



HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

The Indianapolis Classical High School



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August 6th, 2010

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Only eleven more days until the beginning of the 2010-11 School Year! I know that you and your family are busy getting ready for a great start. Students should be finishing their summer reading assignments and thinking and planning about how they will make this school year a successful one.

We have worked throughout the summer to prepare for the new school year. Teachers are organizing their rooms and preparing their lesson plans, and the staff is preparing the master calendar and setting students' schedules.

Every year we receive calls about school supplies and what families should purchase prior to the beginning of school. It is not typical for high schools to issue supply lists prior to the start of school. Teachers will tell their students during the first couple of days of class and give them ample time to purchase the needed items. Some basic items are listed in this edition of the newsletter.

We are going to be much stricter on dress code, tardies, and excessive absences this year. Our dress code is very reasonable, offering basic garments and comfortable styling. Uniforms help students focus on their schoolwork, instead of on what they and others are wearing. Note that there are small changes this year; for example, students will no longer be permitted to wear hoodies. We also offer a new polo shirt with the Achaean logo which can be purchased at the school.

Please help your student adhere to the dress code by making certain they are in proper attire before leaving home. Students will no longer be permitted to arrive in street clothes and change into their uniform at school. Students not in proper uniform will receive detention and will be outfitted from donated and pre-owned garments, or they will be asked to have their uniform delivered to school. Students not dressed in uniform will remain in in-school suspension until properly attired. White crewneck undershirts beneath the polo are required!

Tardy and absence policies are clearly explained in the Student Handbook. All students will receive their handbook during the first week of school. Digital copies of the handbook will be sent to families and will also be posted to the website. Please review these policies with your student and help them arrive to school on time and prepared to learn.

I look forward to a wonderful school year and to seeing you at parent orientation on Thursday evening.

Sincerely,

Janet McNeal
Head of School



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Marion County Health Department

FREE Vaccine Locations

Health Department and Immunization Coalition Offer Back to School Immunization Clinics

The Marion County Health Department and the Indianapolis Immunization Coalition will offer Back to School immunization clinics beginning July 31. Clinic information includes:

- Saturday, July 31 Back to School Family Day 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Marion County Health Department, 3838 North Rural Free
- Thursday, August 5 Indianapolis Immunization Coalition Clinic 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Indianapolis Children's Museum Free
- Saturday, August 7 Marion County Health Department Clinic 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Washington Township Administration Building Main Conference Center 8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd Free

August 9-12 - Marion County Health Department Back to School Immunization Week, Marion County Health Department District Health Offices A \$10 administrative fee will be charged at these clinics:

South District Health Office
505 National Avenue
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Northeast District Health Office
6042 East 21st Street
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Northwest District Health Office / Pecar Health Center
6940 North Michigan Road
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 21 Marion County Health Department Clinic 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. , Warrior Dome, campus of Warren Central High School (East 21st Street entrance) Free

Parents and guardians are asked to bring shot records for their children when coming to any of the immunization clinics.

Please make note of these important dates:

Transfer Student Orientation: 1:00—3:00pm, Monday, August 9th

Freshman Orientation: 10:00-2:00 pm, Tuesday, August 10th - lunch provided

Parent Orientation Night: 6:30-7:30, Thursday, August 12, 2010 - Harrison Center for the Arts gym

Opening Day of School— 9:00 am August 17th.

School hours for 2010/2011 will be 9am-4pm Monday through Thursday, and 10am—4pm on Fridays.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Herron High School does not issue a school supply list prior to the start of school. Teachers will go over what supplies students need during the first days of school, and the students will have several days to acquire these items. However, there are a number of items that you may want to purchase that are always appropriate:

- lined notebook paper
- binders
- pencils
- pens
- note cards (Students can never have too many note cards.)

Another item that is very helpful but not required is a USB drive. Students can wear them on our **Herron High School lanyard with their student I.D.'s so they are always handy.** Most school supplies outlets have reasonably priced small memory flash drives which are sufficient for students to save their projects from school computers and at home.

Student drop off and pick up procedures

As we enter another full school year at Herron we are faced with the continuous challenges that accompany the dropping off and picking up of our students in a busy urban location. The Herron leadership team is addressing this issue on a consistent basis and is seeking the safest ways to carry out this process in the immediate term and when construction is completed on our other buildings, but for the time being we want to reiterate the importance of following our established procedures, which we feel offers the quickest and safest ways to drop off and pick up students without causing undue problems in the surrounding areas.

The established procedures are as follows for both morning drop off and afternoon pick up:

- Enter our parking lot from the West entrance off Pennsylvania Avenue ONLY.
- Form two lines and follow the directions of our traffic monitors.
- Exit out the East side of our lot and turn ONLY left onto Talbott St.
- If you are a student parked in the Student Lot, exit and turn ONLY left onto Talbott St. as directed by the traffic monitors.

In the future we are seeking to add a street crossing and traffic light on Pennsylvania as well as having the crosswalks repainted for our pedestrian students. We will continue to find the safest ways to carry out this procedure and keep you updated as to any changes. Thank you for your cooperation and feel free to contact us with any further questions.

Scott Spitz
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PARENTS OF INCOMING SENIORS:

Dr. Cooney would like to meet individually with parents of the class of 2011 to discuss your student's academic progress and potential college choices. These meetings—lasting approximately 45 minutes—are being scheduled now, if you haven't made your appointment please do so soon. Please contact Mrs. Jane Hagenauer to set a meeting time 231-0010 x2 or jhagenauer@herronhighschool.org.

Dress Code for 2010/2011

All Herron High School students are required to adhere to the Herron High School dress code while on the Herron High School campus. Students must enter the school building each morning in complete uniform and remain in full uniform until 4:00 or designated early release time. School uniforms can be purchased at School Belles, 6180 Hillside Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46220, in the East 62nd and Keystone area. School Belles may also be contacted through their website: www.schoolbelles.com. Some school sweatshirts and sweaters may also be purchased in the Student Services Office before or after school.

The standard required Herron High School uniform for both boys and girls is:

- khaki pants
 - appropriately fitting and not too tight
 - cannot be low-rise, sagging or cargo pants
- black or white polo shirts with short or long sleeves
 - cannot have any logo other than a Herron logo
 - must be worn under any Herron sweatshirt or sweater
 - must be long enough to be tucked in at all times
- a white, crew neck undershirt beneath all polos, sweatshirts and sweaters
- HHS red or black sweatshirts or sweaters (purchased through School Belles.) Students may not wear hooded sweatshirts. Please note that this is a change from previous years.

In addition to the above uniform requirements, boys are required to wear:

- solid black or brown belt (without studs, spikes, or any other decorative embellishments)

In addition to the above uniform requirements, girls are permitted to wear:

- a red and black plaid skirt (purchased through School Belles) skirts can be no higher than two inches above the knee
- solid-colored red, black or white tights or leggings
- solid black or brown belts if a belt is required and not an accessory (without studs, spikes, or any other decorative embellishments)

Attention: Policy Changes and Reminders

The Dean of Students office would like to remind all students of some new and important policies that will be enforced this school year. It is mandatory to enter and exit the building in proper uniform. Uniform shirts are to be tucked in for all students (male and female). Belts are to be black or brown only for all students (male and female). Electronic devices hinder the learning process and all students will be required to put them in their lockers immediately upon entering the building. These devices are not allowed in the gallery or seminar rooms before school.

We are very excited to encourage the learning of all our students and need your help in creating a positive, educational environment. We have found that these specific behaviors can promote student learning and success in all classes.

Regular attendance is another factor that will help students stay successful. The Dean of Students' office will be monitoring students with excessive absences and tardies to provide help in understanding the necessity of regular attendance. The student handbook states:

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 5 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. If a student accumulates 10 absences of any nature in a semester, the truancy laws may be enforced. This may include an expulsion hearing and the student may not be eligible to receive credits for assigned courses.

More information about the attendance policy will be available online in the student handbook in a future newsletter.

Mr. Harris and Mrs. Torres are looking forward to working with your students daily to promote a successful academic career in high school and beyond.

Sincerely,
Mr. Harris and Mrs. Torres
Dean of Students Office
Herron High School
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Emergency Information Forms

Emergency contact information forms and re-enrollment packets must be returned prior to the first day of school. Please contact Jane Hagenauer : jhagenauer@herronhighschool.org

ALL SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Summer Reading Information is available on the website in the “NEWS” section. Please contact one of the English teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

English 9: kdorsey@herronhighschool.org

English 10: kcarver@herronhighschool.org

English 11: kbasile@herronhighschool.org

English12: dpappas@herronhighschool.org

FRESHMAN MATH PLACEMENT TESTS

For those new freshman students who didn't take the Math Placement Test in June, it will be given again right after freshman orientation from 2:00-3:00 pm on Tuesday, August 10th. This test is for any entering freshman who is planning to take either Algebra I or Geometry during the 2010-2011 school year. For questions, please contact Jillian Paulen, Math Dept. Coordinator, at jpaulen@herronhighschool.org.

Athletic Department Update

Physical Forms

All HHS students planning to play a sport in the fall will need to get a physical form from the following site, the IHSAA Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation:

http://www.ihsaa.org/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Wa_mWNBL_lk%3d&tabid=587

New Soccer Home Field and match format.

We will be holding all of varsity matches at Kuntz's Stadium 1502 W 16th street. They all will be boys and girls double-headers. Matches will begin at 5:30. The ladies will take the pitch first. Opponents are still being scheduled.

Match dates:

August 20

August 26

September 3

September 9

September 16

September 24 Boys/Marshall/Girls Open

New coaches

The Boys have new assistant Coach Darren Fox. He is from state champion winning program in Pennsylvania.

The Girls Head soccer coaches are Jaime Man and Mr. Sanchez. The both have family members in the program and are excited about the new challenge.

Saving our practice Fields.

We are working with the Indy Parks department to save O'Bannon field. Due to unauthorized overuse the main field has suffered sever damage. We have already seeded the main field twice this summer.

We have also patched two of the large bare spots in front of the north goal. While at O'Bannon Park please use the two fields in the back of the park. Also please pick-up any trash you my see on the ground. We want to leave the park in better condition then we found it.

Off-season conditioning New Soccer Home Field and match format.

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All Sports Call-Out

Where are you? I need to hear from every scholar/athlete planning to participate in a sport this year. We are planning on having a Girls Basketball team; only one problem only one female player has contacted me (Thank you Tajae Wood). Mrs. McNeal would to offer a girls volleyball team. Any girls interested? Ms. Prewitt has offered to help with club this year. So basketball, cross-country, tennis, volleyball, players please send me an email aanderson@herronhighschool.org. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Coaches are still needed for all sports if interested please call me 670-4037.

Parents are needed to head the Booster clubs. We are planning tail-gating before the soccer matches this season please call 670-4037 Andre Anderson.

Volunteer Opportunity

Herron High School has been asked to staff an information table at the September First Friday at the Harrison Center for the Arts. This event will take place on September 3, from 6:00 - 9:00. Please contact the Herron High School Admissions Office if you're interested in being a part of this.

Board Meetings

Herron High School's Board of Directors will be meeting regularly on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are open to the public. **SPECIAL NOTE: Due to the start of the school year,** the next regular meeting will take place at the Indiana Humanities Council, 1500 N. Delaware, on August 24th, at 7:30 a.m.

