

# HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

## AN INDIANAPOLIS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER 2009-2010

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Dear Students, Parents/Guardians:

We'd like to take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt appreciation to all the parent volunteers that give of their time and talents to the Herron High School community. We couldn't do it without your generous participation and active support. It really does take the broader school community working together to create the strong learning environment we enjoy at Herron High School. When schools and families work together to support learning, everyone benefits.

Studies show that parental participation improves the school climate, increases student interest and builds warm relationships with teachers and staff. The presence of parents in the building demonstrates a caring attitude which helps increase student achievement levels. Besides, it's fun!

If are looking for ways to help your child succeed in school, please consider becoming a Herron volunteer. If you are already an active parent or guardian volunteer, we salute your dedication to your child's educational process as well as your generosity of time and talents. Your help truly does make a difference.

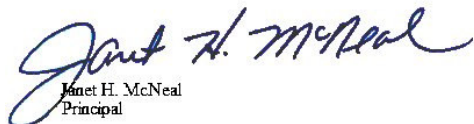
There are many ways for parents and families to participate at Herron.

At the top of the list is the need for parents to assist with Friday morning supervision and hall monitoring in the two hours before classes begin. During this time our entire faculty is in Professional Development and parent volunteers are essential. Without their help we could not offer early arrival to students on Friday mornings. We need parents from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

In addition, parent volunteers are needed to help with PTO, after-school tutoring, sporting events, theatre, dance chaperones, choir events and special events like our upcoming Open House.

Whether it is helping the administrative team, assisting in the supervision of students before classes begin, serving a teacher during special projects, assisting during sporting events, serving on PTO or joining in some of our wonderful community services projects, your talents are needed!

Please contact Laurie Guerrettaz at [LGuerrttaz@herronhighschool.org](mailto:LGuerrttaz@herronhighschool.org) for more information.



Janet H. McNeal  
Principal

### WE NEED YOU!

### FALL OPEN HOUSE — FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

If you haven't done so already, please mark your calendars for Herron High School's fourth annual fall open house: Friday, October 2, 6:00-8:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for prospective families to tour our facility and have the opportunity to talk with faculty, current students, and parents outside of the constraints of the academic day. Planning is well under way, but we need YOU! Please take a look at the list of opportunities below and see where you can help. To sign up or to ask questions, please contact the school: 317-231-0010 x4. Point staff are Laurie Guerrettaz, Senior Administrative Assistant ([lguerrettaz@herronhighschool.org](mailto:lguerrettaz@herronhighschool.org)), Diantha Daniels, Director of Admissions ([ddaniels@herronhighschool.org](mailto:ddaniels@herronhighschool.org)), and Melissa Cooney, Admissions Assistant ([mcooney@herronhighschool.org](mailto:mcooney@herronhighschool.org)).

### Student Ambassadors and Tour Guides

Need 30: must have attended Herron for at least a year

Requirements: Wear full HHS uniform; be available 5:30-8:30pm on Oct. 2, and for training 4:00-5:00pm on Oct. 1. Apply in person at the admissions office.

### Parent Ambassadors and Tour Guides

Need: 40: all parents (including freshmen) welcome

Requirements: be available 5:30-8:30pm on Oct. 2; you'll be given a script and info. Anyone who is available for the student training on Oct. 1, 4:00-5:00 is welcome. Apply by e-mail or phone.

### Refreshment and Flower Donations

Need: 400 small bottles of water

8 gallons apple cider

300 small (8 oz) paper cups

10 plates/trays of sliced dessert loaves (banana, poppyseed, lemon, etc.)

12 small potted burgundy or white mums (larger ones for front steps, smaller ones for tables)

Requirements: Please indicate what you can donate by phone or e-mail. Please bring all donations to school *on Oct. 1* (not earlier, unless you clear it with Laurie Guerrettaz)

### Deliver Open House Fliers

Contact Diantha Daniels at [ddaniels@herronhighschool.org](mailto:ddaniels@herronhighschool.org) to make arrangements to pick up and distribute fliers to local businesses in your area.

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

## **FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH UPDATE**

All free/reduced lunch letters were mailed this week. Families can continue to apply at any time during the year may pick up an application from Ms. Knop at student services. All student lunch accounts should now be positive. No negative lunch balances are allowed. Student lunch balances can be seen on Powerschool. If you have any questions about Powerschool lunch balances, please contact Ms. Knop as soon as possible, to ensure that all student lunch balances are positive.

## **COLLEGE CORNER WITH MR. ABELS SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Note: Several college and university admissions representatives will visit Herron this fall to promote their schools and answer questions of interested students. Next week we will host Ball State (Tuesday, Sept. 15) and Taylor University (Wednesday, September 16) during lunch periods in the Gallery.**

**Freshman:** Getting involved in activities is a key for admission to good schools. What they really like is if you are creative and start your own club, project, or volunteer work. Being a "founder" of a program looks really good and gives you another leadership opportunity (another thing they look for).

Start off your high school career right by getting good grades your first semester. Ask the Seniors and Juniors---some of them will tell you that they wish they could go back to Freshman year and start all over again. Don't have any regrets; start your high school career with great grades and build momentum that'll lead you to your Senior year (and that college of your dreams!!!).

**Sophomores:** Okay, Sophomores. You're no longer the rookies here at Herron High School. Time to start thinking about college and the affects your grades will have. Many colleges begin to look at grades from 10<sup>th</sup> grade during their evaluation. If your performance freshmen year wasn't as stellar as you would have liked, you still have time to make up

for it. Colleges look at trends in your grades. If you can improve them every semester, schools will look very highly upon that. Get working on those assignments!!

**Juniors:** This is going to be one of your toughest years in high school. Your job this year is to absorb as much information as possible about college and the application process. Research different majors, visit schools, talk to reps, intern or volunteer in a career field that interests you, etc...

Improve your grades this semester! Junior year is critical for colleges in assessing people's potential. If you haven't done that well up to this point, don't worry—you still have time to make it up. Colleges will look at trends in your grades. If they improve every semester, that's a big plus for you.

One thing you do NOT have to do just yet is register for the SAT/ACT. You will take the PSAT here at Herron in October. This test is designed to give you an indication of how well you will do when you take the actual SAT and qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship if you do well. You will be able to use the results of this test to determine how much preparation you will need for the SAT (which, along with the ACT, you will take in the Spring). Start studying now; A little at a time is much better than trying to cram it all in at once.

**Seniors:** It's your Senior year—can you believe it's here already? Hopefully most of you spent the summer narrowing down your list of schools, working on your applications and essays, visiting colleges, and at some point, actually enjoying vacation. If you haven't started the process, you have a LOT of work ahead of you. Your goals for September are:

1. Make a list of which colleges you plan to apply to (usually 5-6). Be sure your list includes 1-2 "reach" or "dream" schools, 2-3 "50-50" schools, and 1-2 "safety/likely" schools.
2. Gather as much information as possible about the schools, including applications. Try to visit the campuses if you haven't already done so. It's a good idea to send a letter via "snail mail" giving the admissions office a little bit of background on you and requesting information for the programs you are interested in. This helps them start a file on you and allows them to send you any pertinent information in the future.
3. If you haven't done so already, you should sign up to take the SAT Reasoning Test, The SAT Subject Tests, or the ACT. Some students do way better on one test than the other. You can register for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and the ACT at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Herron High School's registration code is 151669.
4. Start filling out applications as they become available. Many colleges are encouraging students to fill them out online and sometimes reduce the application fee or even waive them completely if you do it this way. To see if the school you are applying to has an online application, you can go to the admissions section on the school's webpage. Also, there are almost 400 colleges that accept the "Common Application".

**REMEMBER:**

GQE re-test dates for Juniors and Seniors will be on September 15, 16, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **STUDENT DRIVERS VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

Bring the following documents to school to be copied

1. \$5.00 (exact change or check)
  - a. Bring in your tag from last year and get \$2.00 off your registration!
2. Driver's License
3. Vehicle Registration
4. Verification of Insurance (the card you keep in the glove compartment)
5. Students: Parental Consent form
6. Vehicle license plate:
  - a. Number

- b. Expiration date
- c. County #

You will be issued a parking lot tag to hang in the window of your car. If you drive more than one vehicle to school, bring the information for EACH vehicle. Please see Mrs. Dennis to register your vehicles. All vehicles should be registered no later than Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **RESTRICTED PARKING AT HHS**

This is a reminder that the parking spaces next to the modular units should not be used. Students, families, and visitors may park in the north lot, adjacent to faculty parking on the north side of the building. Thank you for your cooperation!

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> IS SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!**

Please have your students bring their picture forms back to school on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. All students were given picture forms on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. If your student did not bring home a picture form, please have your student obtain a form from Ms. Guerrettaz in the Main Office.

## **SEPTEMBER SCHOOL LUNCHES**

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| Monday, Sept. 14    | Crispito, Green Beans, Pears                     |
| Tuesday, Sept. 15   | Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Orange Halves             |
| Wednesday, Sept. 16 | Sausage Pizza, Broccoli, Pineapple               |
| Thursday, Sept. 17  | Tacos, Corn, Apple                               |
| Friday, Sept. 18    | Sack Lunches                                     |
| Monday, Sept. 21    | Crispito, Corn, Pears                            |
| Tuesday, Sept. 22   | Coney Dog, Broccoli & Cheese, Mandarin Oranges   |
| Wednesday, Sept. 23 | Assorted Pizza, California Blend, Tropical Fruit |
| Thursday, Sept. 24  | Chicken Patty, Carrots, Applesauce               |
| Friday, Sept. 25    | Sack Lunches                                     |
| Monday, Sept. 28    | Pork Fritter, Green Beans, Pineapple             |
| Tuesday, Sept. 29   | Meatball Sub, Carrots, Grapes                    |
| Wednesday, Sept. 30 | Cheese Pizza, Peas, Peaches                      |

## **SCHOOL HOURS AND MONITORED PERIODS**

School hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Students are allowed to arrive on campus as early as 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday; and at 9:00 on Fridays. Early arriving students must report to the Gallery or seminar rooms for supervision until it is time to report to class. If your child must be dropped off prior to the above entry times, you must notify Dr. Cooney immediately by emailing her at [dcooney@herronhighschool.org](mailto:dcooney@herronhighschool.org).

### **Fifth Period**

Fifth Period refers to an after school supervised session for students whose parent/guardian is unable to pick them up at dismissal time. Any student who remains in the school building or on school grounds after 4:10 p.m. must report to Fifth Period. Students may use this time to study or may talk quietly until a parent or guardian arrives. Parents must come into the building to release their student. Unless students are involved in an after-school activity that is supervised by a Herron High School employee or volunteer, all students must be out of the building no later than 5:00 p.m. each evening.

Please check the school calendar, near the end of this newsletter, to be aware of days when there will be no fifth period.

## **TEXTBOOK RENTAL AND LAB FEES**

Textbook rental and lab fees will be mailed to parents and guardians the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>. In addition, please disregard the Student Fee Balance listed in PowerSchool until September 21<sup>st</sup>. (Students' lunch balances are not part of the Student Fee Balance – lunch balances are listed separately as Lunch Balance in PowerSchool and reflect daily deposits/purchases.)

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The music department has discovered a need for the following band instruments: a flute, a clarinet, and a tenor (or alto) saxophone. If you have one of these instruments gathering dust in an attic that you would be willing to donate for a tax deduction or to loan the school, please contact Mr. Krantz at [dkrantz@herronhighschool.org](mailto:dkrantz@herronhighschool.org) or call the school at 317-231-0010.

## PTO CORNER

We would like to welcome the new families that have joined Herron High School. The PTO is dedicated to the enrichment of our children's educational experience. If your child attends Herron High School, you can become a PTO member for only \$5.00. Do you want to get involved but don't have a lot of time? Don't fret! We have many opportunities for you to be involved without taking a lot of time out of your schedule. The first step is to attend a PTO meeting. We will meet once a month in the Gallery (2nd Tuesday of the month). Come to meet the PTO members and find out what is happening at the school. This is the best place to receive knowledge about PTO activities. Volunteering your time and energy ensures the success of our students, school events, and services sponsored by the PTO, such as welcome events for new students and their families, fundraisers, and other events. A special thanks goes out to all the families who have already become a PTO member volunteer. You are making a real difference! If you have any questions, please call Teresa Law, at 750-4139 or e-mail her at [adjlaw@comcast.net](mailto:adjlaw@comcast.net). First Meeting: **September 8, 2009 at 6 p.m.**

## CURRENT SPORTS PRACTICES AND GAME SCHEDULES

### Cross Country Schedule

For more information, contact Coach Rachel Smith at [rsmith@herronhighschool.org](mailto:rsmith@herronhighschool.org) or Coach Atticus Westerfeld at [awesterfeld@herronhighschool.org](mailto:awesterfeld@herronhighschool.org).

Practice Schedule:

Cross Country will meet every school day at 4:15 except on days of meets. Please email Coach Smith for meet dates.

### ***Boys Cross Country***

|                 |                       |        |  |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|--|
| Northwest       | Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 4:30pm | @Covenant Christian                    |
| Ft. Sq. Academy | Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 4:30pm | @ Fountain Square (4-Way Invitational) |
| Providence      | Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> | 5:30pm | @ Herron or Riverside                  |
| Guerin Catholic | Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 5:00pm | @Guerin Catholic                       |

### ***Girls Cross Country***

|                 |                       |        |  |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|--|
| Northwest       | Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 4:30pm | @Covenant Christian                    |
| Ft. Sq. Academy | Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 4:30pm | @ Fountain Square (4-Way Invitational) |
| Providence      | Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> | 5:30pm | @ Herron or Riverside                  |
| Guerin Catholic | Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 5:00pm | @Guerin Catholic                       |

### Girls Soccer Schedule

For more information, contact Coach Paul Schroeder at [pschroeder@herronhighschool.org](mailto:pschroeder@herronhighschool.org).

Girls soccer practices Mon. through Fri. 4:30 until 6:30 pm. Practices are held at O'Bannon field about 6 blocks east of Herron at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> street and the Monon trail. All home games are played here, also.

| Date:        | Team:            | Place: | Time:   |
|--------------|------------------|--------|---------|
| September 14 | Guerin Cath (JV) | Herron | 5:30 pm |

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|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------|
| September 21    | Park Tudor (V)       | Herron          | 5:30 pm |
| September 28 ** | Delphi Community (V) | Herron          | 6:00 pm |
| September 30    | Terre Haute (V)      | Herron          | 6:30 pm |
| October 1       | Warren (JV)          | Warren          | 5:30 pm |
| October 10      | Guerin Cath (V)      | Guerin Catholic | 1:00 pm |
| October 12      | Sectional            | Decatur Central | TBA     |

\*\* = Location not yet determined

### **Boys Soccer Schedule 2009**

Boys Practice Monday thru Friday 4:30 – 6:30.

For more information, contact Coach Atticus Westerfeld at [awesterfeld@herronhighschool.org](mailto:awesterfeld@herronhighschool.org).

### **Game Schedule**

| Date                  | Team                                | Location          | Time    |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| September 19          | Continental Invitational Tournament | George Washington | 2 games |
| September 29          | International School                | Herron            | 5:00PM  |
| October 1             | Providence Cristo Rey               | Herron            | 5:00PM  |
| October 8 Sectionals  | TBA-1 Game                          | Roncalli          | TBA     |
| October 10 Sectionals | TBA-3 Games                         | Roncalli          | TBA     |

### **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 September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

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