



HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

The Indianapolis Classical High School



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*Herron High School
partners with families
and the community
to provide a
classical liberal arts
education that
integrates knowledge,
inspires
discipline, and values
community service.*

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Dear Students, Parents/Guardians, and Friends of Herron High School,

I hope that by now your student has settled into the rhythm of the new school year. We know that students learn best when their lives feel secure and there is a routine that they follow both at home and at school.

Our teachers have a routine that they follow each day when students arrive in their classroom. Teachers have a bell ringer activity, and when the class is nearly over, they have an exit exercise. Having a routine does not mean that the classes aren't interesting. They are. Yet, structure and routine allow the students to feel safe enough to know that no one is trying to trick them; rather, the teachers are creating an optimal learning environment.

I urge all families, to take a moment this weekend to make certain that your student has an appropriate place that he/she can study each evening. The area does not need to be fancy. All that is needed is a place that has good lighting, is relatively quiet, and has an adequate supply of paper, pens, pencils etc.

Ask your student to show you his/her daily planner and book bag. Is your student recording the assignments for each class? Is the book bag organized with folders for each class? Is there a folder for guided practices or projects that need to be turned in?

I remember that when all my children were home, I had to work really hard to maintain a routine on weekday evenings. If your family is struggling with an evening routine, take a few minutes for a family meeting, and discuss how all family members can support one another and support your student's need to study each evening. At my home, we had a family meeting every Sunday evening. We would go over the homework, sporting events, and club meetings etc. for the upcoming week. My children vociferously complained about the meetings. Now, they look back at them with great fondness, and they are beginning to hold family meetings in their own homes.

By taking time this weekend, you are giving your student life skills that will help him/her be successful in school and in life. You are also saying to your student that you value his/her education and learning.

My Best,

Janet H. McNeal
Head of School

P.S. If your student is telling you that he/she does not have any homework, please know that that is not accurate. Students should review their math, Latin, and vocabulary skills every evening.

ACHAEAN TIMES - STUDENT NEWSPAPER: The first issue of The Achaean Times, Herron High School's student newspaper, was released this Thursday. Go to <http://my.hsj.org/indianapolis/in/achaeantimes> or Google "Achaean Times" to check it out! This month's content – dubbed the "back to school" issue – includes pieces of Fesler Hall, the new cafeteria, and some of the new faculty members. Questions can be directed to Mr. Shaw at ashaw@herronhighschool.org.

PICTURE DAY : Monday, September 26. Students are permitted to dress UP for the day. Order envelopes will be distributed soon.

FALL OPEN HOUSE – THURSDAY, OCT. 6, 6:00-8:00PM

NEEDED! Student Ambassadors and Parent Tour Guides!!!!!! (see below)

Please take a look at the list of opportunities below and see where you can help. For more information, call or e-mail Lynn House, Manager of Enrollment Services at 231-0010, x1106 or lhouse@herronhighschool.org

Student Ambassadors and Tour Guides - Need 40:

Requirements: students must have attended Herron for at least 6 months. Students will wear full HHS uniform; be available 5:30-8:30pm on Oct. 6, and for training 4:00-5:00pm on Oct. 4. Apply in person in the enrollment office.

Parent Ambassadors and Tour Guides - Need: 30

requirements: be available 5:30-8:30pm on Oct. 6; you'll be given a script for the tours. Be available for training for the tours on Tuesday, Oct. 4. from 4-5 p.m. Apply by e-mail or phone.

Refreshment and Flower Donations -

- 500 small bottles of water
- 10 gallons apple cider
- 400 small (8 oz) paper cups
- 24 plates/trays of cookies (bars or round, bakery or homemade are fine!)
- 12 small potted burgundy or white mums

Please indicate what you can donate by phone or e-mail., and bring all donations to school on Oct. 4 or 5.

Our goal is to recruit more students and parents just like you! Thank you for all that you do to make Herron High school the extraordinary place that it is!

NGS, OFFICE HOURS AND SATURDAY SCHOOL: WHAT'S OUR POLICY AND HOW DOES IT ALL WORK?

Every Monday a report is generated and given to the administrators. This report lists the names of all students who have NGs at that time, as well as the number of NGs each student has. Before dismissal on Monday the "NG List" is posted and all students are required to check to see if their name is on the list.

Any student who has one or more NGs when the report is generated must attend that same number of Office Hours before the start of school the following Tuesday. For example, if a student has NGs in Latin², Geometry and Drawing on Monday, they must attend three faculty Office Hours within a week (before

the next Monday at 5:00 p.m.) *even if they change their grade and get rid of their NGs before that time!*

Also, a student MUST be on time to Office Hours and stay for the complete 50 minutes or they will not receive credit for attending it.

If a student fails to attend the required number of Office Hours during the week, they will be assigned to Saturday School. Saturday Schools are in session from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on selected Saturdays throughout the school year.

Read below for an explanation of NGs, OHs, and Saturday Schools or check out the Herron HS Student Handbook!

What is an NG? An NG stands for No Grade. A student does not receive credit for a class with any grade less than a 70% (C-). Instead, students receive an NG. A complete explanation is found in the HHS Student Handbook.

What is OH? OH stands for Office Hours and is an approach similar to professors' office hours at colleges and universities. Every day (Monday through Thursday) before and after school (with the exception of Thursday morning), every department has a teacher ready and available to help your child. OH hours are: 8:05-8:45 a.m. and 4:20-5:00 p.m.

What is Saturday School? Saturday School is a time for students to catch up on their school work, get help from teachers and raise their grades. Herron High School holds Saturday School on selected Saturday morning, 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. throughout the school year.

COLLEGE CONNECTION FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

All seniors are to meet with Dr. Cooney to discuss your college plans. Contact Mrs. Hagenauer to make an appointment, 231-0010 x 1105, or jhagenauer@herronhighschool.org. A parent should attend also, if possible.

College Admission Reps On Campus: College Admission Rep visits to Herron are quickly filling the calendar. Watch for sign-up sheets in Fesler cafeteria.

- Purdue: Sept. 19
- Indiana Tech: Sept. 20
- Marian University: Sept. 22
- University of Pennsylvania: Sept. 26
- St. John's College: Sept. 26
- Art and Design College Fair: Sept. 26 (on our campus)
- Butler: Sept. 26

Upcoming College Fairs, Preview Weekends and Events:

I.U. School of Dentistry Dental Day: Saturday, Oct. 1, 9am-Noon.

1121 W Michigan St. Register online at www.iusd.iupui.edu.

IBAC College Fair: Thursday, Sept. 29, 6-9pm, Crispus Attucks High School

Covenant College – Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Loyola University – Oct. 29 (juniors), Nov. 12, 19 (seniors)

Cornell College - Oct 10, Nov. 7

University of Evansville – Sept. 10, Oct. 15, Nov. 5

IBAC College Fair: Thursday, Sept. 29, 6-9pm, Crispus Attacks High School

(Visit the college or university website for complete details)

College Go! Week: Sept. 26-30

Apply to college--some Indiana colleges waive application fees this week.

Win money for college—essay and poster contests

Visit college campuses

Find out more at www.learnmoreindiana.org/Pages/default.aspx

College Entrance Exams

SAT test: Next test date is Oct. 1. with regular registration now closed. The deadline for those qualifying for a fee waiver (free or reduced lunch kids) is extended to Sept. 21

Nov 5 test date - registration deadline of Oct. 7 www.collegeboard.org

ACT test: Next test date is October 22 with registration deadline of Sept 16. Visit www.act.org. ACT workbooks are available to aid in preparation for the tests. See Dr. Cooney or Mrs. Hagenauer for a copy if you intend to take the ACT this year.

PSAT: The PSAT will be given to all Sophomore and Junior Herron High School students on October 12. This is an important test for a number of reasons, including the following:

- It measures critical reading, math and writing skills
- It helps prepare students for the SAT test
- For Junior students, it provides entry into the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Study guides and a practice test (to be taken at home) are available. Watch the newsletter for additional information.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Please contact Mr. Kendall Price if your student is in need of help acquiring school uniforms, school supplies, and or transportation to and from school. Mr. Price can be reached at 231-0010 ex 1126 or kprice@herronhighschool.org

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

SPECIAL NOTE: Academic Eligibility for Herron Athletes:

Rule 18 of the IHSAA requires a student to receive a passing grade and earn credit on their most recent Grade Report in at least 70% of the maximum number of full credit subjects that a student can take in order to be eligible to participate in the athletic program.

In particular, Achaean athletes must consistently maintain a passing grade in all core subjects; English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Latin.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Coach: Dave Pappas and Shu Wan

Contact Info: 317-246-0708

dpappas@herronhighschool.org

Practice schedule: Monday-Thursday 4:15-5:00

Cross Country athletes need to have their physicals form signed. They also are to WAIT for the coach to return from the run, regardless of their speed or finishing time during practices. Athletes will be asked to fill a sign-in/sign-out sheet at the beginning and end of every practice. Practice is M-Thurs, after school. We meet on the front lawn. We usually do 2-4 miles.

Date	Opponent	Time/Location
Saturday, September 17	Patriot Invitational	9:00 am German Church & 30th Park
Tuesday, September 27	Horizon Christian School	5:30 pm Horizon Christian School
Monday, October 3	John Marshall H.S.	5:00 pm German Church & 30th Park
Tuesday, October 4	Guerin Catholic High School	5:00 pm Guerin Catholic HS
Saturday, October 8	Lion Pride Invitational	8:15 am Horizon Christian School

GIRLS SOCCER:

Coach Luis Moreno

Luismoreno2004@univision.com

Practice is at O'Bannon Soccer Park on 16th Street. Practice times will be after school at 4:30 pm.

Date	Opponent	Time/Location
Friday, September 16	Owen Valley High School	5:30 pm Home
Saturday, September 17	Lebanon High School (JV)	10:00 am Lebanon HS
Monday, September 19	Greenwood Christian Academy	5:30 pm Greenwood
Saturday, September 24	Ben Davis High School (JV)	8:00 am Ben Davis
Wednesday, September 28	Arsenal Technical HS	5>30 pm Arsenal Teck

October 3 - Sectionals

BOYS SOCCER:

Coach Mike Xanders and Atticus Westerfeld

awesterfeld@herronhighschool.org

Date	Opponent	Time/Location
Friday, September 16	Owen Valley High School	7:00 pm Home
Wednesday, September 28	Christel House Academy	5:30 pm Christel House
Saturday, October 1	Columbus Christian	1:00 pm Columbus Christian

GIRLS BASKETBALL - Conditioning starts Monday Sept 19th, and will continue on M-W-F from 4:30-6p. You must pick your athlete up by 6:10pm in the Fesler Parking Lot.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Greece by Candlelight, September 29th, at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the International Club: \$12.00 includes dinner from Greek Islands Restaurant, Dancers from the Hellenic Dance Troup. Hecate the Winged Goddess, and Live Music from the Kosta Dagues Band. Tickets for Greece by Candlelight go on sale Tuesday, September 13th, and can be purchased from any International Club Member or the club sponsors: Ms. Wan or Ms. Knop. Please come and support the International Club's trip to the Chicago Cultural Museum in the spring!

Scene Night - September 30th and October 1st at 7:00pm in the Gallery, admission is free but donations are always appreciated. Theatre Students will be performing a wide range of scenes from movies, musicals, plays, and television.

International Walk to School Day : Herron High School will be participating in the International Walk to School Day festivities on October 5th. This event is supported through the Department of Public Works for the city of Indianapolis.

THEATRE AUDITIONS: Auditions for *Greeks in the Beginning* will be held Thursday September 22nd from 4:10-6:30. Students need to sign up in room 004 for an audition slot. If students need to leave early they must sign up for one of the first slots.

THEATRE CLUB will not meet on Friday because we will be holding callbacks for *Greeks in the Beginning*.

LATIN CLUB NEWS: Herron's Junior Classical League (Latin club) met on Thursday, Sept. 15 to construct miniature catapults. The team consisting of Julieann Sobus, Chris McTaggart, Cameron Clay, and Elizabeth Copeland built a catapult that won our competition by firing a marshmallow the greatest distance. On October 8, the club will take part in Fall Latin Day at Park Tudor High School, an event hosted by the Indiana Junior Classical League where we will compete against other Indiana schools in a catapult contest. We will also hear Bernie Barcio, retired Latin teacher, speak about catapults and will take part in a classics themed scavenger hunt and other activities. Students wishing to attend Fall Latin Day should pick up a permission slip from Magistra Bush or Magister O'Neil and return it with \$7 registration fee by Wednesday, September 21.

GLEE CLUB : The call out for Herron Glee Club, "Singin' Acheans" is Monday, September 19th in the gallery from 4:15-5:30. Come find out if you have what it takes to be a "Gleek." Learn about our musical selections for the season.

BOARD MEETINGS: Herron High School's Board of Directors meet regularly on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are open to the public. The next regular meeting will take place at Herron High School in the Library, on October 18th, at 7:30 a.m.



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