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A LETTER FROM MRS. MCNEAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I welcome the holidays with a warm and grateful heart. We have a diverse, energetic group of students at Herron High School along with many parents and guardians who freely give of their time and resources. I feel as though we are forming a family at Herron High School and welcome you to join in our efforts to create a safe yet challenging environment for students. We appreciate all help and, more so, find that having parents and guardians in the school fosters a culture and community that spreads beyond Herron High School's walls.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents and volunteers who have given so much of themselves this past semester. Answering phones or sealing envelopes is not always a fun job, but you all seem to work with sincere, positive attitudes that I hope spread to our students. We will miss your cheerful faces over the holidays.

Thank you, as well, to the students who have worked so diligently over the first two quarters of school. Your efforts and willingness to learn are a gift to the staff and faculty at Herron High School.

Warm regards,

Janet H. McNeal
Principal





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Faculty and Administration would like to wish all students and families a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season!

PTO UPDATE:

As leaders of Herron High School's PTO, we are so glad to be a part of the Herron High School Community. Special thanks to all parents/guardians that signed up to participate in Herron's first PTO. We cannot believe the semester is moving along so quickly; it often seems difficult to keep up. However, we are hopeful to continue building the PTO program into the Spring Semester and look forward to the involvement of our parent/guardian community.

Please take a moment to review below several opportunities for involvement through our PTO for the start of next semester!

Happy Holidays,
Teresa Law, PTO Co-Chair ó 750-4139
Kathy Murphy, PTO Co-Chair

PTO - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

PTO is in need of parents to establish a **Fundraising Committee**. We, as PTO Co-Chairs, would like to hear any ideas you might have for the coming spring.

PTO – BOX TOPS/ NESTLE WATER BOTTLE LABELS:

Please start to collect the Campbell's soup and Nestle water bottle labels! You may already be aware of this, but our school can earn points by collecting these labels and use them to purchase items for our students and teachers.

PTO – TEACHER / STAFF BREAKFAST:

PTO would like to serve soup and sandwiches to the teachers and administration after the Holidays to jumpstart the new semester. We need volunteers for setting up, bringing in food items, and purchasing paper products. If you are able to contribute anything, whether that be an hour of your time or a pack of paper plates, your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any of these activities, please call Teresa Law at 750-4139.

SCHEDULE FOR FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS 2008-2009

Semester exams will begin on Monday, January 15, 2008. Our faculty and staff return to school on Monday, January 5, 2008 for professional development, and then our students return on Tuesday, January 6, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday through Friday during the week we return will be semester exam review days. Please see below the semester exam



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students during the semester exam week. Also,
pend time preparing for exams.

Monday, January 12, 2009 ó Thursday, January 15, 2009
School Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:40 p.m.

Students will not be required to be at school during their seminar periods; however, a quiet study room will be available for students who choose to study at school during that time.

Monday, January 12, 2008

Period A1 Exam Review	9:00 a.m. ó 9:30 a.m.
Period A1 EXAM	9:35 a.m. ó 11:05 a.m.
LUNCH	11:08-11:30
Period A2 Exam Review	11:35 a.m. ó 12:05 p.m.
Period A2 EXAM	12:10 p.m. ó 1:40 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13, 2008

Period B1 Exam Review	9:00 a.m. ó 9:30 a.m.
Period B1 EXAM	9:35 a.m. ó 11:05 a.m.
LUNCH	11:08-11:30
Period B2 Exam Review	11:35 a.m. ó 12:05 p.m.
Period B2 EXAM	12:10 p.m. ó 1:40 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14, 2008

Period A3 Exam Review	9:00 a.m. ó 9:30 a.m.
Period A3 EXAM	9:35 a.m. ó 11:05 a.m.
LUNCH	11:08-11:30
Period A4 Exam Review	11:35 a.m. ó 12:05 p.m.
Period A4 EXAM	12:10 p.m. ó 1:40 p.m.

Thursday, January 15, 2008

Period B3 Exam Review	9:00 a.m. ó 9:30 a.m.
Period B3 EXAM	9:35 a.m. ó 11:05 a.m.
LUNCH	11:08-11:30
Period B4 Pr Exam Review	11:35 a.m. ó 12:05 p.m.
Period B4 EXAM	12:10 p.m. ó 1:40 p.m.

FREE DENTAL EXAMS FOR YOUTH:

The Indiana Dental Association, in partnership with the American Dental Association, is hosting the 7th annual Give Kids a Smile Day. On February 6, 2009, various dental offices throughout Indiana are opening their doors to donate dental care to children and youth from low-income families. This is a ONE-DAY EVENT ONLY and

D. The following requirements must be met in order

- The child must be 10 years of age or younger.
- The student must not have access to dental insurance and be unable to afford regular dental care, OR if the child has Medicaid, the family must not have a dental provider.

If the student meets the above criteria, please follow the directions below:

1. Call (800) 680-9302 and an operator will (1) confirm your eligibility and (2) take the following information in order to pass it on to a volunteer Give Kids a Smile dental office:

- Name
- Phone number
- City where you live
- Number of children who need treatment

2. A local dental office will call you to set up the appointment time.

3. Show up at the scheduled appointment time. Appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis and cannot be rescheduled.

- This information was taken from the Indiana Dental Association

HERRON LUNCH UPDATE:

Letters have been mailed to all students with negative lunch balances of \$5.00 or more. It is Herron High School's policy that once a student reaches a negative \$5.00 balance, the student will not be served a hot lunch the following day, unless the balance is paid. In this case, we *will* offer the student a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a milk carton.

Each student is told when his or her balance is getting close to \$0 and is again warned when it goes negative. Please make sure you check PowerSchool regularly to verify that there is money in your student's lunch account. Please contact Katie White if you have any questions (kwhite@herronhighschool.org or 317.231.0010).

GIRLS' BASKETBALL UPDATES:

Coach Bemby, the HHS Girls' Basketball Coach, has provided and solidified further details for our Girls' Basketball team. Please be sure to mark the following changes on your calendars. *Thank you!*

Practice Schedule for Christmas Break:

Coach Bemby would like the girls to attend the following practices if at all possible. He realizes that many families will have commitments due to the holidays, but the girls' games are quickly approaching and he'd like them to be as prepared as possible.

Practices will be held every Monday and Wednesday during the Holiday Break from 4:00 ó 6:00pm at Barnes United Methodist Church (900 W. 30th Street, Indianapolis, 46208).



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January 16: 6:00pm at Barnes United Methodist

January 17: 6:00pm at Barnes United Methodist

MINI MARATHON RUNNERS:

Herron High School is incredibly proud to have had several students participate in Indianapolis' past two Mini Marathons. And it's already time to sign up again! Students who are interested in participating in the Indianapolis Mini Marathon (13.1 miles) must register as soon as possible. The website for registration is www.500festival.com/marathon.

The Indy Mini has sold out for the past six years, so it is important that students register right away. Students will begin training for the half marathon with Mrs. Cox and Mr. Crawley after winter break. For more information, please contact Mrs. Cox at jcox@herronhighschool.org.

SIMPLE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

What if Herron High School earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our school? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37% of each purchase to Herron High School! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting Herron High School.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Herron High School as the charity you want to support. Be sure to spread the word to others as well!

BOARD MEETINGS:

Our board meetings take place in Herron High School's library at 7:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. Thus, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20, 2008. These meetings are open to the public.