HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL - THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23RD - NOVEMBER 27TH, 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 approach Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on the many reasons I am grateful to be part of the Harrison High School community. Each day, I have the privilege of witnessing the kindness, generosity, dedication, and compassion of our students, faculty, staff, and families. While Thanksgiving offers a special opportunity to pause and express our gratitude, I am reminded throughout the year of just how fortunate we are to be part of a community that cares so deeply for one another.

One wonderful example of this spirit of giving was demonstrated by our Youth Volunteers of Harrison (YVH). On Saturday, November 14, our student volunteers held their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive at DeCicco's Market in Harrison. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our community, they collected more than 1,200 food items, which were used to assemble 45 Thanksgiving dinner baskets for local families. These baskets, along with additional donated food items, were delivered to the Harrison Food Pantry. What a meaningful example of our students putting compassion into action! I am incredibly proud of our YVH students for their commitment to serving others and grateful to the many community members whose contributions helped make this effort such a success.

I am equally grateful for the many ways our students take ownership of their learning and create opportunities for one another. This past Saturday, our HHS Model Congress hosted an in-house conference that brought together 17 student delegates to debate proposed legislation and deepen their understanding of the United States legislative process. Through thoughtful discussions, spirited debates, and feedback from their student leaders, participants experienced firsthand the importance of civic engagement, critical thinking, and respectful discourse. Congratulations to our Model Congress students for organizing such an engaging learning experience, and a special thank you to their advisors, Mrs. Natasha Merritt and Mr. Daniel Johnson, for their dedication to providing our students with these meaningful opportunities to learn and grow beyond the classroom.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude to our HHS PTA, whose generosity and partnership have supported our students, faculty, and school community in so many meaningful ways this year. From purchasing T-shirts that help our Peer Leaders be easily identified at school events, to providing yoga mats for our dance classes and helping fund our IB Dance students' visit to the Martha Graham exhibit at the New York Public Library, the PTA continues to enrich the experiences available to our students. They also provide financial assistance to students for whom college application fees present a hardship, helping ensure that financial circumstances do not limit opportunities. Beyond these contributions, our PTA thoughtfully recognizes and celebrates our faculty and staff through teacher appreciation events, supports our college fair by providing desserts for visiting college representatives, and brings our community together through special events, including the upcoming Winter Wonderland. These are just a few examples of the many ways our PTA makes a difference, and I am deeply appreciative of their generosity, thoughtfulness, and unwavering commitment to HHS.

As we prepare for the holiday, I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our faculty and staff, whose dedication to our students extends well beyond the classroom. I am grateful for our families, who partner with us in supporting our students' growth and success, and especially for our students, who continually remind me of the

importance of kindness, curiosity, perseverance, and looking out for one another. It is the collective contributions of so many people that make HHS the community it is.

As you gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, I hope you find time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy the people and moments that matter most. Thank you for all that you contribute to our school community and for the many ways you make Harrison High School a place where our students can learn, grow, and thrive.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with warmth, gratitude, and joy!

Go Huskies!

Best,
Ms. Beukema

ALL	Monday - Day 6 Tuesday- Day 1 Wednesday - Day 2 (Early dismissal at 10:50am) Thursday - Thanksgiving (No school) Friday - Day after Thanksgiving (No school) Harrison High School will dismiss students at **10:50 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25**, for the **District's annual emergency dismissal drill**, conducted in coordination with the Harrison Police Department. **Important dismissal information:** • **No lunch will be served.** • **Students must take their assigned bus or walk home**, based on transportation eligibility. • **Seniors who drive may transport siblings only.** Students may not ride with unrelated student drivers. • **Families may not pick up students during the drill.** Any necessary early pickup must occur **before 10:15 a.m.** • **Student athletes with scheduled practices** should report to the tennis courts to meet their coaches. They may reenter the building after the drill. • **All other after-school activities, including the Fitness Center, are canceled.** There will be no late buses. • An automated call will be sent to all phone numbers on file to test the District's emergency notification system. Families may notice an increased police presence on campus during the drill. Please review the District's Emergency Dismissal Procedures for additional information or release times for students in other Harrison schools. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us practice these important safety procedures. **Harrison High School PTA:** The Harrison High School PTA is a very active and supportive organization for all students and parents. The PTA is extremely helpful in keeping parents informed about current events and activities that occur at HHS. Please consider joining as a member and getting involved: membership link Don't forget to **order your 2026–2027 HHS Yearbook** through Jostens!	
Athletics	Don't forget to check **Schedule Galaxy (click for link)** for a list of all athletic events. Go Huskies!	

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 24, 2026 University of Kentucky** **November 30, 2026 SUNY Westchester Community College**	
Club and Student Activities	List of Clubs and Student Activities This past Saturday, **Harrison's Model Congress** team hosted an in-house conference. 17 delegates attended to debate bills, learned more about the US legislative process, and ate Chipotle. Our club members engaged in multiple discussions and debates regarding their bills and received feedback from our presidents. Model Congress provides students with the perfect opportunity to immerse themselves in the legislative process to learn about how our government functions. Model Congress is always open to new members; if you are interested in joining this club (even without any prior experience) we meet every Thursday at 2:30 in D176.	
9th Grade		
10th Grade		
11th Grade		
12th Grade	**Senior Portraits:** If you have not had your portrait session with Legacy Studios, please schedule one today! Legacy is our contracted photographer for the yearbook - you only need the portrait taken, then choose a favorite that will be featured in the yearbook. There is NO obligation to purchase prints. The deadline for portraits is Tuesday, December 1st. **Seniors:** Please submit your Baby & School Life (K-11) photos for the yearbook! The deadline is Sunday, November 29th. Please go to Google Classroom and Gmail for submission links. **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