HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL - THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

The week of November 2nd - November 5th, 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 was certainly no shortage of Halloween spirit at HHS today! It was wonderful to see so many of our students, faculty, and staff embrace the occasion, arriving in costumes and bringing some extra fun and creativity to our school day. I always enjoy seeing our school community come together in ways that allow everyone's personalities and sense of humor to shine through!

Adding to the festivities, our Senior Grade Level Officers organized a Halloween Hallway Takeover, transforming the Senior Breezeway into a "Creatures of the Night" experience. Beyond the creativity and effort that went into decorating the space, I was particularly impressed by the thoughtfulness of their planning. Our student leaders considered every aspect of the project, from setup through takedown and cleanup, ensuring that their efforts to bring school spirit to HHS would not create additional work for our custodial staff. It was a wonderful example of students taking ownership of an initiative while demonstrating consideration and respect for the people who work so hard to care for our school.

Our FASE/PACE students also contributed to the fall festivities by hosting a Pumpkin Painting Pop-Up in the Student Union on Thursday. The event began with a morning announcement from one of our FASE students, who used her communication device to personally invite the HHS community to join the fun. Students were welcomed to paint their own Husky Halloween pumpkins, which will help decorate our outdoor spaces for the fall season. What I especially appreciated about this activity was that our FASE/PACE students were not simply participating in a school event. They were the hosts, creating an opportunity for neurodivergent and neurotypical students to come together, connect, and enjoy a shared experience. These are the kinds of authentic interactions that help build relationships, foster understanding, and strengthen the sense of belonging for all students at HHS.

These moments may seem small in the midst of everything happening at a busy high school, but they reflect something important about the community we continue to build at HHS. When students take the initiative to create experiences for others, consider the people around them, and find ways to bring their peers together, they contribute to a school where everyone has an opportunity to feel connected and valued.

On Tuesday, while students are not in school, our faculty and staff will come together for our Superintendent's Conference Day, an important opportunity for educators to collaborate, reflect on their practice, and engage in meaningful professional learning. One of our areas of focus for our IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) and Diploma Programme (DP) faculty will be concept-based instruction. This approach encourages students to move beyond simply learning facts and information to developing a deeper understanding of the big ideas and concepts that connect what they are learning. By helping students recognize patterns, make connections across disciplines, and apply their understanding to new and unfamiliar situations, concept-based instruction supports the development of critical thinking and transferable skills. This work is central to the philosophy of an IB education and our commitment to providing students with meaningful, rigorous learning experiences.

I also want to congratulate our Girls Varsity Soccer Team on their tremendous come-from-behind victory over the No. 1 seed in the Class AA Tournament! Their determination and teamwork have earned them a spot in the Section

Championship this Sunday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m. at Arlington High School, where they will take on John Jay Cross River. I hope our HHS community will come out to cheer on our student athletes as they compete for the championship! Ticket information is included in this week's Bulletin.

Looking ahead, I hope many of our families will join us for the HHS Playhouse production of Sense & Sensibility next weekend, with performances on Friday, November 6, and Saturday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 8, at 2:00 p.m. Our students and faculty have been working hard to bring this production to the stage, and I encourage you to come out and support their efforts. Ticket information is included in this week's Bulletin.

Have a wonderful weekend, HHS!

Best,
Ms. Beukema

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Monday - Day 5
Tuesday- No School for Students- Superintendent's Conference Day
Wednesday - Day 6
Thursday - Day 1
Friday - Day 2

This year's **Fall Play presented by the HHS Playhouse, is "Sense & Sensibility"** by Kate Hamill! Kate Hamill's playful adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel follows the fortunes (and misfortunes) of the Dashwood sisters after their father's death leaves them financially destitute and socially vulnerable.

Performances are:

- Friday, November 6th @ 7pm
- Saturday, November 7th @ 7pm
- Sunday, November 8th @ 2pm

Tickets can be purchased in advance of the show.

To RESERVE YOUR SEAT, visit https://hhs.harrisoncsd.org/arts/hhs-playhouse

Need a little extra academic support? Our **HHS Peer Tutoring Program** offers free, student-led tutoring in math, science, English, history, and select world languages. Students can work with trained peer tutors to review challenging concepts, prepare for assessments, and build confidence in their learning. **Interested in being paired with a tutor?** Email **HHSPeerTutors@harrisoncsd.org** to get connected!

Yearbooks are on sale now! Go to Jostens website to purchase your 2026-2027 yearbook.

Parsons Elementary School is seeking **volunteer tutors** for its after-school ENL Homework Club! We will meet on Wednesdays from 3:05-4:00 p.m. in the Parsons Library. The start date is to be determined, but the club will likely begin sometime in November. As a tutor, you will be helping students in 4th and 5th grades who are learning English. You will assist students in completing homework assignments and projects, preparing for tests, etc. If interested, please join the Parsons ENL Homework Google Classroom. The invite code is: rwt256zn. Once you have registered on the

	Google Classroom, the club supervisors at Parsons will be in touch with more information. Thank you in advance for your support!	
Athletics	**GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER HEADED TO THE SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP!** Congratulations to our Girls Varsity Soccer Team and coaches Jon-Erik Zappala, Caela Vasilkioti, and Carina Papa on their incredible come-from-behind victory over the No. 1 seed in the Class AA Tournament! Their resilience, determination, and teamwork have earned them a spot in the Section Championship! Let's fill the stands with Husky pride and cheer our girls on as they compete for the title! CLASS AA GIRLS SOCCER SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP Harrison vs. John Jay Cross River Date: Sunday, November 1 Time: 10:00 AM Location: Arlington High School Tickets: Must be purchased through GoFan. GO HUSKIES! Don't forget to check **Schedule Galaxy (click for link)** for a list of all athletic events. Go Huskies! **Winter High School Sports registration** (*Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Bowling, Boys and Girls Indoor Track, Boys Swimming, Ice Hockey and Cheer*) is open and will close on Monday, November 16th at 8am. All registration must be done through our online platform FamilyID. Late registration will not be accepted. Winter High School Sport Start Date: 11/16/2026 *Boys Freshman Basketball Start Date: 11/30/2026 Please note that NYSPHSAA requires a physical exam dated within one calendar year of the sports start date. If you have any questions please contact the Athletic Office at 914-630-3127.	
Guidance	As a reminder, 11th and 12th-graders are encouraged to attend **College Visits at the HHS Guidance Office** throughout the Fall. These visits provide a valuable opportunity for students to connect directly with college representatives and gain meaningful perspectives on campus life, academic programs, and the admissions process. For a list of upcoming visits, please check each week's HHS Weekly Bulletin, Naviance, or the Guidance Office. Students can register to attend through Naviance or in the Guidance Office. For any questions, please contact your child's school counselor or Ms. Papa in the Guidance Office at papac@harrisoncsd.org or 914-630-3345. **COLLEGE VISITS** ***(11th & 12th Grade Only)*** 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. November 2, 2026 University of Hartford November 2, 2026 Moravian University November 4, 2026 University of Rhode Island	

	November 5, 2026 Lynn University November 6, 2026 Montclair State University November 9, 2026 State University of New York College at Old Westbury November 13, 2026 SUNY Colleges Representative November 16, 2026 University of Saint Joseph November 17, 2026 Post University November 24, 2026 University of Kentucky November 30, 2026 SUNY Westchester Community College	
Club and Student Activities	List of Clubs and Student Activities **Imagine Literary Magazine** has organized the *Annual Fall Contest*. This year's submission is any form of creative art about finding balance in life. The deadline is December 1st. Please submit to imagineliterarymag@harrisoncsd.org. Congratulations to the **HHS Debate Team** on winning the Sister Raimonde tournament at Bronx Science this past weekend (10/24)! In varsity, Ashley Cho was the tournament champion, Oviya Gandhi placed 2nd, and Paige Bianchini placed 3rd; Andrew Pogrebnyakov placed 11th in the novice division! Also this weekend, Sebastian Engle placed 5th at the JW Patterson tournament. Great job to all!	
9th Grade		
10th Grade		
11th Grade		

12th Grade	**FAFSA & TAP Are Now Open**
	• The 2027-2028 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) applications are now open. Applying early means students will know their aid eligibility sooner, have time to correct any errors, and provide prospective colleges with information to build their financial aid packages.
	• Steps for Students to Apply:
	  ○ Create a StudentAid.gov account.
	  ○ Complete the FAFSA.
	  ○ Use the state link at the end to complete the TAP application.
	• Students who don't meet citizenship or residency requirements may still qualify for New York State financial aid through alternate pathways, like the NYS DREAM Act or the Alternate Eligibility Path. Visit the Applying for Aid webpage to learn more.
	• Students can also attend one of HESC's virtual FAFSA/TAP completion events for help completing the applications.
	• Students can also sign up to receive texts from HESC with key information about financial aid, important deadline dates, and resources.	

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