Important Dates

- Current student Summer 2018 & Fall 2018 Advising: 3/30—4/4
- Report Cards Mailed: 3/23
- PTSA Meeting: 3/28
- CMS Workday (CPCC classes in session): 3/29
- CPCC—Harper Advising Day: 3/29
- Holiday (no CMS/CPCC classes): 3/30
- CMS Workday (CPCC classes in session): 4/2
- Lottery 3 closes: 4/2
- Last day to register for Charlotte Career Discovery Day: 4/5
- CPCC-Harper’s 12 Hours of Design: 4/6
- National Library Day: 4/10
- CPCC Priority Registration begins: 4/13
- Saturday ACT: 4/14
- Junior Paper Due: 4/16
- Charlotte Career Discovery Day: 4/17
- Graduation Project Presentation Day: 4/18
- Progress Reports distributed: 4/19
- Prom: 4/21
- CPCC-Harper Summit: 4/24
- PTSA Meeting: 4/25
- Graduates Meeting: 4/27
- Saturday SAT: 5/5
- Teacher Appreciation Week: 5/7-5/11
- CPCC Exams: 5/7-5/11

From the Desk of Dr. Nelson …..

This week, our PTSA board members worked diligently to package up Attraction Books for each of our students! Check out page 3 of the newsletter for more information.

Next week our CMS classes end on Wednesday. Thursday is a teacher workday (CPCC classes are in session), Friday is a holiday (no CMS/CPCC classes), and Monday is a teacher workday (CPCC classes are in session). Thank you for your flexibility in the changes in the school calendar.

Many of you may have learned that CMS has begun the process for designing our strategic plan for the next 5 years. We are asking for your feedback, thoughts and advocacy in the planning for CMS. The district is facilitating several different ways for families to provide a voice to this planning process. Please visit the CMS Strategy website: http://cmsstrategy.org for more information about how you can get involved in sharing your thoughts around the CMS Strategic Plan for 2024.

If you did not know, our very own Bridget Hernandez was awarded Teacher of the Year.

Lastly, CPCC is seeking information about the CPCC brand. Parents, families, students, etc., are invited to participate in the survey. Please access the survey using this link: www.cpcc.edu/brand-study.

Have a great weekend Greyhounds!

University/College Acceptance? Scholarships?

Have you been accepted to a college or university? Did you earn ANY scholarship money?

WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT!

We want to feature you in our newsletter and on our bulletin board! Please submit copies of your acceptance letters and/or scholarship letters to Mrs. Forgess ASAP! We want to share your great news with our entire community!!!
2018 Rufus M. Dalton Leadership Scholarship

“In a gentle way, you can shake the world.” – Ghandi

BACKGROUND
The Rufus M. Dalton Leadership Scholarship was established in 2014 in honor of its namesake and his 90th birthday. From his service in World War II, where he earned a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his heroic service, to his career as an entrepreneur, philanthropist, mission worker, Sunday school teacher, volunteer, role model, and pillar of our community, Rufus is an inspiration to many. He has supported countless worthy causes with his time, wisdom and guidance, but perhaps his most profound influence has been a defining role and his decades long tenure on the board of North Carolina Outward Bound School.

THE AWARD
This annual scholarship awards an exemplary student with an all-expenses paid, 22-day backpacking, rock climbing, and whitewater canoeing course in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Included in this award is provision of gear required for the wilderness course; the total experience is valued at $4,700.

ELIGIBILITY
Eligible applicants must:
- Be a current high school Freshman, Sophomore or Junior
- Live in Mecklenburg County
- Show a proven desire to lead and serve others
- Demonstrate limited financial means

Click this link for more information: https://goo.gl/kfCoRR

Clemson College-Readiness Program

A summer program designed to support college readiness of high-achieving students from diverse populations and to get an inside look into Clemson University. Click this link for more information: https://goo.gl/R5FiM7

Attraction Books are now ON SALE!

The Harper MCHS PTSA is supporting scholarships for graduating students through their Attraction Books sale! Each student has an Attraction Book (price: $20.00) with their name on it! If we sell at least 60 books, the PTSA can provide two $250.00 scholarships to graduates (1 grade 12 student and 1 grade 13 student). Please come by and pick up an attraction book to sell for $20.00.
The NC Promise Tuition Plan!
Through NC Promise, the state will significantly reduce student tuition cost at three UNC system institutions – Elizabeth City State University, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Western Carolina University – beginning in fall 2018. The plan will increase educational access and reduce student debt.

https://ncpromise.com/

Exploring Internship Survey:
Exploring is a career education program that connects students and local businesses in the community. Juniors are asked to click on the below link and take a 5 minute Career Interest Survey. Your response on the survey may result in an invitation next school year to participate in a hands-on program in a field in which you have selected as one of your interests.
http://j.mp/exploringsurvey

Biogen Community Lab Summer Sessions 2018!
Week-long sessions will be offered. Each session meets daily from 9AM to 4PM, but only until 1PM on Friday. Students are expected to attend the entirety of the program. All of our programming is free and lunch is provided each day. Programs are held at Biogen’s Community Lab locations on our Cambridge, MA and Research Triangle Park, NC campuses.

Cambridge, MA Sessions:
Session I: July 9 - 13
Session II: July 16 - 20
Session III: August 6 - 10
Session IV: August 13 - 17

Research Triangle Park, NC Sessions:
Session I: July 9-13
Session II: August 6-10

Applications for the 2018 summer sessions will open on February 26, 2018 at 09:00 a.m. and will close on March 12, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. A web link to the application will be posted on this page when applications open:
http://biogen.com/communitylabsummer

The Princeton University Summer Journalism Program!
Program Dates: Aug. 3-13

Cost: The program is free to all students who are accepted.
Requirements: Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above and be from a financially under-resourced background (a yearly family income of $45,000 or less).

Program Description: Applications are open for the 2018 Princeton Summer Journalism Program, an all-expenses-paid journalism and college preparation program at Princeton University for high school juniors from low-income backgrounds. Students learn reporting skills from celebrated journalists, report and write their own newspaper, and are paired with a counselor who oversees their college admissions process. SJP alumni have gone on to jobs and internships at The New York Times, The New Yorker, NPR, and many other news outlets. The application can be found at www.princeton.edu/sjp and is due at 11:59pm EST on Friday, March 23, 2018. If you have questions, please reach out

UNC System’s Pathways through the Community College for each Major!
http://northcarolina.edu/Transfer-Student-Success/NC-Community-College-Transfer

Girls Who Code!
Bank of America is offering a summer camp for rising juniors and seniors to learn how to code. See information below and note tight deadline.

The Summer Immersion Program (SIP) is a FREE, 7-week summer program for current 10th and 11th grade girls to learn computer science, get exposure to tech jobs and join a supportive sisterhood of thousands of girls across the U.S. Girls Who Code also provide a need-based summer stipend to cover transportation and living costs for students who qualify.

SIP Application
The application closes on March 16, 2018.
Harper Happenings

**Employer Panel Discussion**
Tuesday, March 27 at 10:00
Student Lounge * HP 341
Do’s and Don’ts for finding a job * expert advice from professionals in the field. You don’t want to miss it!

**March Madness Advising Blitz**
Thursday, March 29
10:30—1:30 and 5:00—6:30
All advising will occur on the 3rd floor
*Make sure you are on the right track to graduation or certificate completion. Free lunch/dinner for all participating students.*

**Harper Connect**
**Linking Students & Employers**
Tuesday, April 10
10:00 - 12:00 Open Hiring fair
12:00 - 1:00 Free Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 Optional Interview Sessions
For up to date information, check out [www.cpcc.edu/student_life/events/harper_connect](http://www.cpcc.edu/student_life/events/harper_connect) and check your CPCC email for employers attending if your major.

**12 Hours of Design**
Friday, April 20 from 12 noon to 12 midnight
At C3Labs
*Will you be the one to solve the problem before time is up? You can sign up as an individual or as a team. If you would like to participate in the 12 Hours of Design, please sign up at [https://goo.gl/forms/MkfoVTrFWmTCNTwH7](https://goo.gl/forms/MkfoVTrFWmTCNTwH7)*

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**International Day of Learning**

This Saturday, March 24 from 10 AM—2 PM CMS will host an International Day of Learning! The event will occur at Garinger High School (1100 Eastway Drive; Charlotte, NC 28205). This is an opportunity for families to come together and learn more about how to support your child, access community resources and celebrate different cultures through dance, music and performances. The event is free!

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**Team Read Internship**

*Like kids? Love books? Got internship?* Gain valuable communication, teamwork, fundraising and leadership skills while running a nonprofit! Learn to network with corporate sponsors and nonprofit partners! Make a powerful, lasting difference in the lives of children throughout Charlotte! See this link for more information: [https://goo.gl/hjNhou](https://goo.gl/hjNhou)
Chick-fil-a Spirit Day

Join us on for our first annual Chick-fil-a Spirit Day on Saturday, March 24, 2018

Location: 9801 South Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28273

Times: 11:00 AM—3:00 PM

Come to this Chick-fil-a, look for the Harper tent, grab a flyer and hand it to the cashier. Harper Middle College High School will receive 10% of the proceed.

Tell a friend, tell a family member, tell anyone!

Community Outreach Club Drive

Drive dates:

3/1—3/30

Women’s Need Drive

Collection Drive all throughout the month of March

Theme: Take a Tampon, Place a Pad

Items Needed:

Tampons, Pads, Razors, Wipe, etc.

All Proceeds Go to a local Women’s Shelter

THE GOAL IS TO BUY IN BULK!

*** Please turn items into Mr. Cohens, in the main office. ***
# Important Logistics

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| Counseling    | Fall and Summer Advising Sessions will begin March 20, 2018. This is for ALL students that will return to Harper Middle College next year. If you are graduating in May and wish to take summer classes, sign up for the General Advising Session on April 4, 2018.  
All instructions and appointment times are on this link: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084ca5ab22a5f49-fall1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084ca5ab22a5f49-fall1). |
| Bus Passes    | April bus passes will be available Monday, March 26, 2018. The last day to receive bus passes are April 13, 2018 |
| Textbooks     | In an effort to save money, Harper Middle College will convert to a book rental policy effective next semester. Book rentals are a third of the cost of buying a book, saving Harper MCHS and the CMS district thousands of dollars. Staff at the bookstore will provide students with rental books only. Once all the rentals have been distributed, the bookstore will use new books as a last resort. **You must return your receipts to Mr. Cohens ASAP!!** |
| CMS Code of Conduct | Please follow the link below to find a copy of the CMS Student Code of Conduct. | [goo.gl/GpLPXw](http://goo.gl/GpLPXw) |