HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL – THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28TH – OCTOBER 2ND, 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,

Thank you to all of our HHS families who joined us for Open House on Thursday evening. It was great to have so many of you in the building, walking your child's schedule, meeting their teachers, and getting a glimpse into the learning and experiences that make up their day at Harrison High School. Opportunities like Open House are an important part of the partnership between school and home, and we appreciate the time you took to be here and connect with us.

We also recognize that such a strong turnout meant a very busy campus. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as everyone navigated parking, shuttle buses, and getting on and off campus. We know it took some extra time and patience, particularly at the beginning and end of the evening, and we sincerely appreciate everyone working with us.

This coming week brings another opportunity to celebrate our school community. At our District Tenure Celebration, hosted by Dr. Wool in the Harrison Performing Arts Center, each principal has the privilege of recognizing the faculty and staff members from their school who have reached this important professional milestone. I am incredibly proud to recognize our HHS honorees: Ms. Ana Abalyan, Social Studies; Ms. Mary Blount, Science; Ms. Mona Cosentino, Teaching Assistant; Ms. Melissa Garcia, Special Education; and Ms. Alexandra Villanueva, World Languages/Spanish.

Tenure represents an important milestone in an educator's career and reflects dedication to students, continued growth in one's practice, collaboration with colleagues, and a commitment to the core values that guide our work at Harrison. Each of these educators demonstrates through their work a commitment to ensuring that our students feel seen, heard, and valued, while creating opportunities for them to have choice, voice, and ownership in their learning and school experience. I am proud to celebrate this milestone with Ms. Abalyan, Ms. Blount, Ms. Cosentino, Mrs. Garcia, and Ms. Villanueva, and grateful for all they contribute to our students and our school community. Congratulations to each of them on this well deserved recognition!

Thank you again to our families for joining us at Open House and for the many ways you partner with us throughout the year. It was great to have you at HHS and to share a little of your child's daily experience with you.

Have a wonderful weekend, HHS!

Best,
Ms. Beukema

ALL	Monday - Day 5 Tuesday- Day 6 Wednesday - Day 1 Thursday - Day 2 Friday - Day 3 **The Husky Cafe** is back on Friday! Stop by for a hot/iced coffee and a brownie!	
Athletics	Don't forget to check Schedule Galaxy for a list of all athletic events. Go Huskies! BASEBALL PARENT INTEREST MEETING -SPRING 2027: • WHO: All parents of players who are interested in playing baseball this spring (parents only) • (Grades 9-12) • WHEN: Thursday, October 8th • TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM • WHERE: Zoom (link will be sent via email) • WHY: Discuss fundraising, Florida trip and tryouts • *If you need to be added to the email list, please reach out to Coach DiRuocco at diruoccom@harrisoncsd.org. Thank you.	
Club and Student Activities	**Congratulations to the HHS Debate Team** on a great performance at the Greenhill tournament in Texas this past weekend (9/19-21)! Out of 94 of the top debaters from around the country, Flynn Williams placed 7th and earned his second qualifying bid to the Tournament of Champions, and Sebastian Engle placed in the top 30! Also this weekend, Ashley Cho won the Lexington JV Round Robin, and Oviya Gandhi was top speaker! Congrats to all! 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 **El Club Español** (Spanish Club) will have an interest meeting on Monday at 2:30pm in C129. Board nominations will take place. **Friends of Rachel** will have an interest meeting on Monday after school in D172. **GSA** will have an informative meeting on Monday after school in D141. All are welcome! The **HHS Math Team's** informational meeting will be held Tuesday after school in room D158. There will be a **French Club** interest meeting immediately after school on Tuesday in D170. **The Environmental Club** will meet in room D-164 after school on Tuesday for officer elections. Join our Google Classroom: k6hcj55p. Come join the **Yearbook Club**! We are meeting on Wednesday at 2:30 PM in A108!	

	The Mariachi Orchestra Student Group will meet on Monday, October 5th at 2:30pm in the orchestra room.	
9th Grade		
10th Grade		
11th Grade	**PSAT/NMSQT** • **All 11th-grade students are invited to take the digital PSAT/NMSQT during the school day on Tuesday, October 27, 2026.** The PSAT provides valuable SAT practice and feedback and serves as the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program. • **The Harrison Central School District covers the cost of the exam, and all 11th-grade students are automatically registered.** If your child will **not** be participating, please submit the **opt-out form** by the end of the school day on **Thursday, October 1, 2026**. • Students participating in the PSAT will complete a brief, required **Digital Readiness Check** prior to the exam to confirm their device and technical readiness. Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks. • For preparation materials and information about the exam and National Merit Scholarship Program, visit the **College Board website** or review the **PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide**. • Questions? Please contact the **Guidance Office at 914-630-3345** or your child's school counselor. 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

The College Application Extra Help session will be held on Tuesday at 2:30pm in B120. If you need support with anything related to your college applications, please stop by! This includes help with the Common App, Naviance, or STARS (the self-report of your transcript).

Senior Rock Painting will take place on Thursday at 2:30pm. You are responsible to provide your own spray paint. If you are unable to do so, the school will provide you with paint. This is your chance to leave your mark for the Class of 2027!

The HHS Guidance Department is excited to host our annual **FAFSA Completion Events** this October! We look forward to welcoming you and supporting you through the FAFSA completion process. Please see this flyer for event details. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school counselor.

We invite you to Harrison High School to **complete your FAFSA with our partner financial aid counselors:**

- Monday, October 19th, by appointment between 10AM & 1PM
- Tuesday, October 20th, 6 PM - 8 PM (no appointment needed)

Please RSVP to your school counselor or Ms. Papa in the Guidance Office at 914-630-3345.

Please follow these steps at least 72 hours in advance of your appointment or the event:

- Step 1. Student and at least one parent must create an FSA ID at: https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch
- Step 2. You must have a copy of your 2025 tax returns and W-2s on hand at the time of the event.

Please bring a personal laptop, or you may borrow one upon arrival. A Spanish bilingual financial aid counselor will be available at the events. Please notify your counselor if you require additional translation services.

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 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 September 29, 2026 Dickinson College September 29, 2026 Arizona State University- Tempe September 29, 2026 University of Scranton September 30, 2026 Lehigh University September 30, 2026 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute September 30, 2026 Cornell University September 30, 2026 SUNY Brockport September 30, 2026 James Madison University October 1, 2026 University of Connecticut October 2, 2026 Iona University October 2, 2026 Washington University October 2, 2026 Springfield College October 2, 2026 New York Institute of Technology October 5, 2026 Vanderbilt University October 5, 2026 Dean College October 5, 2026 University of Chicago October 5, 2026 Princeton University October 6, 2026 Manhattanville University October 6, 2026 University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth October 6, 2026 University of Colorado Boulder October 7, 2026 Case Western Reserve University October 7, 2026 Seton Hall University October 7, 2026 Syracuse University October 9, 2026 State University of New York at Oswego October 9, 2026 Brown University October 9, 2026 Jacksonville University	

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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	