HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL – THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21ST – SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2026

This Weekly Bulletin provides a comprehensive overview of the upcoming week at Harrison High School, highlighting important events, opportunities, and updates in one place.

Dear Harrison High School Community,

As we settle further into the school year, I continue to be struck by how quickly HHS has come alive. Classes are well underway, but so much of what makes a high school experience meaningful also happens in the spaces around them, through conversations, activities, relationships, and opportunities for students to discover something new about themselves and one another.

We saw a wonderful example of that this week when our library hosted our "Booked for Summer" gathering. At the close of last school year, faculty members selected books they planned to read over the summer and posed for photos with their choices. Those photos were displayed in the library and in classrooms, inviting students to choose from the faculty selections and read "alongside" a teacher over the summer. This week, students and faculty came back together in the library to talk about the books they had shared. Our librarian described the enthusiasm for reading in the room as "palpable," and perhaps the best measure of the afternoon came the following morning, when the mother of a freshman shared how excited and inspired her daughter had been when she came home from the event. There is something special about students and teachers connecting as readers, not because of an assignment or a grade, but simply through a shared interest in a book. It is the kind of experience that strengthens relationships, sparks curiosity, and adds another layer to what it means to learn together at HHS.

That same spirit of connection can be found in the many opportunities available to our students. Our 2026 to 2027 Extracurricular Directory has been updated and provides our most comprehensive look at the clubs and activities offered at HHS. I encourage families to look through it with their children, and I especially encourage students who have not yet found their place outside of the classroom to try something. You do not need to be an expert, know someone in the club, or even be certain it is "your thing." Sometimes the best experiences in high school begin simply by showing up.

Student voice is also an important part of how we shape HHS. This week, building administrators met with our grade level class officers to begin conversations about the year ahead. In addition to helping plan activities and events, these students serve as representatives of their classmates. If students have an idea, input, or something they would like us to consider, I encourage them to speak with their class officers. We want our students to know that they have a voice in the experience we create together at HHS.

We also had the exciting opportunity this week to welcome a team from the International Baccalaureate with a film crew to Harrison High School. IB selected HHS to highlight the work of our Math Department, recognizing both the exceptional student outcomes at Harrison and the breadth of our student body participating in IB mathematics. The crew filmed our students and teachers in IB Math Applications SL Year 2 classrooms, capturing how our teachers maintain the rigor of an IB math education while adapting

instruction and support to meet the needs of the students sitting in front of them. While mathematics was the focus, this story belongs to our entire school community. We are incredibly proud that IB chose Harrison to share with other schools what it can look like to expand access to rigorous learning while continuing to achieve exceptional outcomes.

Our partnership with families is equally important. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first PTA meeting of the year this past Wednesday. It was an opportunity to kick off the year together, introduce members of our high school team, and begin conversations that will continue throughout the year. Our next meeting will be October 21, when we will feature our high school library with "Click, Search, Discover: Exploring the HHS Library." If you have not yet joined the HHS PTA, I encourage you to do so using this link. It is a wonderful way to stay connected to our school and support our students.

Speaking of welcoming families into HHS, Open House is this Thursday, September 24! We look forward to giving parents and guardians a glimpse into their child's school day as they follow their Day 3 schedule, meet their teachers, and learn more about their academic program. There is no opening meeting, and first period begins promptly at 7:00 PM, so please plan to arrive with enough time to park and find your child's first period classroom. We strongly recommend taking a screenshot of your child's Day 3 schedule before arriving. Parking is limited, so we encourage families to carpool whenever possible. If our lots reach capacity, overflow parking and shuttle service will be available at LMK. We are excited to open our doors and share a little of what your child experiences each day at HHS.

There is a lot happening at Harrison High School right now, and that is exactly what we want. I hope our students continue to find the people, places, activities, and experiences that make HHS feel like their school. On Thursday, we look forward to welcoming our families into the building and giving you an opportunity to experience some of that energy for yourselves.

As our schools will be closed on Monday in observance of Yom Kippur, I wish all members of our HHS community who observe a meaningful Yom Kippur.

Have a wonderful weekend, HHS. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday!

Best,
Ms. Beukema

ALL	Monday - School Closed (Yom Kippur holiday) Tuesday- Day 1 Wednesday - Day 2 Thursday - Day 3 Friday - Day 4 Please be advised that there will be an early dismissal for students on Friday at 10:45am. There will be no lunch served. Buses will run on their regular schedule at the 10:45am dismissal time. Students will be attending periods 1-4. If you enjoy working with middle school students and need service credit, consider joining R.O.T.O.Y (Academy). Join the google classroom link 36qk4pfq and choose a day that works for you. We will meet in the LMK library at around 3 - 3:45 on the day of your choice, Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Plan on beginning the week of	

	September 28th. Please email Mrs. Prezioso, preziosr@harrisoncsd.org with any questions. Attention Underclassroom! If you took a school photo on September 2nd or 3rd, your photos are ready to be viewed online on Legacy Studios website. Parents should have received an email as well. If you have any questions, please contact Legacy Studios. Please join us for Harrison High School Open House on Thursday.September 24. First period will begin promptly at 7:00 PM, so please plan to arrive with enough time to park and make your way to your student's first-period classroom. We encourage families to carpool whenever possible. Overflow parking will be available at LMK Middle School, with shuttle bus transportation provided to and from Harrison High School. Open House will follow a Day 3 schedule. We strongly recommend taking a screenshot of your child's Day 3 schedule before arriving.	
Athletics	Don't forget to check Schedule Galaxy for a list of all athletic events. Go Huskies!	
Club and Student Activities	Congratulations to the HHS Debate Team on a great performance at the National Speech & Debate Association's Season Opener this past weekend (9/11-13)! Out of 231 debaters from around the country, Flynn Williams placed 3rd, Kevin Iwanski placed in the top 16, and Sebastian Engle and Atharv Gandhi also won awards! Do you like to organize, read, and research? Do you enjoy book-related arts and crafts and bulletin boards? Join our Library's team of volunteers. Stop by the library for more information or to pick up an application. The Environmental Club's next meeting is on Tuesday after school in room D-164. Join our Google Classroom using code: k6hcj55p. Sustainable September fact: LED bulbs use about 75% less energy than regular bulbs. The Black Students Association will have an interest meeting on Thursday after school in D175. The El Club Español (Spanish Club) will have an interest meeting on Monday, September 28th at 2:30pm in C129. Board nominations will take place. Friends of Rachel will have an interest meeting on Monday, September 28th after school in D172. GSA will have an informative meeting on Monday, September 28th after school in D141. All are welcome! The HHS Math Team's informational meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, September 29, after school in room D158.	
9th Grade		
10th Grade		
11th Grade	Now Accepting Applications for the 2027 U.S. Senate Youth Program • Each year, the New York State Education Department selects two students from	

	high schools across the state to represent New York at the national U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP). USSYP is a national nonpartisan initiative to provide an annual opportunity for talented high school students with demonstrated leadership abilities to deepen their understanding of America's political processes and strengthen their resolve to pursue careers in public service. • Any high school junior or senior is eligible. Applicants must be actively serving in qualified leadership positions, enrolled in high school, and living in the state that they will represent for the entire 2026-2027 academic year. The two chosen students will each be awarded a $12,500 scholarship and will attend the 65th annual USSYP Washington Week, which will take place in Washington, D.C., from March 6-13, 2026. • The online USSYP 2026 Application must be submitted on or before Thursday, October 15, 2025, by 5:00 PM. • More information, including the link to the online application form and the list of qualifying leadership positions, can be found on the Office of Standards and Instruction's William Randolph Hearst Foundation United States Senate Youth Program website. • *Questions may be submitted to NYSenateYouth@nysed.gov.* *Interested students should stop in the Main Office and make an appointment with Ms. Beukema to discuss.*	
12th Grade	Guidance will host a College Application Extra-Help session on Tuesday in the Guidance Classroom after school from 2:30-3:30. All students are welcome to attend. If you are registered for the Digital SAT on Thursday, October 1, 2026, you must attend a Mandatory "Digital Readiness Check." You should attend during a lunch or free period if possible. The Digital Readiness Check sessions will be held on: • Wednesday - during periods 5 through 9 in the Guidance Classroom • Thursday - during periods 4 through 9 in the Guidance Classroom Students must attend one of these periods to be eligible to take the SAT. College Essay Workshop Fall Session. Saturday, September 26th: 10am-1pm or 2pm-5pm. In this session, Seniors are given an opportunity to work on their college essay, an integral part of the college application process. From identifying a focus for their essay to developing their ideas and refining their prose, this interactive workshop will provide students the opportunity to begin the process of crafting their college essay. During this workshop, teachers will lead small group sessions, share best writing strategies, and provide personalized feedback on student writing. Students should register through this link https://students.arbitersports.com/programs/2026-summer-college-essay Please contact Dr. Jaimie Kanter, Director of ELA, at kanterj@harrisoncsd.org for more information. Class of 2027: New York State Seal of Biliteracy: Seniors interested in earning the New York State Seal of Biliteracy are invited to learn more about this special recognition for students who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and at least one additional world language. Students who earn the Seal receive a designation on their diploma and a medallion to wear at graduation. Interested seniors should join the Class of 2027 Seal of Biliteracy Google Classroom using code advfjvmx. Additional information and upcoming Q&A session dates will be	

shared through the Google Classroom.

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Guidance 11th & 12th grades

COLLEGE VISITS

The following college representatives will be visiting Harrison High School over the next few weeks. If you would like to meet with a college representative, please sign up through Naviance.

Be sure to check Naviance regularly for any updates or changes to the visit schedule.

September 22, 2026	Purdue University
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September 22, 2026	Central Connecticut State University
September 23, 2026	Colgate University
September 23, 2026	Brandeis University
September 23, 2026	Landmark College
September 23, 2026	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
September 24, 2026	Lehman College of the City University of New York
September 24, 2026	Boston University
September 24, 2026	University of South Carolina-Columbia
September 24, 2026	Syracuse University
September 25, 2026	Pace University
September 25, 2026	Simmons University
September 28, 2026	Bentley University
September 28, 2026	University of Vermont
September 28, 2026	Springfield College
September 28, 2026	Providence College
September 29, 2026	The University of Tampa

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Resources	Lost & Found: If you have lost an item (jacket, sweatshirt, water bottle, etc.) please check the Lost & Found bin outside the Main Office. Late Bus Schedule: The Late Bus is available for students who participate in after school activities. Youth Employment Office: Genine Ruta, the representative from the Harrison Youth Employment Office (YES), will be in the Student Union on Tuesdays (10:30am-12:30pm) and Thursdays (11am- 1pm). She can assist you in finding local employment. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself. Safe2SpeakUp App: We encourage all students to download the Safe2SpeakUp app, which provides real-time updates and important safety information during emergencies or drills. The app is free and can be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play. Students can easily log in using their Google Credentials through Single Sign-On (SSO). Please use the links below specific to your grade. • Juniors and Seniors • Freshman and Sophomores CrisisGo Safety APP for Parents: The Harrison Central School District (HCSD) is making a safety app available for parents to receive safety alerts from their child's school. The CrisisGo Safety app will inform you of school safety matters and provide reliable, timely updates in the event of an emergency. The Crisis Go app is free to download by following the steps outlined in this link. Frequently used telephone numbers: • Attendance: 914-630-3117/3118 • Guidance: 914-630-3101 • Nurse: 914-630-3123 • Main Office: 914-630-3095	