

# **Hot on their Heels!**

# Harper Middle College High School

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# **Important Dates**

- Harper MCHS Dedication & Ribbon Cutting—10/26
- CPCC Harper Advising Day— 10/27
- SAT—11/5
- Election Day—11/8
- Progress Reports—11/10
- Veteran's Day—11/11
- STEMersion—11/11 & 11/18
- College Application Week— 11/14 through 11/18
- NEW DATE: Senior Project Presentations —11/17
- Junior Paper due—11/18
- Picture Day—12/13

## From the desk of Ms. Nelson .....

It has been a great week at Harper! ALL (I mean ALL) of our 77 juniors (or should I say 100% of our juniors) participated in the PSAT. Thank you for your cooperation as we pulled off an event that was both unusual and exciting for our students! A special shout out to Ms. Robinson and Mr. Cohens for working diligently to ensure all our students were present and accounted for. Thank you to Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Hernandez for serving as test administrators for the exam. Thank you to Mrs. Forges and Mr. Cohens for proctoring the exam. I feel confident that we will have several students that will earn high marks on this exam and achieve National Merit Scholar status!

Next week we will celebrate Harper with our Ribbon cutting and Dedication event. If you are available, we would love to have you join us on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 11:00 am for the event. Please RSVP on or before Monday, October 24. You may call our offices (980-343-0012) or email Mr. Cohens (clintonb.cohens@cms.k12.nc.us) if you would like to attend.

As this week comes to a close, I hope you have a restful weekend. We look forward to seeing all our #HarperGreyhounds next week for another fun filled week at Harper!

**Spring Class Registration!** Go to the link below and sign up for a session.

Priority registration for the CPCC Spring semester begins on November  $4^{th}$ . In preparation for that date, we will hold advising sessions October  $21^{st}$  through October  $31^{st}$  to help students identify their required courses and build their schedules for the next semester.

Go to the link below and sign up for an advising session. See Mrs. Forges if you have any questions.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E084CA5AB22A5F49-spring

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#### Harper Dedication & Ribbon Cutting—Student Speaker Wanted!

On October 26, 2016, we will celebrate the opening of Harper Middle College High School!

This special occasion will include remarks from Mary T. McCray, Chairperson of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, Ann Clark, Superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Dr. Kelly Trainor, Dean of the Central Piedmont Community College—Harper Campus, our Principal, Dr. Brandy Nelson, and a Harper student!

We will celebrate the start of a long legacy at Harper and invite you to join us in this celebration. This will include a small reception after the event!



# 2016-2017 Dedication Ceremony

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education cordially invites you to attend the dedication of

## Harper Middle College High School

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 11 a.m., Classroom 108 CPCC Harper Campus 315 West Hebron Street Charlotte, N.C. 28273

Please follow signage for parking and school entrance. Light refreshments immediately following the ceremony.

Please RSVP to Clinton Cohens at clintonb.cohens@cms.k12.nc.us or 980.343.0012 by Monday, October 24, 2016.



## Military-Connected Students

In an effort to ensure that the unique needs of military-connected students are met, Session Law 2014-15 requires the North Carolina State Board of Education/North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to collect information on military-connected students. The goal is to help accommodate these students by providing them with support and consistency when their parents are deployed, when they are transitioning between schools, and at other pivotal times during their academic career.

To help the district get the information needed, there is a form that needs to be filled out by you and/or your parent. Please retrieve this form out of your mailbox, have it completed, and then turn it into the main office by October 31st.

#### CPCC-Harper Library Book Sale: October 19-28

If you have books that you no longer need, save yourself a trip to Goodwill and donate them to the Harper Campus Library book sale! We will also accept DVDs and CDs. Please bring your donated items to the Harper Campus Library by Tuesday, October 18.

Then, come check out the book sale from October 19-28. All hardcovers, DVDs and CDs will be \$1 and paperbacks will be \$0.50.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the CPCC Library's Theresa Thompson Scholarship fund.

Please contact Ashley Cramton, Library Specialist-Part time, Harper Campus Library, if you have any questions.

## Prudential Spirit of Community Awards



Are you a high school student that has made meaningful contributions to their community through volunteer service? If so the Prudential Foundation would like to offer you the opportunity to earn a scholarship up to \$5,000.00. Follow the link below for more details. Good luck!

http://spirit.prudential.com

## Senior Project Presentation Day—New Date: Thursday, November 17, 2016

Alert to all students in English IV this semester!!! Your Senior Project Presentation Day has moved. The date was originally, November 4, 2016 but we have moved it to November 17, 2016. This will allow more time for our students to develop stronger projects and engage with our community in a more strategic and impactful way!

**<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:</u>** We are looking for volunteers to serve on Project Presentation Day panels on November 17th. If you are interested, please reach out to Mr. Cohens in our main office! Thank you for your support!

# Free SAT & ACT Prep

#### Free ACT and SAT Practice!

ACT and SAT test preparation is now available for **FREE** through Edgenuity. Edgenuity offers an online tutorial that allows students to develop customized course work to improve their ACT or SAT scores. The program includes diagnostic tests, video lectures, assignments, quizzes and post-tests. The subjects covered in these tutorials are Reading, English with Writing, Math and Science. Students can work individually on any subject and at their own pace. To login and complete the Orientation Module now, use the information provided below. Starting Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, subject area tutorials will be available for students. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Forges.

- www.edgenuitv.com
- Username: cms and CMS Student # (Ex. cms123456789)
- Password: CMS ID# (Ex. 123456789)

#### Join the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council!

#### High school students are invited to join the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council is the student advisory council for the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

The council, a program of Charlotte's GenerationNation, helps local teens to take an active role in learning how to solve challenges impacting Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Student leaders meet regularly with local officials and community leaders, learn about community issues and different points of view, build leadership, and more.



#### Students meet 1-2 times a month to:

- Advise policy- and decision-makers on issues impacting youth and children
- Learn about local government, the key issues (and different points of view), and how our community works
- Build knowledge and experience for leadership, college, career and civic life
- Highlight civic issues of importance to youth
- Become part of a communitywide network of emerging leaders Charlotte-Mecklenburg's new generation of leaders Dinner and transit passes are provided. All high school students are invited to participate.



#### Want to get involved?

To learn more about and apply to join the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, visit <a href="http://generationnation.org/index.php/youthvoice">http://generationnation.org/index.php/youthvoice</a> or contact <a href="mailto:info@generationnation.org">info@generationnation.org</a> or 704-343-6999.

Check out more information using this link: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/080eQB24a0r6zY1FrZjN2NDZZWVU/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/080eQB24a0r6zY1FrZjN2NDZZWVU/view?usp=sharing</a>

# Important Logistics

First and foremost, thank you so much for all of your patience. This is the first official year of Harper Middle College. We truly appreciate your patience, flexibility, and support in the opening process and as we learn and grow together. We acknowledge that much of this information will need to be specified and updated. Please keep a look out for updates from us!

Bell Schedule	Your 2016-2017 "bell" schedule is as follows:
	1st block / 9:45am – 11:15am (Teacher Planning)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> block / 11:20am - 12:50pm
	Lunch / 12:50pm – 1:15pm
	3 <sup>rd</sup> block / 1:15pm – 2:45pm
	4 <sup>th</sup> block / 2:50pm – 4:20pm
Textbook	***PLEASE NOTE*** Those students that are taking COM 231 and ACA 122, your class begins on October 12th. If you have not purchased your textbook for these course you need to see Mr. Cohens prior to attempting to do so.
	Once you have purchased your books, please bring Mr. Cohens your receipt.
Transportation	NOVEMBER bus pass COMING SOON! Please continue to read the newsletter for updates.