



HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

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

In their 2008 article, *Creating Excellent and Equitable Schools*, Stanford education researchers Linda Darling-Hammond and Diane Friedlaender argue that “attaining different results in our schools will require more than just teachers ‘trying harder’ within traditional bureaucratic restraints. Such a shift requires new organizational structures.”

When Darling-Hammond and Friedlaender examined five successful urban California high schools in order to identify common design characteristics, they found that key features of the schools included personalization, rigorous and relevant instruction, and professional learning and collaboration. Of particular interest, they stated that in each school, “teachers have an advisory group of 15 to 25 students who meet with them several times a week and, in most cases, stay together from two to four years. The advisor works closely with the family, other teachers, and the student to ensure availability of the needed academic and personal supports.”

Perhaps not surprisingly, Herron High School shares design features with the schools that were studied. Personalization, rigorous and relevant instruction, and professional learning and collaboration have been part of the vision of Herron since opening in 2006. However, while we have experimented in the past with the idea of “Homeroom,” it was not until this year that we formally implemented a targeted Advisory program.

In creating this new program, one that was fundamentally initiated and driven by our teachers, we articulated the following purpose statement: *To be successful, the Herron Advisory program must (1) build relationships, (2) support and reinforce Herron culture, (3) provide students with academic support, and (4) inspire student leadership.*

To fulfill the purpose, we determined that the Advisory groups needed to meet regularly. We demonstrated commitment by reconstructing our daily schedule so that Advisories could gather between Periods 1 and 2, Monday through Thursday, for twenty minutes each day.

In order to determine the composition and consistency of the Advisories, we considered multiple factors. In the end, though, we decided that each student would stay with the same Advisor across four years and that each Advisory group would be made up of four to five students from each grade level. One of the many advantages to this arrangement is that since each Advisory will only lose and gain several students each year (as Seniors graduate and Freshmen join), the core Advisory group and tone can remain consistent. In addition, the blended Advisory allows students to mix in constructive ways across grade levels, and it creates numerous leadership opportunities for students in upper grades.

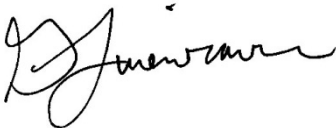
As might be expected, the curriculum for the Advisory program will be particular to our school. While we are dedicating time to reviewing grades with students and guiding them

towards college success, we are also using the time to build school spirit and facilitate community service. In the weeks since school has started, Advisories have been reviewing school policies, but they have also been working on an Advisory Identity Campaign (in which each Advisory develops a name, logo, motto, mission statement, etc.). This is building community, and there is an associated spirit of healthy competition.

In the coming weeks, please expect your student's Advisor to contact you and introduce him- or herself. This will be a teacher who you will be able to contact over the coming years, someone who you should come to know and trust, someone who will advocate for and watch over your student.

Herron's new Advisory program is one more thing that we have in common with successful high schools around the nation; more than that, though, it is, of course, what we believe is best for our students. As always, questions, concerns, or comments are welcomed and can be directed to me at glineweaver@herronhighschool.org.

Sincerely,



Greg Lineweaver
Assistant Head of School
Dean of Faculty

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who attended Meet the Teacher Night. We had another amazing turnout for last night's event and we appreciate the strong level of participation from our families.

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.

Upcoming College Fairs 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.

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

- Wabash College: Sept. 6, 9:30am
- Indiana University: Sept. 8
- Smith College: Sept. 12
- Hanover College: Sept. 13
- University of Chicago: Sept. 14
- Cornell College: Sept 14
- St. Mary's College, ND: Sept. 15

SAT test: Next test date is October 1 with registration deadline of Sept. 9. 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

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Latin club news: There will be a callout meeting for Latin Club on Thursday, September 8 after school in room 218. Come and find out about our activities this year including certamen, catapults, conventions and much more! Students who wish to run for office in the Latin Club can pick up an application at this meeting. Becki Bush, Latin Teacher - JCL Sponsor <http://magistrabush.wordpress.com>

Theatre Club News: A note from the Club President

Dear Theatre Parents,

Herron High School's Theatre Club will be creating a Booster Club. These parent volunteers will be asked to help with all Theatre Club activities, such as ticket sales, fundraising, supervising, etc. We will have meetings prior to each event with all members, Mrs. Pichon, and any available Theatre Club Officers. (Students are also welcome to attend these meetings.) If interested, please contact Mrs. Pichon at npichon@herronhighschool.org or call 231-0010 (ex. 4028). The first meeting will be announced via e-mail to all interested parents.

Thank you for supporting your students and the Theatre Club! We hope to see you soon!

Hannah Boswell
Theatre Club President

Auditions for Scene Night will be held September 6th from 4:10-6:30pm. Students interested in auditioning for the musical scenes must prepare 16 bars of music. Scene Night will be held September 30th and October 1st at 7:00pm in the Gallery, admission is free but donations are always appreciated. There are a wide range of scenes from movies, musicals, plays, and television.

Theatre Club will meet September 9th in room 004. The agenda will be announced in school.

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 10	Ben Davis Invitational	9:00 am Ben Davis High School
Monday, September 12	Bethesda Christian School	5:30 pm Bethesda Christian School
Saturday, September 17	Patriot Invitational	9:00 am German Church & 30th Park
Monday, 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
Saturday, September 3	Lebanon High School	10:00 am Lebanon HS
Tuesday, September 6	Monrovia High School	5:30 pm Monrovia HS
Thursday, September 8	T.C. Howe Comm HS	8:00 pm T.C. Howe HS
Saturday, September 10	Delphi High School	1:00 pm Delphi HS
Wednesday, September 14	George Washington HS	6:00 pm George Washington HS
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

BOYS SOCCER:

Coach Mike Xanders and Atticus Westerfeld
awesterfeld@herronhighschool.org

Date	Opponent	Time/Location
Friday, September 2	Indy Met	5:00 pm Indy Met
Wednesday, September 7	Broad Ripple High School	5:30 pm Broad Ripple HS
Thursday, September 8	T.C. Howe Comm HS	6:00 pm T.C. Howe HS
Friday, September 16	Owen Valley High School	7:00 pm Home
Saturday, October 1	Columbus Christian	1:00 pm Columbus Christian
Tuesday, October 4	Southport High School	5:00 pm Southport HS

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Greece by Candlelight, September 29th, at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the International Club: Great Greek Cuisine, Dance Performances, live music and much more!

FoodCon II—TONIGHT, Friday, Sept 2 – Harrison Center from 5pm to 9pm.

Don't miss Harrison Center for the Arts First Friday event. Herron High School students will especially enjoy the food trucks lining Delaware Street--Duos, Scratch, Hoosier Fat Daddy and West Coast Tacos. In addition, Herron 2010 graduate, Audrey Brinkers, will have her Truck Farm on display. Food Con II will include both an outdoor farmer's market and food related art inside the building. It is also an open studio night. Learn more at www.butlerfoodcon.com or www.harrisoncenter.org.

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.

PTO FUNDRAISER: Everyone needs trash bags! It is once again time for the PTO's annual trash bag fundraiser program. All families are requested to participate in purchasing these high quality trash bags. You are encouraged to take orders from friends and neighbors as well. If you didn't pick up a trash bag order packet during Meet the Teacher Night, you or your student can visit Student Services to receive the order packets.

Carpool Information: Many families need help and are still interested in car pool arrangements. If you are able to help another family deliver their student to school, or would like to make arrangements to share the driving, visit <http://www.carpoolworld.com/herronhighschool> and sign in to the HHS community site.

Online Payments: This is a reminder that we offer the convenience of online payments for lunch accounts, student fees and other payments or financial gifts. Please visit our website for the secure payment link.

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 September 20, at 7:30 a.m.

Congratulations Herron High School AP SCHOLARS!
26 students receive 2011 AP Scholar Awards

The College Board's AP Program offers several levels of AP Scholar Awards to recognize students who demonstrate outstanding college-level achievement through AP courses and exams. Congratulations to the following students who received awards! *Bold text indicates recent HHS Alumni.*

2011 AP Scholar with Distinction Award

Jacob Biernat – Class of 2011, studying at Herron School of Art and Design at IUPUI

Bonny Kessinger – Class of 2011, studying at Hiram College

Hannah Lalioff - Class of 2011, studying at University of Puget Sound

Kelsey Nikcevich – Class of 2012

Debra Talkington – Class of 2011, studying at Ball State

2011 AP Scholar with Honors Award

Susana Server - Class of 2012

2011 AP Scholar Award

Benjamin Abel – Class of 2012

Mckenna Baker - Class of 2012

Raechel Crane- Class of 2011, studying at IU Bloomington

Millicent Crowder – Class of 2011, studying at IU

William Culp – Class of 2011, studying in Montreal, Canada

Callie Daniels-Howell – Class of 2011, studying at Kalamazoo College

Joseph Eisinger – Class of 2011, studying at Purdue University

Parker Ginn – Class of 2012

Emma Hagenauer – Class of 2011, studying at Ball State

Rose Harding – Class of 2012

Emma Landwerlin – Class of 2011, studying at Butler University

Grace Lewis – Class of 2012

Ciaran Mcquiston – Class of 2012

Caleb Miannan- Class of 2012

Noah Miannan – Class of 2012

Jessica Mitchell – Class of 2011, studying at Herron School of Art and Design at IUPUI

Emily Rosenfeld – Class of 2012

Samantha Satterfield– Class of 2011, studying at Savannah College of Art and Design

Susanna Taft - Class of 2012

Jamie Williams – Class of 2011, studying at Smith College

Desmond Wrinch – Class of 2012



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