, and North Cobb host a large college fair each year. This year's fair will be at Kennesaw Mountain High School on March 21. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with representatives from colleges and training programs all over the nation.

PROBE College Fair:

August 30th	Marietta High School 6:00 – 8:00 pm
October 4th	Hiram High School 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Have your student go to www.gotocollegefairs.com to create an account. This allows students to download a barcode for colleges to scan with all demographic information. This will save time filling out information cards and provide more time for questions.

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