Class of 2019

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.

10th Grade Advisement:
All 10th grade students will participate in advisement second semester. The school counselors will facilitate an advisement lesson on post-secondary planning. Counselors will guide students as they review their PSAT scores, transcripts, and graduation status reports. In addition, counselors will review important information on the SAT/ACT, HOPE program, the college admissions process, and MOWR.

Diploma Types and # of credits needed:
There is only one diploma for the class of 2019; however, please understand … while the state changed the high school graduation requirements, colleges in Georgia have not changed their entrance requirements. Admission standards to four-year colleges in Georgia continue to be competitive. To earn a high school diploma and participate in graduation, students must meet all assessment requirements (EOC) and earn 23 units of credit. Required units of credit are as follows:

English	4 Units	Health/PE	1 Unit
Mathematics	4 Units	Tech/World Language/Fine Arts	3 Units
Science	4 Units	Electives	4 Units
Social Studies	3 Units	**Total**	**23 Units**

In order to promote from one grade level to the next, the following # of credits <u>and specific courses</u> are required:

10th Grade:	5 credits	Including one full unit each of English, Math, & Science
11th Grade:	10 credits	Including two full units each of English, Math, & Science
12th Grade:	16 credits	

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.

PSAT:
All 10th grade students will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 19. Sophomores are not required to pay for the exam. However, this is the only opportunity to take the PSAT this year, as there is no make-up test date. For information on the PSAT, visit: <u>www.collegeboard.org</u> This is great practice for the SAT.

SAT/ACT:
We do not recommend your student take the SAT or ACT until spring of the junior year. However, we do recommend students become familiar with both testing formats. 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.GAFurures.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):
The Move on When Ready Program is now open to students in grades 9-12. Students interested in dual enrollment should schedule an appointment with their school counselor as well as check specific requirements with the college. Not all colleges will accept a 9th or 10th grade student in this program.

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.

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

Twitter:
Harrison School Counseling @HoyaCounselors
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Class Rings:
Sophomores will order their class rings on February 1.

Elective Registration:
Elective registration for the 2017 – 2018 school year for sophomores will be March 1st. 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.

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