



# HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

The Indianapolis Classical High School



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

Imagine this classroom scenario: A teacher has been in front of his classroom for 40 minutes talking about a rather obscure concept. He has written on the board, used a power point, and lectured from his prepared notes. At the end of the 40 minutes, the teacher looks at his class and asks: "Any questions?" There is silence in the classroom, the teacher waits 30 seconds and proceeds to review the next day's assignment.

The above scenario happens daily in thousands of classrooms throughout our country. Yet, when those students are assessed on the material that the teacher covered, it is evident that the students did not understand and learn the concept. Most often, both the teacher and the student feel defeated.

At Herron High School, our goal is that students are engaged in their own learning 100% of the time. We have been told by experts that our goal is too lofty. But, how can we expect less?

Rarely, does a Herron High School teacher stand in front of his/her class and lecture for a long period of time. Our faculty is actively checking for understanding throughout each class period. They use individual white boards, Socratic discussions, and literacy circles etc. to keep the students actively engaged in the material.

Our goal is that when students take their quizzes or exams or when they present a project, they see those assessments as an opportunity to demonstrate what they know.

The 'Any Questions?' approach has not served our nation's youth well. In a recent Principal Leadership publication, Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey, professors at San Diego State University, wrote: "Checking for Understanding is the link between teaching and learning and should be a part of every lesson that teachers plan."

At Herron High School we go beyond Fisher and Frey's suggestion. We infuse Checking for Understanding throughout each class period, so that students do not leave their classrooms frustrated; rather, students leave their classrooms confident in what they have learned.

Thank you for your continued trust and commitment to Herron High School.

Sincerely,

Janet H. McNeal, Head of School

**Please review the attendance policy in the student handbook, particularly noting the tardy policy. We will be diligent and relentless in enforcing our tardy and absent student policies. The handbook states:**

### **Attendance Policy**

**Regular** and **punctual** attendance is vital for students to attain the maximum academic success. Herron High School students are expected to have regular and punctual attendance in order to develop habits of responsibility, punctuality, and self-discipline. 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 3 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. The Dean of Students office will notify families if absences continue in an attempt to rectify the situation. If a student accumulates 10 absences of any nature in a semester, the truancy laws may be enforced. This may include a Disciplinary Board Hearing and/or an expulsion hearing which may result in loss of eligibility to receive credit for assigned courses. Absences caused by extenuating circumstances will be evaluated on an individual basis and will require documentation.

### **Tardiness**

Tardiness is defined as being late for any class period. A student is tardy when he or she is not prepared at the start of the class period. **If a student misses more than 20 minutes of a class, it will be considered an unexcused absence and consequences will be enforced.** If a student is tardy at the beginning of the school day she/he will participate in a lunch detention. A parent or legal guardian must verify a valid reason for the tardy before the start of lunch to eliminate the detention. Excessive tardiness will be reviewed and consequences will be administered.

### **Unexcused Absences**

An unexcused absence occurs when a student fails to report to class and the parent has not notified the school of the validity of the absence within 5 days. Absences may result in detentions or other consequences to ensure academic success. Excessive unexcused absences will be reported to the proper State of Indiana authorities and truancy laws may be enforced.

**ACHAEAN TIMES - STUDENT NEWSPAPER:** Go to <http://my.hsj.org/indianapolis/in/achaeantimes> or Google "Achaean Times" to check it out! Questions can be directed to Mr. Shaw at [ashaw@herronhighschool.org](mailto:ashaw@herronhighschool.org).

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO LEAH GRYNHEIM**

The first issue of The Achaean Times, Herron High School's student newspaper, was released last Thursday. The newspaper's web host – my.hsj.org – runs a weekly national edition consisting of articles written by different high school students across the nation. This week's edition includes the piece "*Herron's population surge affects school culture*," written by Leah Grynheim. Leah's article was chosen out of all material posted by my.hsj.org newspapers making this a significant achievement. Read it here: [http://my.hsj.org/Schools/Newspaper/tabid/100/view/frontpage/schoolid/3949/articleid/452772/newspaperid/4136/Herrons\\_population\\_surge\\_affects\\_school\\_culture.aspx](http://my.hsj.org/Schools/Newspaper/tabid/100/view/frontpage/schoolid/3949/articleid/452772/newspaperid/4136/Herrons_population_surge_affects_school_culture.aspx)

**Achaean Fleece Jackets!** With the arrival of autumn's cooler weather, we'd like to remind you that the only jackets permitted to be worn during the school day are Achaean Fleece Jackets available through our school uniform supplier, SchoolBelles.

Colorado Timberline Premium Quarter Zip Front Pullover Quarter Zip pullover long sleeve fleece with two front on-seam pockets. Taped contrast collar, yolk front. Elastic waist and cuffs. Machine Wash and Dry. \$29.70

**PICTURE DAY** : Monday, September 26. Students are permitted to dress UP for the day. Students can order on-line or bring payment on Monday with the picture order form. All students were given order forms to bring home and if you would like to order on-line with a credit card go to [www.mylifetouch.com](http://www.mylifetouch.com)  
Our school Picture Day Id:SB011082Y0

### **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](mailto: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!

### **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](mailto:jhagenauer@herronhighschool.org). A parent should attend also, if possible.

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

- University of Pennsylvania: Sept. 26
- St. John's College: Sept. 26
- Art and Design College Fair: Sept. 26 (on our campus)
- Butler: Sept. 26
- Earlham College: Sept. 28
- Goshen College: Sept. 28
- Ball State: Sept. 29
- Memphis College of Art and Design: Sept. 29
- Baldwin-Wallace College: Sept. 29

**College Open Houses/Preview Weekends:**

- Covenant College – Sept. 29-Oct. 1
- Loyola University – Oct. 29 (juniors), Nov. 12, 19 (seniors)
- University of Evansville – Oct. 15, Nov. 5
- Cornell College – Oct. 10, Nov. 7
- St. Mary's, (Notre Dame, IN) – Oct. 10, Nov. 7, 13
- Marian University – Oct. 1; Nursing Encounter Nov. 18
- Indiana Tech (Ft. Wayne) – Oct. 8, Nov. 18
- Indiana State – Oct. 10, Nov. 11
- Vincennes University – Oct. 21, 22, Nov. 18, 19

**I.U. School of Dentistry Dental Day:** Saturday, Oct. 1, 9am-Noon. 1121 W Michigan St. Register online at [www.iusd.iupui.edu](http://www.iusd.iupui.edu).

**31st Annual Indianapolis Black Alumni Council College Fair Presented by Eastern Star Church:** Thursday, Sept. 29, 6-9pm, Crispus Attacks High School. Questions: 317-329-4786

**SAT test:** Next test date: Nov. 5 with registration deadline of Oct. 7 [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**ACT test:** Next test date is October 22 with registration deadline of Sept 16. [www.act.org](http://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.

**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](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/Pages/default.aspx)

**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](mailto:kprice@herronhighschool.org)

## **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 Dages 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 5<sup>th</sup>. This event is supported through the Department of Public Works for the city of Indianapolis.

## **THEATRE NEWS:**

Great job to all who auditioned for Greeks in the Beginning on Thursday after school! Callbacks will be held this Wednesday after school from 4:10-5:00pm. The callback list will be posted Tuesday morning in room 004.

Come support Theatre Club at **Scene Night**. A night where juniors and seniors have directed scenes from plays, movies, and musicals. It will be held in the gallery at Herron Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Admission is free but donations are always appreciated! We hope to see you there!

### **Scene Night Tech Week Schedule**

Monday :            Other End of the Spectrum- 8:00-8:45am  
                          The Nanny and Cell Block Tango- 4:10-5:10pm  
                          Turning Tables- 5:10-6:10  
Tuesday:            First Run Through- 4:10-6:10  
Wednesday:        First Dress Rehearsal- 5:00-7:30  
Thursday:           Final Dress 4:10-6:30  
Friday:              Students need to stay after school to help with set up. Performance begins at 7:00pm  
Saturday:           Call at 6:00pm, Final Performance at 7:00

## **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

Date	Opponent	Time/Location
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

## BOYS SOCCER:

**Coach Mike Xanders and Atticus Westerfeld**

awesterfeld@herronhighschool.org

Date	Opponent	Location/Time
Wed 28-Sep	Christel House Academy	Christel House Academy 5:30 PM
Fri 30-Sep	Arsenal Tech	Arsenal Tech High School 5:30 PM
Sat 1-Oct	Columbus Christian	Columbus Christian 1:00 PM
Mon 3-Oct	Southport HS	Wyandotte school 3575 east 79th TBD

## 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	Location/Time
Sat 24-Sep	Ben Davis	Ben Davis High School 8:00 AM
Wed 28-Sep	Arsenal Technical	Arsenal Tech High School 5:30 PM
3-Oct	Sectionals	

## CHEERLEADING

**Coach: Connie Server**

Contact Info: 317-460-3848 or con2377@aol.com

Cheer tryouts: September 27th, 28th and 30th 4:15-6:00 - Meet in the cafeteria. Wear t-shirt, sweat pants or shorts and sneakers.

**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.

