



HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

The Indianapolis Classical High School



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HIGHLIGHTS OF NEWS IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION

**OPEN HOUSE
OCTOBER 6
Volunteers Needed!**

**EARLY DISMISSAL
OCTOBER 6**

**BREAKFAST NOW
BEING SERVED
7:45-8:30 A.M.**

**BENCHMARKS EXAMS
Date Change:
October 24-27**

ACCOLADES:

**JANET MCNEAL
IBJ WHO'S WHO
IN EDUCATION**

**SUMMER READING
PARTICIPANTS**

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,

We will be hosting our annual Fall Open House this Thursday, October 6th. This is a great opportunity to introduce your friends and neighbors to the remarkable educational experience offered at Herron High School. Open House night provides prospective families the opportunity to tour the campus and to talk with faculty, students, and parents outside of the constraints of the academic day.

Open House also provides an opportunity for current students and families to serve as tour guides and good will ambassadors. If you would like to help make the evening the best it can be, look at the information below and contact the enrollment office to volunteer your time and enthusiasm, or to donate flowers or refreshments.

Do remind your friends that Herron High School is a tuition-free public high school open to any student in the state, and of these notable accomplishments:

- Received Exemplary standing in the state's PL221 school accountability program
- Recognized by the Indiana Department of Education with the "Supporting Student Success" award for top achievement in Advanced Placement exams, and also one for the most notable rate of growth in AP participation statewide.
- National recognition - Listed as a top ranked school in *Newsweek's* "America's Best High Schools" report, and in *Washington Post's* "High School Challenge Index"

I know you share our pride in the school's accomplishments, and on behalf of the staff, faculty and board of Herron High School, I want to express our gratitude for your trust and support, your high expectations, and for all you do at home to help your student achieve his or her academic goals.

Open Enrollment for the 2011-2013 school year began on October 1st. We are currently accepting applications for **new students**. Remember that siblings are given preference during the open enrollment period. Applications will be accepted during the Open House. Current students continuing at Herron next year do not need to re-apply.

Sincerely,

Janet H. McNeal
Head of School

OPEN ENROLLMENT NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 15. We are currently accepting applications for **new students** for the 2012-2013 school year. Remember that siblings are given preference during the open enrollment period. Applications may be downloaded from the website or picked up at the school enrollment office. Completed applications may be mailed, hand delivered, or faxed to the enrollment office. Submitting an application does not commit a student to enroll at Herron High School, however, due to limited space, it is critical that any family considering enrollment submit an application in a timely manner. Applications will be accepted during the Open House.

BREAKFAST NOW BEING SERVED: Herron High School is pleased to announce that hot breakfasts and nutritious ala cart items will now be served each morning in the school cafeteria. Service will be from 7:45 -8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The cost of a meal for full pay students is \$1.75; for students participating in the NFRL program, the reduced cost is \$.30 or free to those who qualify. Students attending Office Hours will be given preferential access to the serving line, but must quickly consume his or her meal in the cafeteria and report to Office Hours on time. No food is permitted outside of the cafeteria. Parent volunteers are invited to help supervise the morning meal period – please contact Robin Knop at rknop@herronhighschool.org if you are interested.

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE:

Monday – A day
Tuesday – B day
Wednesday – A day
Thursday (9:00-1:30) – C day
Friday (10:00-4:00) – B day

BENCHMARK EXAMS have been moved to October 24-27. This is a change from the original dates on the calendar

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

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

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. A parent should attend also, if possible.

October 12 is **college visit day** for seniors. Some of our faculty and staff will accompany groups of students to colleges in Indiana and surrounding areas. More information coming next week.

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

College Admission Reps on campus:

Sign-up sheets in Fesler cafeteria.

- Grace College: Monday, Oct. 3
- Manchester College: Tuesday, Oct. 4
- University of Indianapolis: Tuesday, Oct. 4

NACAC COLLEGE FAIR: Indiana Convention Center, Oct. 11, 9am-Noon, 6-8pm

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS:

SAT test: Next test date: Nov. 5 with registration deadline of Oct. 7 www.collegeboard.org

ACT test: Next test date is December 10 with registration deadline of Nov. 4. 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.

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
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
3-Oct	Sectionals	

CHEERLEADING

Coach: Connie Server

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PARTICIPANTS IN IMCPL "SCIENCE ODYSSEY" SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Emmett Baumgarten	Braden Hinkle	Matt Tarr
Lucy Burton	Jordyn Kinsler	China Thompson
Craig Costlow	Noah Mishkin	Lauren Tull
Tom Day	Emma Ryan	Meghan Walls
Khaalidah Giddens	Adeleine Sinsabaugh	Azia Watts
Je'shue Harris	Guy Sorenson	

The Indianapolis Public Library reports that over 52,000 students participated in the summer reading program, borrowing and reading over 1 million books.



Janet McNeal, 57
*Head of School,
Herron High School*



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With more than 35 years of expertise in education, Janet McNeal became part of Herron High School's founding leadership team in 2006. "The opportunity to build a school, from the philosophical foundation up, was an opportunity to get it right," said McNeal. "During my 23-year career as a teacher in the classroom, I came to understand the magic that occurs between students and teachers. The fundamental key to student success rests on building trust and forming positive relationships with teachers and administrators."

Long before Herron opened its doors, McNeal began building relationships throughout the community. McNeal was integral to the process of hiring teachers, recruiting students and winning over parents to the idea of the school. Prior to Herron, McNeal was academic dean and honors director at Cathedral High School, where she grew Cathedral's Advanced Placement program from four to 23 course offerings. Her experience at Cathedral helped her in the development of a rigorous curriculum at Herron, while her expertise in ancient literature guided the new school's classical focus.

According to staff, McNeal "leads by creating consensus." She has worked to create a system of supports to guide teachers and help students achieve academic success. Her efforts have paid off. In only its sixth year, Herron High School has received national recognition and accolades. The Indiana Department of Education has recognized the school for top achievement in Advanced Placement exams and for the most notable rate of growth in AP participation statewide. In 2010, Newsweek named Herron No. 26 on its list of Best American High Schools. Locally, the school has won Nuvo's Cultural Vision Award and the Monumental Affair Award.

In her scant spare time, McNeal enjoys reading and knitting. She and her husband, Claude McNeal (founder and former artistic director of the American Cabaret Theatre) have three children and two grandchildren. McNeal serves on the board of her husband's company, CM Productions, and is an active member of her church.



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