



# HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

## The Indianapolis Classical High School



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July 28, 2010

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome back to a new school year.

This edition of our newsletter contains a great deal of important information. Please read it carefully. Of particular note, the Indiana Department of Education has issued changes to the required immunizations for all Indiana students. These changes may affect your student. In addition to the information presented here, you will receive a packet of information in the mail.

The Indiana Health Department has released new vaccination requirements for all Indiana students. In addition to previously required immunizations, students in grade 6-12 are now required to receive a vaccination for meningitis (MCV4), as well as a combined booster shot for whooping cough/tetanus (Tdap). Additionally, if your student did not have chicken pox in early childhood, they will be required to provide proof of two doses of varicella vaccine.

This is a new legal requirement (Indiana Administrative Code 410 IAC 1-1-1). **Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year**, all students entering grades 6-12 will need to provide proof of immunization for the following:

- **Two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine; (or statement of proof of prior disease)**
- **One dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccine; and**
- **One dose of MCV4 (Menactra or Menveo) vaccine.**

If your student had chicken pox in childhood, you must provide proof of the illness. For those children entering grades 2-12, documentation from a parent indicating when their child has had chicken pox is sufficient. The written statement should include date of disease, a parent's signature and date of signature.

**These vaccines are mandatory. Your student may not be allowed to continue attending school until their immunizations are recorded as up-to-date.**

Please see the **Indiana Department of Health FAQ's** if you have any concerns.  
<http://ccs-indy.org/2010immunization.pdf>

If your student has an extreme medical condition that prevents them from receiving the required vaccines, your physician must provide documentation in writing that the child has a medical reason for not receiving the vaccine. This statement must be resubmitted to the school each year. As true medical contraindications to immunization are vaccine-specific, medical exemptions must be written for each vaccine your student is prevented from receiving.



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Exemptions are also granted on religious grounds. A religious objection must state that the objection to immunization is based on religious grounds. Each objected immunization must be specified. The objection must be in writing, signed and delivered to the school. There is no requirement of proof. The written religious objection must be resubmitted to the school each year.

**Free Immunizations clinics are being held throughout Marion County.** Please see enclosed information sheet for a location near you, or check with your local Department of Health.

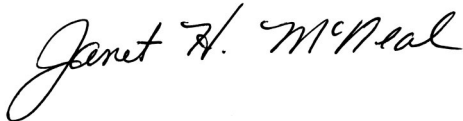
### **2010-2011 School Year Immunization Requirements for 6th—12th Grade**

- Five doses of DTaP/DTP/DT/Td vaccine;
- Four doses of Polio vaccine;
- Two doses of Measles vaccine;
- Two doses of Mumps vaccine;
- One dose of Rubella vaccine;
- Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine;
- **\*\*Two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine;**
- **\*\* One dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccine; and**
- **\*\*One dose of MCV4 (Menactra or Menveo) vaccine.**

**\*\* Denotes new requirements for 2010-2011.**

We will be carefully examining each student's immunization records at the beginning of the school year. It is vital that all students are properly immunized! The last thing we want is to ask a child to leave Herron High School due to a failure to receive these important, life saving immunizations, or have them contract a serious illness that could have been prevented through immunization.

Sincerely,



Janet McNeal  
Head of School

## **Marion County Health Department FREE Vaccine Locations**

**Health Department and Immunization Coalition Offer Back to School Immunization Clinics**

The Marion County Health Department and the Indianapolis Immunization Coalition will offer Back to School immunization clinics beginning July 31. Clinic information includes:

- Saturday, July 31 Back to School Family Day 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Marion County Health Department, 3838 North Rural **Free**
- Thursday, August 5 Indianapolis Immunization Coalition Clinic 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Indianapolis Children's Museum **Free**

- Saturday, August 7 Marion County Health Department Clinic 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Washington Township Administration Building Main Conference Center 8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd **Free**

August 9-12 - Marion County Health Department Back to School Immunization Week, Marion County Health Department District Health Offices **A \$10 administrative fee will be charged at these clinics:**

South District Health Office  
505 National Avenue  
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Northeast District Health Office  
6042 East 21st Street  
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Northwest District Health Office / Pecar Health Center  
6940 North Michigan Road  
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 21 Marion County Health Department Clinic 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. , Warrior Dome, campus of Warren Central High School (East 21st Street entrance) **Free**

**Parents and guardians are asked to bring shot records for their children when coming to any of the immunization clinics.**

**Please make note of these important dates:**

**CLASS SCHEDULES CAN BE PICKED UP DURING THE FOLLOWING TIMES:**

**Transfer Student Orientation: 1:00—3:00pm, Monday, August 9th**

**Freshman Orientation: 10:00-2:00 pm, Tuesday, August 10th - lunch provided**

**Parent Orientation Night: 6:30-7:30, Thursday, August 12, 2010 - Harrison Center for the Arts gym**

**Opening Day of School— 9:00 am August 17th.** School hours for 2010/2011 will be 9am-4pm Monday through Thursday, and 10am—4pm on Fridays.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Herron High School does not issue a school supply list prior to the start of school. Teachers will go over what supplies students need during the first days of school, and the students will have several days to acquire these items. However, there are a number of items that you may want to purchase that are always appropriate:

- lined notebook paper
- binders
- pencils
- pens
- note cards (Students can never have too many note cards.)

Another item that is very helpful but not required is a USB drive. Students can wear them on our Herron High School lanyard with their student I.D.'s so they are always handy. Most school supplies outlets have reasonably priced small memory flash drives which are sufficient for students to save their projects from school computers and at home.

## **Student drop off and pick up procedures**

As we enter another full school year at Herron we are faced with the continuous challenges that accompany the dropping off and picking up of our students in a busy urban location. The Herron leadership team is addressing this issue on a consistent basis and is seeking the safest ways to carry out this process in the immediate term and when construction is completed on our other buildings, but for the time being we want to reiterate the importance of following our established procedures, which we feel offers the quickest and safest ways to drop off and pick up students without causing undue problems in the surrounding areas.

### **The established procedures are as follows for both morning drop off and afternoon pick up:**

- Enter our parking lot from the **West** entrance off **Pennsylvania Avenue ONLY**.
- Form two lines and follow the directions of our traffic monitors.
- Exit out the **East** side of our lot and turn **ONLY left** onto **Talbott St.**
- If you are a student parked in the Student Lot, exit and turn **ONLY left** onto **Talbott St.** as directed by the traffic monitors.

In the future we are seeking to add a street crossing and traffic light on Pennsylvania as well as having the crosswalks repainted for our pedestrian students. We will continue to find the safest ways to carry out this procedure and keep you updated as to any changes. Thank you for your cooperation and feel free to contact us with any further questions.

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Building Manager/Safety Specialist  
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## **ACT Test Registration Deadline**

The deadline for ACT Test registration is August 6th, the next test will be September 11th. For information about registration go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or contact Dr. Cooney at 231-0010 .

## **PARENTS OF INCOMING SENIORS:**

Dr. Cooney would like to meet individually with parents of the class of 2011 to discuss your student's academic progress and potential college choices. These meetings—lasting approximately 45 minutes—are being scheduled July 19-August 6. Please contact Mrs. Jane Hagenauer to set a meeting time 231-0010 x2 or [jhagenauer@herronhighschool.org](mailto:jhagenauer@herronhighschool.org).

## **Dress Code for 2010/2011**

All Herron High School students are required to adhere to the Herron High School dress code while on the Herron High School campus. **Students must enter the school building each morning in complete uniform and remain in full uniform until 4:00 or designated early release time.** School uniforms can be purchased at School Belles, 6180 Hillside Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46220, in the East 62nd and Keystone area. School Belles may also be contacted through their website: [www.schoolbelles.com](http://www.schoolbelles.com). Some school sweatshirts and sweaters may also be purchased in the Student Services Office before or after school.

The standard required Herron High School uniform **for both boys and girls** is:

**khaki pants**

appropriately fitting and not too tight  
cannot be low-rise, sagging or cargo pants

**black or white polo shirts with short or long sleeves**

cannot have any logo other than a Herron logo  
must be worn under any Herron sweatshirt or sweater  
must be long enough to be tucked in at all times

**a white, crew neck undershirt** beneath all polos, sweatshirts and sweaters

**HHS red or black sweatshirts or sweaters** (purchased through School Belles.) **Students may not wear hooded sweatshirts. Please note that this is a change from previous years.**

In addition to the above uniform requirements, **boys are required to wear:**

**solid black or brown belt** (without studs, spikes, or any other decorative embellishments)

In addition to the above uniform requirements, **girls are permitted to wear:**

**a red and black plaid skort** (purchased through School Belles) skorts can be no higher than two inches above the knee

**solid-colored red, black or white tights or leggings**

**solid black or brown belts if a belt is required** and not an accessory (without studs, spikes, or any other decorative embellishments)

## **Attention: Policy Changes and Reminders**

The **Dean of Students** office would like to remind all students of some new and important policies that will be enforced this school year. **It is mandatory to enter and exit the building in proper uniform.** Uniform shirts are to be tucked in for all students (male and female). Belts are to be black or brown only for all students (male and female). **Electronic devices hinder the learning process and all students will be required to put them in their lockers immediately upon entering the building.** These devices are not allowed in the gallery or seminar rooms before school.

We are very excited to encourage the learning of all our students and need your help in creating a

positive, educational environment. We have found that these specific behaviors can promote student learning and success in all classes.

Regular attendance is another factor that will help students stay successful. The Dean of Students' office will be monitoring students with excessive absences and tardies to provide help in understanding the necessity of regular attendance. The student handbook states:

Regular attendance is a requirement under the laws of Indiana as expressed in the Compulsory Attendance Statute (I.C. 20-33-2). Ensuring that students consistently attend class on a daily basis is a responsibility that is shared by students, school officials, parents/guardians, and the general community. Perfect attendance will be noted at the end of the school year. "Perfect" means that the student has no excused or unexcused absences or tardies. In the event of excessive absences and tardiness, parents will be notified by phone, mail and/or email.

When a student accumulates 5 absences within a semester, a Dean of Students will notify the parents of the potential academic decline of the student, assess the situation and ensure the validity of the absences. If a student accumulates 10 absences of any nature in a semester, the truancy laws may be enforced. This may include an expulsion hearing and the student may not be eligible to receive credits for assigned courses.

More information about the attendance policy will be available online in the student handbook in a future newsletter.

Mr. Harris and Mrs. Torres are looking forward to working with your students daily to promote a successful academic career in high school and beyond.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Harris and Mrs. Torres  
Dean of Students Office  
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## Emergency Information Forms

Emergency contact information forms and re-enrollment packets must be returned prior to the first day of school. Please contact Jane Hagenauer : [jhagenauer@herronhighschool.org](mailto:jhagenauer@herronhighschool.org)

## ALL SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Summer Reading Information is available on the website in the "NEWS" section. Please contact one of the English teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

English 9: [kdorsey@herronhighschool.org](mailto:kdorsey@herronhighschool.org)

English 10: [kcarver@herronhighschool.org](mailto:kcarver@herronhighschool.org)

English 11: [kbasile@herronhighschool.org](mailto:kbasile@herronhighschool.org)

English12: [dpappas@herronhighschool.org](mailto:dpappas@herronhighschool.org)

## FRESHMAN MATH PLACEMENT TESTS

For those new freshman students who didn't take the Math Placement Test in June, it will be given again next **Wednesday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m.** at Herron High School. Students who currently in summer school will be pulled from their regular classes to take the test. Other students should be dropped off in the Admissions Office at 9:45 a.m. This test is for any entering freshman who is planning to take either Algebra I or Geometry during the 2010-2011 school year. For questions, please contact Jillian Paulen, Math Dept. Coordinator, at [jpaulen@herronhighschool.org](mailto:jpaulen@herronhighschool.org).

## Athletic Department Update

### Physical Forms

All HHS students planning to play a sport in the fall will need to get a physical form from the following site, the IHSAA Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation:

[http://www.ihsaa.org/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Wa\\_mWNBL Ik%3d&tabid=587](http://www.ihsaa.org/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Wa_mWNBL Ik%3d&tabid=587)

### **New Soccer Home Field and match format.**

We will be holding all of varsity matches at Kuntz's Stadium 1502 W 16<sup>th</sup> street. They all will be boys and girls double-headers. Matches will begin at 5:30. The ladies will take the pitch first. Opponents are still being scheduled.

### **Match dates:**

August 20

August 26

September 3

September 9

September 16

September 24 Boys/Marshall/Girls Open

### **New coaches**

The Boys have new assistant Coach **Darren Fox**. He is from state champion winning program in Pennsylvania.

The Girls Head soccer coaches are **Jaime Man** and **Mr. Sanchez**. The both have family members in the program and are excited about the new challenge.

### **Saving our practice Fields.**

We are working with the Indy Parks department to save O'Bannon field. Due to unauthorized overuse the main field has suffered severe damage. We have already seeded the main field twice this summer. We have also patched two of the large bare spots in front of the north goal. While at O'Bannon Park

please use the two fields in the back of the park. Also please pick-up any trash you may see on the ground. We want to leave the park in better condition than we found it.

**Off-season conditioning New Soccer Home Field and match format.**

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**All Sports Call-Out**

Where are you? I need to hear from every scholar/athlete planning to participate in a sport this year. We are planning on having a Girls Basketball team; only one problem only one female player has contacted me (Thank you Tajae Wood). Mrs. McNeal would to offer a girls volleyball team. Any girls interested? Ms.Prewitt has offered to help with club this year. So basketball, cross-country, tennis, volleyball, players please send me an email [aanderson@herronhighschool.org](mailto:aanderson@herronhighschool.org). Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Coaches are still needed for all sports if interested please call me 670-4037.**

Parents are needed to head the Booster clubs. We are planning tailgating before the soccer matches this season please call 670-4037 Andre Anderson.

**Board Meetings**

Herron High School's Board of Directors will be meeting regularly on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are open to the public. **SPECIAL NOTE: Due to the start of the school year,** the next regular meeting will take place at the Indiana Humanities Council, 1500 N. Delaware, on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

**Volunteer opportunity**

Herron High School has been asked to staff an information table at the September First Friday at the Harrison Center for the Arts. This event will take place on **September 3, from 6:00 - 9:00**. Please contact the Herron High School Admissions Office if you're interested in being a part of this.