



HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

The Indianapolis Classical High School



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HIGHLIGHTS OF NEWS IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION

20/80 GRADEBOOK FORMULA

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EARLY DISMISSAL
Sept 1 and 2 –1:30pm

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Herron receives award
from the State Dept. of
Education

*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,

Herron High School is a place of continual growth. We are relentless in our effort to provide your student with an exemplary high school experience. Every year, the staff, faculty and Leadership Team balance the consistent vision and mission of our school against feedback, data, and current best practice research in order to determine where to make programming adjustments. In the weeks and months ahead, we will be providing you with information about some of those adjustments and how they impact your students' Herron High School experience. **We will begin this week with an explanation of the new 20/80 gradebook formula.**

Historically, teachers have calculated student semester grades using a "total points" formula. In this formula, the semester course grade is determined by dividing by the total number of points earned by the total number of points possible. Every point is equally weighed, whether the point is for something completed as practice, participation, or a check for understanding.

As a school, however, we do not believe that every point should have equal weight. We believe that there is a distinction between how a student "Practices" learning and the evidence that a student provides to demonstrate "Mastery" of learning. A common analogy for this is the idea of learning to ride a bicycle. We would likely agree that the measurement of success is whether or not the bicycle can be ridden, not the quality or amount of the practice. Some people would learn to ride quickly, others might take more time. While effort and discipline are certainly important, in the end, we are all measured not by our effort but rather by the fact that we can, or cannot, ride the bicycle.

Mastery of knowledge is the single most important measurable outcome of a student's educational experience. High school graduation, college acceptance, and early college credit is overwhelmingly determined by student performance on assessments of knowledge: ISTEP, End of Course Assessments (ECA), SAT, ACT, AP. Because of this, it is imperative that student grades reflect the importance of Mastery learning.

Beginning this year, the Herron High School semester grade calculation formula has been adjusted to appropriately articulate the difference between Practice and Mastery Evidence. Every Herron High School teacher's gradebook will contain two weighted categories: "Practice" and "Mastery Evidence." Practice is valued at 20% of a student's grade; Mastery Evidence is valued at 80% of a student's grade.

The impact on student grades will be immediate. Any check for understanding assessment or activity – whether it is worth 5 or 100 points – that is Mastery Evidence will have a clear effect on a grade. This is logical and to be expected; the category is designed to show what students actually know. However, it is important to know that **students will have the opportunity to, based on specified course-specific conditions, remediate all**

Mastery Evidence items for 100% credit.

At the beginning of the semester, when there are very few grades in gradebooks, it is important to remember that grades may quickly and dramatically fluctuate. It is critical that parents and students not panic as these fluctuations occur. As always, the most important source of explanation and clarity about a student's grade is the teacher of record.

As a school, we are very excited about the 20/80 adjustment because we unquestionably believe it is what is best for our students. As always, questions, concerns, or comments are welcomed and can be directed to me at glineweaver@herronhighschool.org.

Thank you for a great start to the 2011-2012 school year. We are thankful for your support and proud to be educating your children.

Sincerely,



Greg Lineweaver
Assistant Head of School
Dean of Faculty

Once Students Arrive on Campus, They MUST Remain on Campus:

Herron High School is a **closed campus**. What this means is that ***once students arrive on campus, they must remain on campus*** until they are leaving for home. We are having some issues with students who are dropped off in the mornings and don't come directly inside the building. Some of these students are walking to McDonald's or other destinations in the neighborhood.

THIS IS AGAINST SCHOOL POLICY!

Another issue we are having is that after school students are leaving campus and then returning. THIS, ALSO, IS AGAINST SCHOOL POLICY. Students must remain on campus until; a parent/guardian picks up the student; the student departs in his/her car; or proceeds to their city bus stop.

At 4:20 p.m. each school day, students who have not yet been picked up must return to the building and go into fifth period. Fifth period is held in Room 216 B of the museum building. If a student is in fifth period, parents must come in and sign the student out.

These policies are in place because we MUST know where each student is at every moment they are in our care. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important safety issue.

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.

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:

Colleges That Change Lives College Fair: August 30, 2011, 7pm

Indianapolis Marriott Downtown
Marriott Ballroom 6-10
350 West Maryland Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225

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: September 6, 9:30am
- Indiana University: tentatively September 8

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.

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

Model United Nations will have a Call Out/Grill Out on Wednesday, August 31st, after school on the front lawn. Students and parents should stop by to learn more about Model UN and support the club by buying a hot dog or two. Vegetarian options will be available. For more information, please email Mr. Carroll Bilbrey and/or Mr. Malcolm Gilchrist.

Theatre Club's officer elections: Theatre Club will hold it's second meeting on August 31 in room 004 from 4:10-5:00pm. We will be holding officer elections.

Latin club news: A callout meeting for the Junior Classical League (Latin Club) will take place Thursday, Sept. 1 after school in room 218. Students are invited to attend and learn about the opportunities to learn more about Roman culture, history, mythology, and the Latin language through JCL, as well as plans for our activities and competitions this year. That includes a Certamen meet being held right here

at Herron on January 21! Membership forms for the club are available from Latin teachers. Students interested in running for office in our JCL chapter should see Magistra Bush for applications. Becki Bush, Latin Teacher - JCL Sponsor <http://magistrabush.wordpress.com>

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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
Wednesday, August 31	Bishop Chatard Invitational	5:00 pm Fall Creek and 16th Park
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:

Early Dismissal, 1:30 on September 1st and 2nd

Meet the Teacher Night, Thursday September 1st, 6:30pm-8:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our teachers and learn about academic goals and expectations.

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

Carpool Information: We understand the challenges that some families face simply getting their student to school. This year we are pleased to offer an online service to help you find members of the Herron community living in your neighborhood. 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.

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.

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MEDIA:

David Harris: Committed citizens give back through charter school support
<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011108270322>

“To see the impact of charter schools, consider Herron High School, a charter school near Downtown Indianapolis that boasts a 92 percent graduation rate and a 98 percent college admission rate. After only a few years of operation, Herron was named by both Newsweek and the Washington Post as one of nation’s top high schools.” David Harris, founder and CEO of The Mind Trust.

ACCOLADES: CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENTIRE HERRON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

On August 10th, Herron High School was honored by the Indiana Department of Education for the school’s extraordinarily successful college preparedness program. **“College preparation is one of the most important functions of our high schools. By providing challenging academic opportunities, we prepare our students to reach their goals,”** Bennett said. **“I am thrilled to see the growth at Herron High School and encourage others to look to them as an example.”**

Dr. Bennett and the Indiana Department of Education set a goal for 25 percent of students to receive a passing score on an AP or International Baccalaureate exam or successfully complete dual credit coursework. Twenty-one schools in the state met the 25 percent mark, with Herron High School exceeding the target with 39 percent of students passing the college level coursework. HHS also had the largest growth rate in AP success of all schools statewide.



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Tony Bennett, State Superintendent of Public Schools; Janet McNeal, Head of School; Trevor Renwick, AP Art Teacher; Jonathan Harris, Dean of Students and AP Coordinator; Teresa Lubbers, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education



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