

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

THE INDIANAPOLIS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2009-2010

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A message from Lee Hinkle, Advisor:

Dear Parents/Guardians and students,

Irv Kupcinec was a Chicago newspaper man for many decades. He once said, *"An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day."* To me this sounds like someone who is setting themselves up for failure.

There are currently seven full weeks until 1st semester final exams begin. This includes two weeks off for Christmas Break and three days off next week for Thanksgiving. This means students only have four weeks and two days of classroom instructional time remaining before they will be taking final exams.

Your student may believe they have plenty of time to prepare that final project, review for the exam, or even turn in some missing assignment. They may be telling you not to be concerned about their progress. In reality, time is running out quickly. Students who are putting off what they could do today will find themselves falling behind to the point that they will not finish or be able to put forth their best work.

We all believe that we have the power to "get it done." We might believe we perform better under stress. Most of us don't, and most of us do not live up to our true potential when we are running behind. We only rise to the occasion because of the preparation that has come before. We excel at the end because of the months of hard work that preceded it.

You should be looking at your student's grades every week to check on their progress. Look to see if your student's teachers have a website to track assignments. Do not allow your students to put off doing the work today. Help your student be prepared for success by making the time now to review their efforts, and if necessary, help them formulate strategies that will allow them to get on back on track.

We can all be optimistic about getting work done over holiday breaks, but if you are like me, on Thursday when I sit down at the Thanksgiving table, all good intentions to begin a diet are off the plate.

Sincerely,
Lee Hinkle
Student Advisor

LATIN TUTORING AVAILABLE

Mr. Gilchrist is offering individualized Latin assistance for all first year Latin students **Monday afternoon from 4:15 to 5:00, and Tuesday morning from 8:15 to 8:45**. All students are welcome whether Mr. Gilchrist is their regular Latin teacher or not so please feel free to stop by. The successful first year Latin student must build strong understanding of core concepts of the language, so please encourage your student to come if there is any confusion whatsoever. A few mornings of one-on-one explanation can make all the difference in the world.

SHORT WEEK DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Classes will be in session during regular hours on Monday, November 23rd, and Tuesday, November 24th. The school will be closed beginning Wednesday, November 25th, for our Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, November 30.

HERRON PTO FALL BULB FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

Dear parents and friends,

Herron High School thanks all of you for supporting our fall fundraiser. As the result of our efforts, and thanks to your support and participation, we were able to raise \$1,096.00. This money will be used to help fund the purchase of new equipment, and help with Graduation costs and Senior Prom.

We'd like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to our dedicated volunteers Jackie Maxwell, Lisa Hamilton, and Karen Mitchell. We truly appreciate their time and efforts to make this fundraising drive a success.

It's also a good opportunity to remind you that the Herron High School PTO is dedicated to building community among families, supporting the faculty, serving diverse student needs and enhancing the quality of education available to your student.

Involved parents build better schools and create safer environments. Please consider joining the PTO and sharing your time and talents.

----THE NEXT PTO MEETING IS DECEMBER 6, 2009 AT 6:00 pm---

Thanks again to everyone for their generous support in our fall bulb fundraiser. We hope you enjoy your garden next spring and that it serves to remind you that your participation made a difference. We could not have done it without you!

THE TEACHER WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL SALES WAS MS. STEPHEN INGRIDS! THEY WILL RECEIVE THE PIZZA PARTY.

Sincerely,
Teresa Law
Herron High School PTO

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB SPONSORS CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Community Service Club at Herron High School is providing Herron High School families with the opportunity to donate to local food pantries. Students should bring canned and non-perishable food items to their A2 classes. The A2 class with the greatest number of food items will receive a pizza lunch. The last day to bring in canned goods is Friday, December 4th.

COLLEGE CORNER WITH MR. ABELS

SENIORS

It is already November and all of you should be in the midst of applying for admissions to the colleges/universities you are hoping to attend in Fall 2010. Many of you have already turned in your Secondary School Reports (counselor report) to me. Please remember to give me a minimum of two weeks to complete the Secondary School Report.

It is also the time to request applications from any private colleges you are interested in applying to. Remember, you can either call the specific university and request an application, or you can go on-line and apply.

Now is the time to visit the colleges/universities you are interested in applying to. Make sure you call ahead and request a tour and ask if it would be possible to speak to an Admissions Representative for a few minutes after your tour.

If the college/university you are interested in applying to recommend interviews....**DO IT!!!** First impressions are lasting impressions. So dress appropriately and send a thank you card after the interview. Remember to research the school prior to the interview and have a couple of questions to ask the interviewer after he/she has finished interviewing you.

JUNIORS

This year's grades will be the most recent ones seen by colleges and/or universities to which you'll be applying next year. Please work very hard to make them the very best they can be. Not all schools ask for mid-year grade reports (those transcripts sent after the first semester of your senior year), so your freshman, sophomore, and junior years will reflect your academics for admissions purposes. Having said that, please remember that the senior year can be pivotal. Strong classes and strong improvement will often make a good case for acceptance. It isn't too early to begin thinking about those classes you wish to take next year.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUS FALL OPEN HOUSE DAYS

Register online at the college's website.

Art Institute: December 5

Manchester College: November 21

Vincennes University: November 21

ATTENTION SEAMSTRESSES: HERRON CHEERLEADERS NEED YOUR HELP!

The cheerleaders and cheer coaches of Herron High school solicit the assistance of any parent or employer who has access to an embroidery sewing machine. The cheerleaders have purchased uniforms and accessories, and would like to get their equipment personalized. If any parent of HHS has access to an embroidery sewing machine and would like to assist in this effort of sewing initials on straps, please contact the cheerleading coach Dee at 317-412-7305. Remember, the basketball season starts the day after Thanksgiving; and December 19 at 6 p.m. is our first home game, located at Bethel Park against Providence Cristo Rey. Bring the family and support your HHS.

CLUB MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23RD

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no club meetings this week.

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.

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA AND JAZZ ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES

The Herron High School Advanced Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble will perform a family-friendly **Instrumental Holiday Concert** on **Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery**. Light refreshments will be served.

The Advanced Orchestra will also perform with the Herron High School Choir at their **Tuesday, December 15th Winter Holiday concert, which will be held at the Indianapolis-Marion County Central Public Library at 6:30 p.m.** The separate instrumental music concert was planned due to time and space constraints for the Choir Concert.

Members of the Herron High School Jazz Ensemble will also perform at the home men's and women's basketball games. Currently two games are scheduled in December: Friday, December 18th and Saturday, December 19th.

SHOP AT MARSH AND HELP US EARN FREE EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Come to the main office for a flyer. Just fill out your name and Marsh Fresh IDEA card or O'Malia's CouponPlus card number. Every time you use your Marsh Fresh IDEA card now through March 31, 2010, we get credit toward free educational equipment. This costs you nothing and won't interfere with credits you are earning for any other shopping

promotions at Marsh. Please take a copy of the form to your neighbors, friends, or co-workers so we can increase our shopper base. You may also sign up for our school or change schools at www.marsh.net. Every time you shop, our school automatically earns credit! If you don't have a Marsh Fresh IDEA card, you can pick one up at any Marsh location.

STUDENT ART ON DISPLAY AT SCHEETZ CENTURY 21 ON MASS AVE.

Herron High School student artwork will be on display at Century 21 Scheetz on the Avenue, 643 Mass Ave., for the entire month of November. There will be a new display at Scheetz Century 21 for the December 4 First Friday art walk.

FREE HOMEWORK HELP AVAILABLE AT WWW.IMCPL.ORG!

All students can find free homework help all year on the Library's website, imcpl.org. By visiting the website and using their IMCPL Library Card barcode, students can connect to a professional tutor and get help with math, science, social studies and English homework from 2-10 p.m. daily.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB FUNDRAISER AND UPCOMING EVENTS

International Club is fundraising for Chinatown Chicago Trip in the spring, selling Hot Tea, Gourmet Hot Chocolates, and Locally Roasted Coffee from Harvest Café. Please contact Miss Knop for more information, rknop@herronhighschool.org. Coming up soon, the Indiana International Festival at the Fair Grounds on November 20, 21, and 22 will have the help of our International Club student volunteers, who will be helping with displays from many countries all over the globe. Please come and experience our diverse and exciting Indianapolis.

CURRENT SPORTS PRACTICES AND GAME SCHEDULES

Cheerleading Practice

Practices are Monday and Thursday from 4:10 to 6:00 p.m. The coach and contact person is Denitra Lockhart. She may be contacted through email at denitrasong@aol.com.

Boys Basketball Schedule

Boys JV and Varsity Basketball		11/13/09	
4A-East Chicago Central	Nov 27 th	6:00pm	@ Bowman Academy (Turkey shootout)
3A-Hammond High	Nov 28 th	2:00pm	@ East Chicago (Turkey Shootout)
1A-Bowman Academy	Nov 28 th	6:00pm	@ Gary Genesis Center
4A-Evansville Harrison	Dec 4 th	6:00pm	@ Evansville Harrison (JV and Varsity)
1A-Irvington	Dec 11 th	6:00pm	@ Conseco (Varsity)
4A-Gary West	Dec 12 th	6:00pm	@ Gary West (Fresh, JV and Varsity)
1A-Providence Cristo	Dec 19 th	6:00pm	@ Herron (Bethel) (JV and Varsity)
4A-Warren Central	Dec 26 th	1:00pm	@ Conseco (Varsity)
Lutheran Holiday Tourney	Dec 29 th	7:00pm	@ Lutheran (Varsity)
(1A-Lutheran, 1A-Attucks and 1A-Indy Met)			
1A-Fall Creek	Jan 8 th	6:00pm	@ Fall Creek (JV and Varsity)
4A-Shelbyville	Jan 9 th	6:00pm	@ Shelbyville (JV and Varsity)
1A-Bowman Academy	Jan 15 th	6:00pm	@ Bowman Academy (JV and Varsity)
1A-Fall Creek	Jan 16 th	2:30pm	@ Conseco (Varsity)
1A Campagna	Jan 22 nd	5:00pm	@ Campagna (Fresh, JV, Varsity)
2A-Scecina Memorial	Jan 23 rd	6:00pm	@ Scecina (JV and Varsity)
2A-Heritage Christian	Jan 26 th	5:00pm	@ Heritage Christian (Fresh, JV, Varsity)
4A-Gary West	Feb 5 th	9:10pm	@ Conseco (Varsity) Homecoming
1A-Indy Met (Senior Night)	Feb 12 th	6:00pm	@ Herron (JV and Varsity)
3A-Howe	Feb 26 th	6:00pm	@ Conseco or Howe (JV and Varsity)

Boys Freshmen Basketball

Columbus Christian Nov 21st 7:00pm @ Columbus Christian

Covenant Christian	Nov 23 rd	5:30pm	@ Covenant Christian
Ft. Sq. Acd.	Dec 15 th	5:30pm	@ Fountain Square Academy (Girls and Boys)
Scecina	Dec 18 th	5:00pm	@ Scecina
Bowman Academy	Jan 15 th	5:00pm	@ Bowman Academy
Campanga	Jan 22 nd	5:00pm	@ Campanga (Fres, JV, Varsity)
Hrtg. Christian	Jan 26 th	5:00pm	@ Heritage Christian (Fresh, JV, Varsity)
Providence	Feb 6 th	6:00pm	@ Herron (Fresh, JV)
Ft. Sq. Acd.	Feb. 16 th	5:30pm	@ Fountain Square Academy (Girls and Boys)

NOVEMBER SCHOOL LUNCHES

Chef salads and PBJ's are served daily.

November 23	Super nachos, California blend, mandarin oranges
November 24	Corn dog, green beans, apple sauce
November 25	No school!
November 26	No school!
November 27	No school!
November 30	Mac n' cheese, peas, mixed fruit

FIFTH PERIOD GUIDELINES

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 sign out their students. 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. Thank you for working with us to provide a safe and accommodating atmosphere where students can learn and grow.

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 December 15th at 7:30 a.m.

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