

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

THE INDIANAPOLIS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2010

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Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

I hope the beginning of the second semester has been a good one. We welcomed 15 transfer students this week: 8 freshmen, 3 sophomores, and 4 juniors. These are very strong students, with wonderful parents, and they seem to be adjusting to life at Herron very well. We're glad to have them as part of the Herron family!

As you can imagine, however, starting a new school in the middle of the year can be a bit stressful. So I want to applaud the 11 current Herron students who stepped forward to serve as mentors for our new students: **Kudos to Benjamin Abel, Sydnea Embry, Burton Fisher, Lily Groot, Emma Hagenauer, Michaela Kauffman, Lexi McClure, Cheyenne McLaurin, Stefan McLaurin, Austin Nichols, Alanna Taylor.** And my thanks to you, their parents and guardians, for making it possible for them to come to school last Friday for Transfer Student orientation when most of the rest of the student body had the day off.

Now that our new transfer students are settled, the Admissions Office returns to recruiting next year's freshman class, as well as transfer students. Our current Herron students and their families are our best ambassadors. I hope you have our **Spring Open House, Thursday, March 11, 6:00 – 8:00, on your calendar.** We can't pull off an evening like this without your help. Please be thinking about whether you can help donate refreshments, serve as a table host, tour guide, or help distribute flyers. We'll post a list of specific needs very soon.

In early March, we will also be asking current freshman, sophomore and junior families to confirm your enrollment intentions for next year. Note that you don't need to reapply; we just need to have you confirm that your student intends to return to Herron.

In the meantime, we're still accepting new applications for next year and scheduling shadow visits. Please encourage potential Herron students to contact the Admissions Office. (317.231.0010 x 4; ddaniels@herronhighschool.org). Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Diantha Daniels

Admissions Director

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL LYCEUM

Beginning in February, the Leadership Team will be hosting the first Herron High School Lyceum. It will be a time when the leadership team can take questions from parents and guardians and Herron High School stakeholders, and also a time that we can share the vision of our school and discuss important initiatives. These meetings will be held bi-monthly and will provide an opportunity for our families to become more engaged with the life of the school. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The date for this first meeting is **Monday February 1st, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** **The Herron High School PTO will be in attendance and will deliver an update.**

STUDENTS ATTEND ECONOMIC CLUB OF INDIANA LUNCHEON

Two students, Drew Walters and Joi Officer, were the guests of Herron High School's Board of Directors at the Economic Club of Indiana's monthly luncheon. Guest speaker for the event was Kevin Chavous, author of *"Serving Our Children: Charter Schools and the Reform of American Public Education."* Kevin Chavous is a national education reform leader who helped usher the charter school movement into Washington, D.C. Chavous is a native of Indianapolis and graduate of Wabash College. Chavous said the problem with education is that it had become a "one size fits all" system. Chavous insists, "If we are to participate in the world-class economy growing at our doorstep, we must do what others have done: We must demand, pay for and manage a sweeping re-construction of our public school system."

"I believe education is valuable and we, as students, need people like Mr. Chavous to initiate reform. He is passionate about education and most importantly about students. Knowing that he cares about students and what is in our best interest made his speech a great experience."
Joi Officer

"I learned that Charter Schools are changing education as a whole. The entire nation is trying to change, but the government itself is set in its old ways and refuses to change." Drew Walters

COLLEGE CORNER WITH MR. ABELS

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SENIORS

- **Students who are having trouble with their college applications must come see Mr. Abels as soon as possible.**
- **Don't forget to let Mr. Abels know about all your college acceptance letters. We want to share the good news with everyone!**
- **If you haven't done so already, you need to sign up for a "PIN" number to use as your electronic signature. Sign up for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. Having a "PIN" number is a must in order to attend "Fill out the FAFSA night" in February.**

We will be having our **"Fill out the FAFSA night"** on **Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:30pm** to answer any questions you may have and to go over the FAFSA form line by line.

- **Don't forget to get your mid-year report sent to the colleges that request them. You should also check the status of your applications a few weeks after you turn them in to make sure your file is complete. This will tell you whether or not they received your test scores, recommendations, transcripts, etc...ALL STUDENTS WHO USED THE COMMON APPLICATION NEED MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS.**

JUNIORS

- **Junior parent night is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17 at 7pm. Parents and students are highly encouraged to attend.**

Q: How can I prepare to take the SAT and ACT tests?

A: There are many ways for you to prepare to take both tests. Mr. Abels has practice ACT/SAT test

booklets in his office. Juniors will find out more information on ACT/SAT on February 17th.

Other free resources to study are the test prep books and practice booklets. Also check out the website www.number2.com for free on-line help.



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Feb. 1st –PRIORITY DEADLINE- Oakland City University’s Academic Scholarships – These are awarded on a first come first serve basis. Applicants may be eligible to receive a full tuition, 75% tuition, or 50% tuition scholarship by completing and submitting the OCU scholarship application and required admissions documents to the OCU Admissions office prior to Feb 1st. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 and SAT combined score of 1490 or ACT composite score of 23 for consideration.

March 10th – Twenty First Century Scholars must complete the FAFSA prior to the March 10th deadline. **Oakland City University** will pay the tuition costs beyond the state grant dollars, so that the student’s **full tuition** is paid. This will be done for Twenty First Century eligible students each year the applicant qualifies.

April 1st – Oakland City University’s Alumni Scholarship- Applicants must have a family member who has graduated from OCU. Scholarship dollars will vary based on annual funds available. Eligible for renewal up to four years. Applicant must complete scholarship application and meet admission requirements. Contact the OCU Financial Aid office for scholarship application. 1-800-737-5125

April 1st – OCU Academic Scholarships –Applicants may be eligible to receive a full tuition, 75% tuition, or 50% tuition scholarship by completing and submitting the OCU scholarship application and required admissions documents to the OCU Admissions office. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 and SAT combined score of 1490 or ACT composite score of 23 for consideration.

Indiana Dollars for Scholars \$2,000 scholarships awarded - **OCU** will match up to \$2,000.

Additional Oakland City University (OCU) Grant Opportunities:

OCU Outreach-Up to **75% tuition**. Students may apply who are African American, Asian, Hispanic, or Native American. Minimum GPA 2.75 based on 4.0. Applicant must complete scholarship application and meet admission requirements.

OCU GB Grant - Up to **50% tuition**. To be eligible, the student, parent, or legal guardian must be a member of a General Baptist Church. Applicant must complete scholarship application and meet admission requirements.

OCU Ministerial Grant- Up to**50% tuition**. Awarded to dependents of ministers, applicant must complete scholarship application and meet admission requirements.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE TO PLAY FOR INDIANA ICE HOCKEY GAME ON MON. FEB. 8

The Herron High School Jazz Ensemble will play for the Indiana Ice Hockey game on Monday, February 8, at 12:05 p.m. at the Pepsi Coliseum. Students will leave Herron at 11:00 a.m. and return to the school immediately after the game. **Chaperones and drivers are needed.** Family and friends are welcome to come to the game. Tickets are \$9.00. Why not take an extended lunch to hear the Jazz Ensemble and see the game? Money for tickets should be sent to school with your favorite Jazz Ensemble student by February 5. Tickets will be distributed on Friday, February 5. Contact Mr. Krantz at dkrantz@herronhighschool.org with questions.

HERRON ATHLETICS 2010 HOMECOMING GAME

We will have our 2010 Homecoming Game on February 5th at Conseco Fieldhouse!!!! *We will play immediately after the Pacers versus Detroit Pistons game. The purchase of a \$10.00 ticket will admit you to the Pacer game as well as the Herron versus Indy Met game. Tickets can be purchased at the front office at Herron (or from the Coaching staff) until the afternoon of 2/4/10. Purchased tickets will be available at Herron on the afternoon of 2/5/10.*

Remaining 2010 Boys Basketball Schedule

Boys JV and Varsity Basketball

2A-Scecina Memorial	Jan 23 rd	6:00pm	@ Scecina (JV and Varsity)
2A-Heritage Christian	Jan 26 th	5:00pm	@Heritage Christian (Fresh JV Varsity)
1A-Indy Met	Feb 5 th	9:10pm	@ Conseco (Varsity) Homecoming
1A-Indy Met	Feb 12 th	6:00pm	@ Bethel (JV)

1A-Providence	Feb 20 th	6:00pm	@ Providence (Girls and Boys Varsity)
3A-Howe	Feb 27 th	6:00pm	@ Howe (JV and Varsity)
1A-Columbus Christian	TBD	Senior Night	@ Bethel (Varsity)
1A-Bowman Academy	TBA		
1A-Compania	TBD		

Boys Freshmen Basketball

2A-Hrtg. Christian	Jan 26 th	5:00pm	@ Heritage Christian (Fresh, JV)
1A-Ft. Sq. Acd.	Feb. 16 th	5:30pm	@ Fountain Square Academy (Girls and Boys)
1A-John Marshall	TBD		(Girls Varsity and Boys Freshmen)

- Please note the schedule has changed due to several programs cancelling or requesting to reschedule games

Girls Basketball

Fall Creek	Feb 4 th	6:00pm	@ Herron-Bethel Park (JV)
Ft. Sq. Acd.	Feb. 16 th	5:30pm	@ Fountain Square Academy
Providence	Feb 20 th	6:00pm	@ Providence
Howe	TBD		@ Howe (JV)
Triton Central	TBD		@ Triton Central

Practice Schedule

Practice Facility	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Harrison Center	Girls Varsity 4:15pm – 5:45pm Boys JV and Freshmen 5:45pm – 7:15pm	Soccer Club 4:15pm – 5:30pm Boys JV and Freshmen 5:30pm – 7:15pm	Girls Varsity 4:15pm – 5:45pm Boys JV and Freshmen 5:45pm – 7:15pm	Soccer Club 4:15pm - 5:30pm Boys JV and Freshmen 5:30pm- 7:15pm	Girls Varsity 4:15pm – 5:45pm	TBD
Bethel Park	Boys Varsity 4:30pm- 7:00pm	Boys Varsity 4:30pm 7:00pm	Boys Varsity 4:30pm-7:00pm	Boys Varsity 4:15pm- 5:45pm	Bays Varsity Morning Practice 7:00am – 9:00am TBA	TBD

Barnes United Church		Girls Varsity 4:30pm – 6:00pm				
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***Schedule is subject to change due to availability of practice facilities... should you have any questions or concerns please contact Vince Stennett at vstennett@herronhighschool.org.**

OTHELLO AUDITIONS

Herron High School Theatre Club will be holding auditions for the spring play, Othello, on Tuesday, February 2nd after school from 4:00-6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to audition! If you have a resume and/or headshot, please bring them to the audition. For more details see Miss Canada or e-mail ncanada@herronhighschool.org

There will be a callout meeting for Shakespeare Club Monday, January 25th from 4:15-5:00pm.

THE GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY CLUB

The Genealogy/Family History Club will meet on Monday, January 25 from 4:10 to 5:00 p.m. in room 118. The topics will include **“How to Start Researching Your Family History”** and **“My Favorite Ancestor Story”**. **Parents and students are welcome.** Doug Krantz, Instrumental Music Teacher/Genealogist

LATIN TUTORING AVAILABLE

Mr. Gilchrist is offering individualized Latin assistance for all first year Latin students **Tuesday mornings from 8:15 to 8:45**. All students are welcome whether Mr. Gilchrist is their regular Latin teacher or not so please feel free to stop by. The successful first year Latin student must build strong understanding of core concepts of the language, so please encourage your student to come if there is any confusion whatsoever. A few mornings of one-on-one explanation can make all the difference in the world.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

AP Science and Math Test Fees will be covered by the State this year according to the Indiana Department of Education this week. The following courses will be covered:

- Calculus AB, Advanced Placement 2562
- Chemistry, Advanced Placement 3060
- Environmental Science, Advanced Placement 3012
- Statistics, Advanced Placement 2570

For those who have already paid for these tests with Textbook Rental and Lab Fees, you will be reimbursed the costs of your student’s respective test(s). All students in the above four courses will have the AP Test Fee deducted from the Fee Balance in PowerSchool.

WINTER COATS & CANNED GOODS

If any student is in need of a winter coat, the student or the family should contact Ms. Knop or Mr. Wedges. Also, let them know if there is a family who is in need of canned food and other non-perishables. If you have coats or warm items that your family no longer needs, please contact Ms. Knop.

FREE HOMEWORK HELP AVAILABLE AT WWW.IMCPL.ORG!

All students can find free homework help all year on the Library's website, imcpl.org. By visiting the website and using their IMCPL Library Card barcode, students can connect to a professional tutor and get help with math, science, social studies and English homework from 2-10 p.m. daily.

INDYGO LAUNCHES NEW TRIP PLANNER PROGRAM

As part of an effort to encourage more Indianapolis residents and visitors to use the local transit system, IndyGo has launched an online trip planner: www.IndyGo.net/tripplanner. This new tool provides easy-to-understand bus trip plans based on user inputs. Similar to MapQuest, users simply enter an origin and destination-as a landmark, stop or address-and the Trip Planner produces a bus trip plan with route information, timing, transfers and even a map. Access to the new trip planner is free and available on the IndyGo homepage. To talk to an IndyGo representative in person, or to inquire about specific routes and times, call # 317-635-3344.

BOARD MEETINGS

Herron High School's Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are open to the public. The next regular meeting will take place at the Indiana Humanities Council, 1500 N. Delaware, on February 16th at 7:30 a.m.



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