



# Hot on their Heels!

*Harper Middle College High School*

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## *Important Dates*

- Harper MCHS Holiday (no school)—4/14
- Senior Graduation Project Presentation Day—4/19
- Progress Reports—4/19
- SIT Meeting—4/19
- Cook out—4/19
- Charlotte Career Discovery Day—4/20
- Spirit Week—4/21
- Prom hosted by Cato Middle College—4/22
- CPCC Skyline Run—4/22
- CPCC Harper Open House—4/25
- Priority Registration for Summer and Fall Classes—4/21
- Earth & Environmental Science AP Exam—5/1
- AP Literature Exam—5/3
- AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC Exam—5/9
- AP Language Exam—5/10
- Last Day for CPCC classes—5/12
- NC Final Exams - 5/15—5/17
- Harper Goes to Carowinds—5/19
- Graduation—5/23
- First Day for 2017-2018 CMS classes—8/7!!

## *From the Desk of Dr. Nelson .....*

April is underway and we are less than 10 days away from our first AP exam of the year. Congrats to all Juniors for working diligently on their junior papers! Many students submitted their papers today and they look great, based off my cursory review of the papers. Students in Senior English classes are starting to “sweat” over their senior project presentations. We have over 25 students presenting next Wednesday, April 19! We could use your help with serving on a panel to evaluate our students on their Service Learning Experiences. Please contact our offices if you would like to help!

There are several events coming next week that are exciting for our school:

- our School Improvement Team will meet on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:30 pm,
- our Harper PTSA will meet on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 pm,
- several Harper Greyhounds will participate in Charlotte Career Discovery Day on Thursday, April 20,
- the Harper Junior Class Council will host a celebratory cook-out on Friday, April 21 at 5:45 pm,
- CPCC will host the Skyline Run on Central's campus on Saturday, April 22 at 8:00 am
- Harper MCHS AP teachers will host AP study sessions on Saturday, April 22 (see your teacher for details)
- Harper MCHS students will join Cato MCHS students for Prom on Saturday, April 22 from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

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We look forward to seeing all of you attending at least one of these events! As the year comes to a close, we are making great memories and developing strong traditions that will endure for years to come!

Have a great weekend Greyhounds!  
#gogreyhounds #harpergreyhounds  
#harpergreys

**10 Days**

**until end of year testing begins**

# Charlotte Career Discovery Day

Charlotte Career Discovery Day provides local high school youth an opportunity to learn more about opportunities in career fields ranging from Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (STEAM) to Human Services, Local Government and more. To help prepare our youth for 21st Century careers, each year over 100 local businesses and universities share hands-on experiences with up to 4,000 youth in a fun-filled, educational event.

The event includes a fashion show where local youth model how to dress for success in the work place, messages from local elected officials and other civic leaders and, most importantly, opportunities for youth to be exposed to real-world work and educational opportunities. **ALL Harper students are invited to participate in this great event!**

This event will be held on April 20, 2017. Your permission slip can be found in your student mailbox. **Permission slips are due back by April 10, 2017.** Space is limited to the first 45 students who return their permission slip to Mr. Cohens.



## Harper Construction

Harper is set to start construction on campus in addition to the ongoing parking lot project. Currently, a remodeling project to waterproof the landing is underway. I have highlighted important items and dates below.

Project will start on **4/7 and will last approximately 45 days.**

We should be complete by end of May.

This will affect the **stairs to the second floor and also the tunnel** on the first floor in front of the elevator.

The area from the memorial garden into the roundabout will be fenced off to traffic during this project.

Also the doors exiting into the **tunnel and onto the front stairs will be closed to all non-emergency traffic.**

If you use the front stairs or tunnel for normal daily traffic, we are asking you use the first floor door instead.

The **visitor parking lot will still be active** with signage pointing students and visitors to the first floor door by HP112.

Expect some construction noise.

## Cook-Out

On Friday, April 19th from 5:30pm—7:45pm, we will have a spring cook-out.

There will be food, music and games. Please sign up with Ms. Hernandez or Ms. Williams ASAP!

If you are being an item to the event, your cost is \$2.00, if you are not bringing an item, then your cost to attend is \$5.00

YUMMMMMM!



# Team Read Internship

Like kids? Love books? Got Internship? Click [here](#) to find out more. Application information inside.

## Summer Youth Business & Entrepreneurship Academy

Interested in majoring in business or owning your own business? North Carolina Central University is giving 40 high achieving rising 10th, 11th and 12th grader students with a B average or higher the opportunity to receive business training and exposure to higher education on their campus for a week. The scholarship will pay for all cost and attendance materials for those selected. Application deadline is April 7th.

Click [here](#) for more details!

## AP Testing Dates

Exam	Date	Time	Room
Enviro. Science	Monday May 1st	8:30am - 12:30pm	108 Auditorium
English Lit. & Comp.	Wednesday May 3rd	8:30am - 12:30pm	108 Auditorium
Biology	Monday May 8th	8:30am - 12:30pm	352-F
Calculus AB	Tuesday May 8th	8:30am - 12:30pm	108 Auditorium
Calculus BC	Tuesday May 8th	8:30am - 12:30pm	108 Auditorium
English Lang & Comp	Wednesday May 3rd	8:30am - 12:30pm	352 - E

## 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.edgenuity.com](http://www.edgenuity.com)
- Username: cms and CMS Student # (Ex. cms123456789)
- Password: CMS ID# (Ex. 123456789)

# National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Greetings Harper Families!

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The U.S Department of Health and Human Services reminds all of us that “strong, nurturing communities that are supportive of families can get involved and play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect and promoting child and family well-being.”

Schools are an integral part of preventing child abuse and neglect. Over the next few weeks, activities will be occurring across the district and community to promote awareness and help children know how, when, and where to reach out for assistance. You may see pinwheel gardens planted at school locations, receive brochures created by school counselors sharing their efforts, and hear your child speak about morning announcements used to increase school-wide awareness.

Some activities will be shared via social media using two hashtags: #PassThePinwheel and #CMSPinwheel. Finally, all students in CMS will receive an age-appropriate lesson on the topic of harassment and bullying. The lesson will help students define harassment and bullying, practice their response to such actions, identify an adult to come to with any problem, and understand how to help someone else experiencing harassment and bullying. We appreciate your support as we work to keep all children safe both in school and in the community.

For more information and suggestions on how to get involved go to <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/> where resources are provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Please feel free to contact our offices with any questions.

## Playing For Others (PFO)

Do you fit the statements below?

You're a natural leader or a growing leader looking for opportunities to enhance your leadership skills.

- You're a compassionate human being searching for ways to give back to your community.
- You're artistically inclined and seeking to use your creativity to change the world.
- You're looking for a space to belong; an opportunity to be an agent for change; friends who think, feel and act with compassion and deep conviction; and a space to create lifetime memories, open up doors and help you discover who you are at your absolute best!

If you answered yes to any of these statements, you might be a future Playing for Others (PFO) teen!

If you are interested in applying to be in the PFO program, please complete the interest form [here](#).

## Talk to Ann

*Join the conversation!*

### Community Engagement Sessions to discuss the 2017-2018 CMS Operating Budget

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools will host three community engagement sessions to discuss the 2017-2018 operating budget recommendation. Employees, parents and community members are invited to attend and learn more about the current budget climate and budget priorities for the next school year.

#### LOCATIONS

- April 17, 2017: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** Francis Bradley Middle School  
13345 Beatties Ford Road
- April 18, 2017: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** Eastway Middle School  
1501 Norland Road
- April 19, 2017: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** Jay M. Robinson Middle School  
5925 Ballantyne Commons Parkway



Every Child. Every Day. For a Better Tomorrow.



## Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Essay

The CBC invites qualified African-American students from the districts of Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Members to participate in our Essay Contest and Issue Forum. Students are presented with a topic that embodies some of our communities' most pressing issues and are asked to write an essay to defend their research, analyses and opinion. Submissions are judged by a special committee of CBC Spouses. Winners and their families are invited to Washington, DC in September to accept their awards and attend a panel discussion on the topic during the CBCF 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Conference. All written essay submissions are due via <http://bit.ly/2017essaycontest> by **Friday, April 21, 2017**.

To review this year's essay contest question, follow the link [here](#)!



# Harper Happenings

## **Weekly Yoga at Harper**

Every Monday from 10:30—11:00

First Floor - HP 112

Start your week off with 30 minutes of Yoga. You'll be glad you did.

## **SKYLINE RUN**

Saturday, April 22 at 8:00am

On Central Campus

Join us for a family-friendly event which supports student scholarships and other needs. Students, faculty and staff can register at [www.cpcfoundation.org/charlotte-skyline-run/](http://www.cpcfoundation.org/charlotte-skyline-run/)

for \$10. Be sure to sign up for Team Harper.

## **International Fair**

Tuesday, May 2

We are looking for students, faculty, and staff to host an international table at Harper's Spring International Festival. You can register at <https://goo.gl/forms/gAc2sigOEFpmqsy2>

# Prom Dress Code Guidelines

**A high school prom is a formal event. We are looking forward to an elegant and enjoyable event for all participants. Attire must be appropriate for high school students. Please see the dress code guidelines and pictures provided. If you are uncertain about your attire, please seek administrative approval prior to purchasing or renting your attire.**

### **Dress Guidelines for Young Men:**

Pants must be worn appropriately. No sagging.

Collared dress shirt with sleeves and worn with a tie (exception: tux shirt with a decorative button). Shirts must remain on and tucked in for the entire dance.

Dress pants (no jeans).

Jackets or blazers.

No bandannas, chains, or canes.

### **Dress Guidelines for Young Ladies**

The back of the dress may not be lower than the natural waistline (belly button)

Upper and lower body must be covered.

No see-through material which exposes excessive cleavage or private areas.

Slits may not be higher than fingertip length.

Pantsuits must be of a formal nature (no jeans).

**Students who arrive and do not meet the dress code guidelines are subject to being excluded from the event and no refund will be provided.**

## Kudos Taylor Rich



Once a year, the British American Business Council of North Carolina sponsors the ACS British Studies program, an all expense paid, twelve day study/travel visit to the United Kingdom that strives to bring British history to life by enabling students to explore and connect with 400 years of British history. Only four Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students are able to attend. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round of applying students had to submit digital presentation about the aspects of Britain or British culture that interest them most, after these were reviewed 10-14 finalists were selected for a face-to-face interview with the BABCNC Education Committee and four students were selected. Of

those four students, one happens to be a Greyhound. Congratulation Taylor Rich. We are so proud!

## Kudos Liam Roeth



As you know, in October all Juniors took the PSAT across the country. All Juniors who took the PSAT were automatically enrolled into the National Merit Scholarships Program. Out of the 1.5 million program entrants, 50,000 of these students will be recognized in the fall for being among the highest-scoring participants. Our very own Liam Roeth has been identified as one of those individuals. He will go on to compete to become one of the 16,000 semifinalist to represent the state North Carolina. We will continue to follow Liam's journey and keep you updated on this success. Congratulations Liam!.

# ALSO



[Liam Roeth](#) son of Neil and Cynthia Roeth and a Junior at Harper Middle College High School, earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. On average, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2016, only 2,235 out of nearly 2.1 million graduates who took the ACT earned a composite score of 36.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1–36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. Some students also take the optional ACT writing test, but the score for that test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score.

In a letter to the student recognizing this exceptional achievement, ACT Chief Executive Officer Marten Roorda stated, "Your achievement on the ACT is significant and rare. While test scores are just one of multiple criteria that most colleges consider when making admission decisions, your exceptional ACT composite score should prove helpful as you pursue your education and career goals."

# UNC-Asheville



UNC Asheville Admissions Rep will be at Harper

**Friday, April 21 12:45-1:15**

in the Student Lounge.

Come learn about degree programs, transfer options and campus life at UNCA!

## Transportation



April bus passes ARE NO LONGER available.

Effective immediately, in order for you to obtain your May bus pass, you MUST turn in April bus pass at the time of pick-up.

May bus passes.....TBA



## Important Logistics

<b>Bell Schedule</b>	<p>Your 2016-2017 "bell" schedule is as follows:</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> block / 9:45am – 11:15am (Teacher Planning)</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> block / 11:20am – 12:50pm</p> <p>Lunch / 12:50pm – 1:15pm</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> block / 1:15pm – 2:45pm</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> block / 2:50pm – 4:20pm</p>
<b>Textbook</b>	<b>You can now purchase your textbooks using your CPCC ID. Remember to bring me your receipts when you have purchased all of your books. See Mr. Cohens for questions.</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>See announcement!</b>
<b>Counseling</b>	<p><b>Please follow the link to the counseling website for scholarship, internship and other great opportunity.</b></p> <p><a href="http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/harperHS/Pages/Counseling.aspx">http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/harperHS/Pages/Counseling.aspx</a></p>