

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

THE INDIANAPOLIS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2009-2010

DECEMBER 11, 2009

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

Herron High School will be administering **final semester examinations January 11 through 15, 2010**. The winter holiday break is an excellent time for students to start studying for these important assessments. As a college preparatory high school, we ask that you help your student prepare for exams. Below are concrete ways in which you can help your student.

- 1. Ensure that there is a quiet place at home for studying.**
- 2. Plan in advance when the study hours are going to be each day during the break.**
- 3. Limit their social time outside of the house.**
- 4. Limit their screen time. i.e. TV, movies, videos and video games.**
- 5. Have conversations with your child about their classes and the reviews for exams.**
- 6. Look over and talk with them about their review guides and other classroom materials.**
- 7. Quiz them on the factual materials and have them do sample math problems.**
- 8. Have them write sample essay responses to sample prompts that may appear on their exams.**

During exam week, the school hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Students will be required to be at school for their exam periods only, and not for their seminars.

Therefore, if a student has a seminar during the first exam period of the day, s/he may arrive at school at 11:30 a.m. If students have a seminar during the second exam period of the day, they may leave school at 11:05 a.m. A quiet study room will be provided for students who stay on campus during their seminar periods. Lunch will be served each day of the exam week except Friday.

Friday, January 15, will be an exam make-up day for students who missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. Students will not be required to be at school on that day unless they need to make up an exam that was missed.

If you have any questions about the week of exams, please do not hesitate to contact any teacher or administrator at Herron.

Thank You Sincerely,

Assistant Principal

Dr. Deborah Cooney

Monday, January 11, 2010

Period A1 EXAM 9:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

Period A2 EXAM 11:35 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Period B1 EXAM 9:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

Period B2 EXAM 11:35 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Period A3 EXAM 9:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

Period A4 EXAM 11:35 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Thursday, January 14, 2010

Period B3 EXAM 9:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

Period B4 EXAM 11:35 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.

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.

PTO CORNER

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 12TH, 2010 AT 6:00 PM

The PTO meets in the Herron High School Library. PTO is planning a few exciting events for the new Year; please keep an eye on PTO corner to find out what is happening. PTO wishes all of the Herron High School Families a wonderful Holiday season.

COLLEGE CORNER WITH MR. ABELS

"College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won."

Seniors: -Have official test scores sent to colleges on your list if you have not done so. You can have your SAT scores sent through College Board, and ACT scores sent through act.org. See Mr. Abels if you have questions.

-If you applied for early decision, you should have an answer by now. If you are accepted, follow the instructions for admitted students. If the decision is deferred until spring or you are denied, submit applications now to other colleges.

Juniors: - You should receive the results of your PSAT. Read your score report and talk to Mr. Abels to determine how you might improve on future standardized tests. The PSAT is excellent preparation for the SAT Reasoning Test, which you WILL take in the spring.

- Remember... colleges will pay close attention to your junior year grades

Freshman/Sophomores:

- Strengthen your vocabulary by increasing your reading
- Become involved in co-curricular activities
- Keep studying!
- Volunteering is a great way to identify your interests and develop skills

Questions and Answers about the Common Application

▪ www.commonapp.org

- **Common Application Schools**

Deadline: Varies

The application period for common app schools VARIES GREATLY; pay attention to deadlines. **You DO need letters of recommendation.** You must take the SAT or ACT. Some schools might even require you to take SAT Subject tests. I encourage you to create a spreadsheet to help you keep track of which of your selected schools require which tests. A spreadsheet with links to your schools, College Board, Common app, ACT, etc along with usernames and websites is also very helpful.

Remember: Midyear Reports are required if you used the common application to apply to college. These are not sent automatically. Please see Mr. Abels if you have questions regarding your midyear report. Midyear reports will be sent after first semester ends.

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA AND JAZZ ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES

The Herron High School Advanced Orchestra will perform with the Herron High School Choir at their **Tuesday, December 15th Winter Holiday concert, which will be held at the Indianapolis-Marion County Central Public Library at 6:30 p.m.** The separate instrumental music concert was planned due to time and space constraints for the Choir Concert.

The Advanced Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble will perform a family-friendly **Instrumental Holiday Concert** on **Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Herron High School Gallery.** Light refreshments will be served. Members of the Herron High School Jazz Ensemble will also perform at the home men's and women's basketball games. Currently two games are scheduled in December: Friday, December 18th and Saturday, December 19th.

CONCERT CHOIR FUNDRAISER

The Concert Choir will be performing the National Anthem at the Pacer's Game, January 5th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available for \$15.00 at Herron; see Mr. Harris or a choir member for details.

LATIN TUTORING AVAILABLE

Mr. Gilchrist is offering individualized Latin assistance for all first year Latin students **Monday afternoon from 4:15 to 5:00, and Tues day morning 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.

SCHOOLBELLES SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Schoolbelles is having a holiday sale through January 3rd, 2010. To save 20% to 30% on Herron High School uniform and Logo wears visit www.schoolbelles.com or 6180 Hillside Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

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	TBD
Barnes United Church		Girls Varsity 4:30pm – 6:00pm				

*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.

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.

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 December 15th at 7:30 a.m.



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