HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL – THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5TH – OCTOBER 9TH, 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,

There are certain traditions at HHS that become highlights of our school year, and today brought the return of one of my favorites, the Husky Cafe. Every other Friday, students in our FASE and PACE programs, which support our neurodivergent learners, operate a working cafe where students, faculty, and staff can stop by for one of their famous brownies or a hot or iced beverage.

The Husky Cafe is much more than a place to grab a coffee or a treat. It provides our students with an authentic setting to practice skills that support greater independence in school, the workplace, and the community. Students are involved in every part of the operation, including taking inventory, shopping for supplies, preparing the Cafe, greeting and serving customers, handling money, making change, and working together as a team. Just as importantly, they have repeated opportunities to practice communication and social interactions with peers and adults throughout HHS.

And that benefit goes both ways. The Cafe creates a natural space for students across our school to interact, build relationships, and get to know one another in ways that might not happen during a typical school day. The line that forms when the Husky Cafe opens certainly tells us how much everyone loves the brownies and beverages, but it is the learning, confidence, independence, and connections being built on both sides of the counter that make the Husky Cafe so special.

As we move further into the school year, I also want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of regular attendance. There are certainly times when students need to miss school due to illness or other circumstances, but being present each day matters. So much of learning happens through discussion, collaboration, relationships, and experiences that are difficult to recreate once they are missed. Regular attendance helps students stay connected to their teachers, their classmates, their learning, and the larger HHS community. If something is making it difficult for your child to attend school consistently, please reach out to us early. Our counselors, Guidance Department, and Mental Health Team are here to partner with families and help students get the support they need.

As you look through this week's Bulletin, there are many opportunities for students to participate in the life of HHS. On Monday, Friends of Rachel is hosting a schoolwide Pink Out Day in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness, along with an after school bake sale. Our National Honor Society is also preparing for its annual student and staff blood drive on October 14, with registration taking place during lunch periods this week. College representatives continue to visit HHS throughout the week, providing our students with opportunities to learn more and ask questions right here on campus.

Whether students are running the Husky Cafe, supporting a cause, participating in a club, exploring what might come next after HHS, or simply showing up each day ready to learn, I hope they continue to find opportunities to connect, contribute, and discover where they belong.

Have a wonderful weekend, HHS!
Best,
Ms. Beukema

ALL	Monday - Day 4 Tuesday- Day 5 Wednesday - Day 6 Thursday - Day 1 Friday - Day 2 The National Honor Society (NHS) will be hosting the annual student/staff blood drive on Wednesday, October 14th. Registration and more information will be available in the cafeteria during lunch periods this week. We are competing against Rye for the most blood donated. Go Huskies! Beat Rye!!! *The HSCD will be closed on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.* Picture Retake Day is Friday, October 23rd! Did you miss the first picture day? Or do you want a new photo because you didn't like your first one? Legacy Studios will be here all day in the HPAC. Please stop by during your lunch or free period. • If you missed it: Come get your photo taken so you are in the yearbook and have a student ID. • If you want a retake: Bring your original picture package with you to show the photographer.	
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. Varsity/Modified Ice Hockey will be holding an interest meeting on Oct 28th at 4:30pm in room C131.	
Club and Student Activities	Friends of Rachel will host a school-wide Pink Out Day on Monday! Wear pink to show your support for breast cancer awareness. Make sure to stop by their bake sale after school. Congratulations to the HHS Debate Team on **winning** the **Mid America Cup** national championship in Iowa this past weekend (9/26-28)! Out of over 80 of the top debaters from around the country, **Flynn Williams** was the **tournament champion** with a 17-1 ballot count, becoming the first debater in the team's history to win this tournament. **Kevin Iwanski** placed **11th**, and earned his first bid to the Tournament of Champions, and **Atharv Gandhi** placed in the **top 30**. Congrats to all! Attention all new students to the district! You're invited to a newcomers group where you can meet other new students and learn more about HHS! Please attend the group for your grade. Check your email from Mrs. McCarthy for details. • 9th grade - Wednesday - 9th period	

	• 10th Grade - Wednesday - 8th period • 11th Grade - Friday - 9th period • 12th Grade - Friday - 1st period There will be a kick-off meeting for Library Volunteers on Wednesday after school in the library. It's not too late to sign up to volunteer. Pick up an application in the library or come to the kick off to hear more about this volunteer opportunity. The Yearbook club is looking for new members to help design this year's yearbook. Bring your ideas on Wednesday, after school to room A108! **Join the Google Classroom with code: rkh72pvi.** All are welcome! An interest meeting for the Asian Student Association will take place on Friday after school in the Guidance Classroom! Come to learn more about how to benefit Harrison's community, promote global Asian representation, and available leadership opportunities. Whether you want to create action at HHS or learn more about Asian culture, all are welcome! Google classroom code: otsq34vk. List of Clubs and Student Activities	
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	The HHS Guidance Department is excited to host our annual **FAFSA Completion Events with our partner financial aid counselors** this October! We look forward to welcoming you and supporting you through the FAFSA completion process. If you have	

any questions, please contact your child's school counselor.

- 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

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

11th & 12th grades	through Naviance. Be sure to check Naviance regularly for any updates or changes to the visit schedule. 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 October 9, 2026 Northwestern University October 13, 2026 University of Bridgeport October 13, 2026 The George Washington University October 13, 2026 San Diego State University October 13, 2026 Trinity College October 14, 2026 Tulane University October 14, 2026 Loyola University Maryland October 14, 2026 Bucknell University October 14, 2026 Marist University October 15, 2026 St. John's University October 15, 2026 Post University October 15, 2026 SUNY Purchase October 16, 2026 University of Maryland-College Park October 16, 2026 Monmouth University October 16, 2026 Merrimack College October 16, 2026 Dominican University
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: 914-630-3117/3118/3326
- Guidance: 914-630-3101
- Nurse: 914-630-3123
- Main Office: 914-630-3095