

# HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

## AN INDIANAPOLIS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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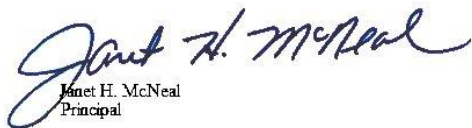
SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

I want to thank all the parents and guardians who attended last evening's **Meet the Teacher Night**. Parents and guardians had an opportunity to walk through their students' schedules and meet each teacher. The event went extremely well, and I know I speak for the rest of the faculty and staff when I say that it was wonderful to see the returning parents and meet the new parents.

You may have noticed that we have tightened our dress code and behavior policies this year and that there is stricter enforcement of these policies. Please know, our decision to shore up the students' adherence to the rules is based on the school's mission to "create world class citizens." There is a great deal of research that suggests that when high school students are required to wear uniforms, students' are more academically successful and have fewer behavioral issues. Certainly, we have anecdotal evidence of the research findings. Secondly, we want to teach our students that their appearance is important and sends a message to others. Dressing neatly and modestly is a life skill that will help our students throughout their lives. We are also holding students accountable for being on time to school each morning and to each class throughout the day. Again, not only is this important to them now, it is a life skill that they must learn to be able to maintain a career. We ask the parents and guardians to support our efforts. Please make sure that your student is in uniform before he/she leaves home each morning, and make certain that your students arrives to school on time each day.

I hope you and your family have a great holiday weekend. I thank you for your support of Herron High School and our mission.



Janet H. McNeal  
Principal

### WELCOMING NEW ADDITIONS

It's a BOY! Mr. Luke Crawley and his wife Megan are the proud parents of a baby boy. Quinn Davis Crawley was born at 11:38 p.m. Thursday, September 3, 2009. Quinn weighs 7 lbs 9 ounces and is 21 inches long. We wish the Crawley family much love and happiness as they welcome their first child. While Mr. Crawley takes some time off to be with his wife and new son, Ms. Jasmine Walker will teach his classes. Ms. Walker graduated from Yale this past spring and is part of the Indianapolis Teaching Fellows program. Later this fall, Ms. Walker will teach for Mrs. Sarah Wilson as Mrs. Wilson takes her maternity leave.

### NWEA TESTING NEXT WEEK

Each year, all Freshmen and Sophomore students take NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) tests in the fall and in the spring. The fall test gives us a baseline score on the student, while the spring test measures growth or improvement. This fall, we will be giving the NWEA test during the week of September 7. Please be sure that your child has had enough sleep at night during that week, and comes to school after eating a nutritious breakfast.

## **DRESS DOWN DAY GUIDELINES**

### **Dress-Down Days:**

Students who have turned in all of their school work and have not received any detentions for the week may dress down on Fridays. The names of the students who are eligible for Dress-Down Fridays is available on the prior Thursday afternoon. If a student dresses down and he/she is not permitted to do so, the student will have to return home to change clothes or have his/her parents bring a school uniform to school. The guidelines for the Dress Down Days are as follows:

### **Casual Friday and Extra-Curricular Dress Code Guidelines**

- All students are expected to dress modestly. If a student is dressed inappropriately, we will immediately call his/her parents/guardians
- girls may not wear low-cut, tank or spaghetti-strap tops
- all tops must have sleeves, and be modest in appearance
- girls skirts may be no shorter than two inches above the knee
- girls may not low-rise pants
- girls may not wear see-through clothing
- boys may not wear pants that sag
- girls and boys are not allowed to wear shorts or capris
- girls and boys are not allowed to wear pajama pants
- boys may not wear any type of jerseys or sleeveless t-shirts
- students are not allowed to wear clothing with any type of inappropriate language, pictures or symbols
- students may not wear anything that is in anyway gang related
- students may not wear hats, caps or any type of head coverings unless it is in accord with the tenets of their religious faith.
- students cannot wear inappropriate jewelry or expensive jewelry
- students are not allowed to wear chains either on their clothing or around their necks
- students are not allowed to wear dog collars or spiked jewelry
- students are not allowed to wear flip flops or house shoes

## **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The school will be closed on Monday, September 7, for the Labor Day Holiday; Tuesday, Sept. 8 will be an A Day, Wednesday, Sept. 9 will be a B day; Thursday, Sept. 10 will be an A day, and Friday, Sept. 11 will be a B day.

## **FACULTY, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, AND 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**

Monday, Sept. 7	No School!
Tuesday, Sept. 8	Fish Sandwich, Broccoli & Cheese, Fruit Cocktail
Wednesday, Sept. 9	Pepperoni Pizza, Peas, Banana
Thursday, Sept. 10	Chicken nuggets, Corn, Grapes
Friday, Sept. 11	Sack Lunches
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.)

## **FREE & REDUCED LUNCH FEES**

Families of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch fees will be notified by mail beginning Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Please check your mail for this important information.

## **MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS**

The faculty and students in the music department would like to thank those who so generously donated their pianos to the school. More pianos were offered than could be accepted, and we appreciate the offers. Thanks also go to the faculty and students who helped move the pianos over the last two weekends.

The music department has also 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.**

## **STUDENT HANDBOOKS**

All students are assigned one free student handbook at the beginning of the school year. The student handbook is a very helpful tool for organizing schedules, assignments, and activities, as well as containing rules and regulations regarding attendance, uniform policy, and other such frequently asked questions. If your students have not picked up their handbooks, please encourage them to stop by Admissions and sign for their copies. Lost copies may be replaced for \$5.

## **HERRON FILM CLUB — DONATIONS REQUESTED!**

Have you upgraded your family video equipment lately?

The crew of the Herron Film Club is eager to begin filming student scripts (we just wrote our first one!) and recording Herron's community events, but we are in need of video cameras (any format) to use and store on school grounds. If you or anyone you know are able to donate any video equipment, including cameras, tripods, and other accessories, please e-mail the club sponsor, Mr. Moxey: [smoxey@herronhighschool.org](mailto:smoxey@herronhighschool.org). Proof of this donation will be available for tax purposes.

## **CURRENT SPORTS PRACTICE 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.

## 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
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.

### Game Schedule

Date	Team	Location	Time
September 10	Howe Academy	Howe	5:00PM
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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