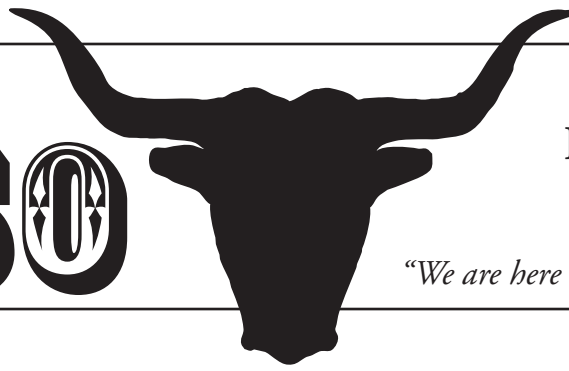


The Longhorn

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Harmony High School Harmony, Florida

"We are here to receive so we have more to give."

Harmony Swim Team Wins District Championship

The Harmony High School Boys' and Girls' swim teams had outstanding seasons: the Boys' team regular season record was 9-1 and the Girls team was 6-3.

The boys' team was the 2004 District Champions and the girls' team were 3rd place finishers at Districts -- both were great showings for a first-year school. The Districts were held at Rowdy Gaines Pool in Winter Haven, FL. Eleven teams competed for the district championship.

Regional Competition was held on Oct. 30, 2004. The HHS Longhorns advanced 22 swimmers and divers to Regional Competition. This competition was held at the YMCA in Orlando, FL. The HHS boys placed 5th out of 32 teams while HHS girls placed 14th out of 32 teams.

The HHS Longhorns swim /dive team advanced 8 athletes to the state final meet. They competed (11-5) at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Those

who represented Harmony High at state are: Greg Christovich, Patrick O'Rourke, Luke Schepler, Tom Bryan, Danny Kelly, Ben Schepler, Laura Christovich, and Jeremy Emery.

The boys 200 Free Relay team included Greg Christovich, Patrick O'Rourke, Luke Schepler, and Tom Bryan who finished at the state meet with a time of 1:33.07. This time beats their own school record! (We believe it also beats the county record.) They finished in the top 10 in the state of Florida in the 200 Free Relay. Laura Christovich finished in the top 10 in the state of Florida in diving. Jeremy Emery placed in the top 16 in the state of Florida in diving.

OBC Champions:

Laura Christovich—*Diving*

Tom Bryan—*50 Yard Free Style*

200 Yard Free Style Relay:

Greg Christovich, Patrick O'Rourke

Luke Schepler, Tom Bryan

400Yard Free Style Relay:

Greg Christovich, Patrick O'Rourke

Luke Schepler, Tom Bryan

District Champions:

Laura Christovich—*diving*

Tom Bryan—*50 Yard Free Style*

---*100 Yard Free Style*

200 Yard Free Style Relay:

Greg Christovich, Patrick O'Rourke

Luke Schepler, Tom Bryan

400Yard Free Style Relay:

Greg Christovich, Patrick O'Rourke

Luke Schepler, Tom Bryan



Welcome to *The Lasso*

We'd like to welcome you to the new Harmony High School newsletter: *The Longhorn Lasso*. We will be bringing you stories about the school and the people who make it a great place to learn and work.

Why *The Lasso*? One of the uses of a lasso is to gather something in: we hope that you read *The Lasso* regularly so that you can gather in all the news about our favorite new school.

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Football Cheerleaders Wrap Up Season

Football Cheerleaders wrapped up their season and are now looking toward basketball season. While some of the cheerleaders will move on to other winter sports, some remain to lead team spirit at basketball games.

All three football cheerleading squads worked hard this season. We were faced with adversity but overcame it with true Harmony spirit. Junior Varsity cheerleaders learned that there would be no JV Football team, and opted to cheer with the Freshmen squad. The combined effort of these squads made for an impressive performance at games. Varsity Cheerleaders worked hard to get

ready for competition and then had to face the disappointment that it would not be possible this year. The hurricanes, transfers, and lost school time put them behind. However, the cheerleaders were able to use parts of their competition routine to put on an outstanding performance at their final game.

With all that the Central Florida has endured this hurricane season, it is a wonder that our students and athletes have been able to keep their chins up and smiles on. These cheerleaders made their school and their coaches proud as they displayed an indomitable spirit through many crises.



Art Classes

Harmony High Art classes are in full swing. Art students are receiving experience in art appreciation, tools, techniques, concepts, theories and history. They have created beautiful longhorns, still lifes, pop art, pencil drawings and paper engineered 3-D creatures, to name a few. Bell work, sketchbooks and art history reports are also a part of their class requirement.

Beautiful art productions and Harmony High Artists are off to a great start!

Art Club

The club meets every second Monday in the Art room 6-110. Harmony High Art Club is open to any student at Harmony. They're several projects that are currently being pursued!

If you are artistic and willing to help, please come and join the Art Club.

Media Center News

The Harmony High School Media Center started off this year with 8,484 books on the shelves. Since school opened, an average of 400 students a day make use of the media center for research, class projects, and checking out books for personal reading. The hours that the media center is open include half an hour before and after school, as well as during lunches, which provide open time for students to complete homework or read without missing class. One exciting feature in our new building is the classroom, which is a multimedia room with tables and chairs to seat forty people. It allows a teacher to bring an entire class to the media center and use that room as an area for students to use laptops for computer research and still be close enough to obtain books as well. In addition, it serves as a training room for teachers and staff as necessary. Our Media Director, Maggie Josephsen, came to Harmony from the Instructional Media Center at the school district office. She spent four and a half years assisting other media specialists around the county and working in the Professional Library at the district level. The Media Assistant is Beth Tyson, who is also serving as the HHS School Advisory Council Chairperson.



School Advisory Council

The SAC meets in the Harmony High School Media Center on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled meetings for the rest of the year are:

- December 14, 2004
- January 18, 2005
- February 15, 2005
- March 15, 2005
- April 19, 2005
- May 17, 2005

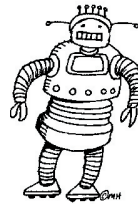
We are working to set some goals for next years School Improvement Plan. We have also formed an Academic Boosters committee here at Harmony High School.

Beth Tyson, Chairman
School Advisory Council

Robotics Team

Harmony High School is starting a F.I.R.S.T. robotics team. (F.I.R.S.T. is an acronym: For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). The team meets every Thursday after school in building 6, room 111.

Mr. Fritts will be one of the advisors, he can be reached at school at 407-933-9900. A wide variety of student skills are needed; all students are welcome to attend.



Fashion Production

The students in Ms. Harrington's Fashion Productions class have been busy learning to sew on Bernina sewing machines. They have completed a cartoon pillow, a yardstick holder and a home decorating project. The students have been working on sergers as well. Sergers are machines that cut, sew and finish the edges all at once. The serger sews 3 to 5 times faster than a conventional sewing machine.

Just recently we acquired an old Franklin treadle sewing machine made by Sears, Roebuck and Company. The students are still researching the year it was made but we believe it to be around



Future Farmers of America

The Harmony Chapter of FFA meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month immediately after school in room 6-111. Students who would like to join FFA but are not able to meet at these times, should see any FFA officer or Mrs. Klar to complete an interest survey and suggest meeting days and times.

Subdistrict Career Development Events (CDEs) are coming up quickly - December 3. You must be a dues paying member in order to compete. Please pay your \$30 dues ASAP so you can be included on the roster and you can compete.

Our chapter steer continues to do well. It will be shown and auctioned at the KVLS show in February at the Osceola County Fair.

Boys Basketball

The boys' basketball teams start their season Tuesday Nov. 30 against Melbourne Central Catholic. Sunshine Network will be in the gym taping.

Think About It

Breakfast helps teens succeed in school. When your child wakes up, her glucose (sugar) level is low. Her brain doesn't have the energy to do its best. A bowl of cereal and some fruit, for instance, may make her more alert.



1890. It is in mint condition and it was top of the line in its day. The students have already begun to use it. Since it uses foot power we will not skip a beat when the electricity goes off next time. It is quite a contrast from our top of the line 2004 computerized sewing/embroidery machine we also have in class. We would



like to say thank you to Mr. Parker for the contribution. Our department is always looking for fabrics. If you have any extra fabric that is just lying around the house and you would like to get rid of it just bring it to school; we will find something to make with it.

Career Corner

Seniors Receive Information Packet

During September, Mrs. O'Neal presented to the seniors in English IV, ESOL IV and Freshman Comp. classes a "Senior Information" packet. Their homework assignment was to share the information with their parents. Did your son or daughter do their homework? The packet includes information on the following topics: college application process, College Nights, ACT, SAT, ASVAB, community service, scholarships/financial aid and a sample resume. Seniors who are not currently in the classes previously mentioned were informed to pick up a copy of the packet in the Career Center during lunch.

Community Service

Community service is not a high school graduation requirement. However, it becomes extremely beneficial when applying for scholarships, some colleges/universities and various awards/recognition programs. Many scholarship applications ask you to indicate your involvement in the community. Document all volunteer/community service hours by having an adult supervisor write a brief letter on the non-profit organization's letterhead, which should state the following: student's name, number of volunteer hours served, time period hours were served, the adult's name (non-relative) and signature verifying this information

O.A.S.I.S. Volunteers

Harmony High School welcomes volunteers for various events and/or activities. If you are a volunteer for Band Boosters, Athletics, Classrooms or any other areas of our school you are required to complete the O.A.S.I.S (Osceola Adults Serving and Inspiring Students) application for a background check. We also ask you to complete a time-sheet (which is located in the front office lobby). If you have any questions regarding the O.A.S.I.S. Program, please contact Mrs. Whaley at the front desk.

Business Partners

Harmony High School would like to welcome your Business as a Business Partner. We will help support your busi-

ness in various ways. For instance, we will advertise your Business in our Parent Newsletter and Yearbook. As a Business Partner you could help us with monetary donations, have materials printed, and donations for events or functions for our students. Harmony High School would like willing Businesses to share a camaraderie with us for the success of our students. If you own a business or employed with a company which would consider becoming a Business Partner with our school, The School District of Osceola County requires a Business Partner Agreement form be completed. Please contact Mrs. Whaley at the front desk for further information on how your Business can help support the students of Harmony High School!

ACT and SAT

If a senior did not take the ACT or SAT during their junior year.... they SHOULD DEFINITELY sign up to take one of them ASAP...WHY?

1. mandatory entrance requirement for four-year colleges and universities
2. test scores may qualify you for scholarships

Juniors are encouraged to take these assessments before their senior year.

When you complete the registration forms for the ACT or SAT exams ALWAYS USE our HIGH SCHOOL CODE # 100847.

You should also indicate which 3 to 4 colleges you wish to have your scores sent.

Online registration is possible if you have a credit card to pay for the registration fees. ACT fee is \$28. ACT will include an optional writing section with an increased fee of \$42 beginning in

February 2005.

SAT fee is \$29.50 Oct. 2004 - Jan. 2005 test dates. Beginning in the March 2005 test dates the fee will increase to \$41.50 which includes the non-optional writing section. Students should research the post-secondary schools they wish to attend to determine which option to choose.

More information can be found on the following web sites:

- www.actstudent.org
- www.collegeboard.com

Test preparation information is also located on the web sites.

Registration packets and prep booklets are usually available on the bookshelf in the Guidance Dept. and Career Center.

These exams are not offered on our campus and you must register in advance.

ACT test dates	Registration postmark deadlines
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Dec. 11	Nov. 5
Feb. 12	Jan. 7
April 9	Mar. 4
June 11	May 6

SAT test dates	Registration postmark deadlines
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Dec. 4	Oct. 29
Jan. 22	Dec. 20
Mar. 12	Feb. 7
May 7	March 25
June 4	April 29

Attendance Phone Number

When calling the school about attendance issues, please call Valorie Musselwhite in the attendance office directly at 407-933-9904. Thank you.

FCAT Explorer Lab

Open from 2:30-4:00pm Every Monday thru Thursday Beginning November 8 through the end of March. This will provide practice for those students needing help passing the FCAT.

Progress Reports

A reminder: progress reports were distributed to students on November 17. Please remember to ask your child if you haven't seen them yet.

Congratulations to our "Students of the Month"

The "Student of the Month" is a program sponsored by the Kissimmee Elks Lodge.

Our faculty and staff nominate and vote for outstanding students who are excellent role models. The students chosen will be honored at a dinner sponsored by the Kissimmee Elks Lodge where each student will receive a check for \$25.

Left to right:
August Student of the Month - Kory McCloughen, grade 10
September Student of the Month - Robert MacGregor, grade 11
October Student of the Month - Jonathan Polachek, grade 12
November Student of the Month - Ashleigh Ratliff, grade 9



Fall Sports Wrapup

Cross Country

Cross Country is a sport in which the athletes compete in distance running over a 3.1 mile (5 K) course. The Lady Longhorn Cross Country program enjoyed an outstanding season. The regular team highlights included winning our own Longhorn Invitational Meet (winning the first trophy in Harmony High School's brief history), winning the Gateway Invitational Meet, placing 4th out of 16 teams at the Edgewater Invitational; earning Orange Belt Conference Runner-Up honors and placing 5th out of 20 teams at the Rockledge Invitational. In the state tournament series, the Lady Longhorns were District Runner-Ups.

We placed 4th at the Regional meet earning a berth in the State Meet in Tampa. At the state meet, the Longhorns placed 17th out of the best 26 2A teams in Florida which put a cap on a truly outstanding season.

Earning individual honors were Juniors Julie Pearce and Shannon LaTour who were All District, All County and All Orange Belt Conference selections. Freshman Colleen Raines and Senior Ashleigh Gokee were in the top ten at the OBC meet and Juniors Ciara Smallwood and Kayla Thompson ran outstanding races this year as well. Freshman Leigh Harvey and Juniors Cassie Blanton and Amy Steele were strong contributors as well.

The boy's team lacked number of participants but was not lacking in terms of effort, heart, and perseverance. After struggling in the regular season, the young men put together outstanding effort at the district meet placing 7th out of 14 teams, nearly qualifying for the Region Meet. Leading the team in performance

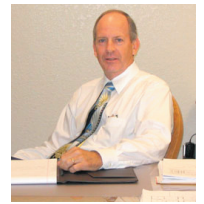
were Freshmen Steven Collins and Drew Amrhein. Junior Nick Feinsod provided steady leadership and Freshman Michael Flanagan came back from an early injury to run several strong meets. Freshman Jacob Zehnder saved his best for last running an outstanding district race. Junior Michael Baldwin did not get to compete in the district meet because of injury and Freshman Scott Carver showed outstanding promise as he competed in Junior Varsity races throughout the season. The goal is for both programs to build on these inaugural seasons and to enjoy an even better experience next year.

Coach Steve Landram

Freshman Longhorns Hook The Competition

The freshman football team had a successful season for the first year program. The 'horns completed a season against established schools with a 5-2 record. The team worked through several hardships and storms to get on track and opened the season with a 2-0 start. The highlight of the season was the victory over a Junior Varsity squad from Melbourne Central Catholic. Other victories came against East Ridge, Bishop Moore, Gateway, and Space Coast. The freshman, better known as the "bucketheads", had three different helmet colors on the practice field at one point in the season. The players borrowed helmets from two other local teams to make do until the school's equipment order came in. That is why they were called the "bucketheads" because the coaches joked about bringing buckets to practice for the players. This adversity helped pull the team together and forced them to appreciate everything

From the Principal's Desk



This newsletter finds us near the end of the first semester and with most things smoothing out. With new policies and procedures to develop and we can always find areas we can improve, but all in all we've done quite well. One of the most difficult things to do in education is to begin a new 9-12 high school. I am proud (very tired but proud) to be a part of it and even though we are not able to please everyone on everything I believe we have done a pretty good job.

Our student body is without a doubt the best in the county. There is very little mischievous damage done and from the looks of what we have seen it is probably the work to three or four students. To have so many responsible young people to work with is truly an honor. We have established some rather lofty goals in our academic pursuit and in most cases I can honestly say we are setting higher standards. Life is not easy and sometimes it's not even fair. If our young people are going to be successful, they need to meet higher and higher standards. I say, "Let it begin here."

I look forward to an exciting second semester as we strive to find our identity and work to become the best high school in the state.

they had. Since the season ended many of the players have started to lift weights to prepare for next season on the Junior Varsity or the Varsity squad.

Coach Chad Ansbaugh