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A LETTER FROM DR. COONEY: APPROACHING THE COMPLETION OF SEMESTER I

As we turn our attention to the end of first semester, we are thinking about final exams and second semester schedules. After students arrive back from the winter holiday break on Tuesday, January 6, they will have a week of review for final exams. Final exams will take place January 13 through 16. The second semester will begin on Tuesday, January 20.

Homework, quizzes and tests, and projects assigned during these final weeks of first semester are of extreme importance to each and every student. Along with continuing to complete daily homework, students should begin reviewing for final exams *now* and should continue through the holiday break. Please be sure that your child has a quiet place to study while preparing for the final exams.

Next week Mrs. McNeal and Dr. Cooney will be meeting with all the students to explain second semester schedules. Students' core classes will remain the same, but they will have an opportunity to select different electives, if space is available. The students will be given information on electives and the process of requesting a change next week. A form for requesting a change of elective will be available at that time and must be completed (*with the signature of a parent or guardian*) and returned to the Student Services Office no later than Friday, December 18.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. McNeal, Dr. Cooney, Mr. Harris or Mr. Hurst.

Sincerely,
Dr. Deborah Cooney
Assistant Principal

UPCOMING CHOIR CONCERTS

The Herron High School Concert Choir will be performing their Christmas Concert on **Thursday, December 11th, 6:00 p.m. at Redeemer Presbyterian Church**. We welcome all Herron High School families and friends to join us for this Holiday celebration!

In addition, we are delighted to announce that our concert choir has the opportunity to sing with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir. This concert will take place **on Saturday, December 6th, 8:00 p.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral**. There is a minimal fee of \$10 for students and \$20 for adults. All fees go to the Symphonic Choir, as they are hosting the event, and Herron's choir is an honored guest.

(An important reminder for all Concert Choir families: there will be a mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, December 6th from 12 noon until 3 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 **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED**. The following requirements must be met in order to participate:

- The child must be 16 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

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE MACBETH

“That was tight, but what was up with those rock star witches?!” exclaimed a student. In keeping with Herron's ever-increasing commitment to provide students with opportunities to explore culturally and artistically-relevant academic experiences in our community, our 11th grade students attended a performance of *Macbeth* at the nationally-recognized Indiana Repertory Theatre. Herron High School's English 11 and AP Language and Composition classes have recently revolved around this IRT production. Since attending the performance, 11th grade



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w-up reading and study of the play. Students had strong
what has been even more exciting is encouraging and
ey continually explore the differences between
Shakespeare's original text and the text's modernized adaptation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Herron High School's community service club helped to sponsor a canned food drive. The food drive ended last Tuesday, November 25. We are proud to announce that the Herron High School community brought in over 800 cans! *A special THANK YOU to all students, families and staff who donated cans in this joint effort.*

BOOK RENTAL FEES

We want to notify our parents/guardians that all textbook rental and lab fees were mailed to your home last week. For those who received an additional letter about last year's unpaid fees, the 2008-09 textbook rental and lab fee "Total Due" includes that balance as well. **Please pay all fees by December 12th.** Contact Katie White, HHS Business Manager, with any questions: 317.231.0010 or kwhite@herronhighschool.org.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OPPORTUNITY: RED CROSS COURSE

If you would like to take the Red Cross course for First Aid/CPR/AED adult & child/Blood borne Pathogens, we are opening to this course to Herron High School parents/guardians. The class will take place at Herron High School on December 13th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will not be provided, so please bring a sack lunch. The cost for the course will be \$15.00; if you choose to purchase your own books, there will be an additional cost of \$18.00. If you are interested please contact Rita Dennis, the Herron High School Safety Specialist, as soon as possible. Mrs. Dennis can be reached at 317.231.0010 or rdennis@herronhighschool.org. *This is a great opportunity at a great price for our school families!*

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!

d against the flu is to provide him or her with a 19 years of age are considered HIGH RISK for catching the flu. Herron High School is able to administer flu shots to our students for little to no cost. Our goal is provide flu shots for as many students as possible.

We are offering flu shots to children who have No Health Insurance, Hoosier Healthwise, Medicaid, or Wishard Advantage FREE of charge. If the child does have health insurance, the cost is \$15.00.

If you wish to have your child receive a flu shot, please contact our Nurse, Nina Pinner, by calling the front office (317.231.0010) before Wednesday, December 10. There is a flu shot medical permission form that must be completed before the shot is administered.

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL REINFORCES DRESS CODE POLICY

Herron High School's administration and faculty have developed a revised disciplinary policy for dress code infractions. As a school, we believe our dress code policy creates the most appropriate and effective environment for students to learn.

Our administration and faculty has and will continue to enforce the following disciplinary steps:

- 1) For the first dress code violation, a student will receive a detention
 - 2) For the second violation, an additional detention
 - 3) For the third violation, a Saturday School
 - 4) For the fourth violation, a Discipline Hearing
- If a student does not fix a dress code violation that can be immediately addressed, such as sagging pants, he or she may receive multiple detentions in one day for the repeated violations.
 - For violations that cannot be addressed immediately, one detention will be issued, but the student is responsible for returning to school the following school day having properly addressed the violation. Examples include no ID or wearing cargo pants to school.
 - Violations of dress code are cumulative, meaning that a student could end up at a discipline hearing for not having an ID, then wearing cargo pants, then having a hat on in the school, etc. The escalation of policy is not limited to repeated instances of a particular dress code violation.
 - Our Assistant Principal, Dr. Cooney, collects and records every detention. An administrator will assign a Saturday School when he or she sees a student with more than two violations of dress code who has already received detentions and still has not changed his or her behavior and/or dress.
 - The next step, after Saturday School, is a Discipline Hearing. The point of the Discipline Hearing is to determine, with students and their parents, an appropriate punishment or consequence after all other steps have been taken.
 - Students are accountable to every administrator and faculty member in the school, not just to their specific teachers.

We appreciate the support of our parents/guardians in this joint effort!

BOY ACHAEANS

Team has been practicing and conditioning for several weeks now. We have a tentative schedule compiled of upcoming games and will continue to post the adjustments in our weekly newsletter. Our athletic directors are still working on solidifying a few dates/times, but we want to keep you informed along the way.

We are delighted to inform you that our girls basketball coach for the 2008-2009 season is Mr. Calvin Bembry. He is extremely enthusiastic about this year's season and dedicated to the growth of Herron's athletics programs. He can be reached via email at calvin@kpccompanies.com or phone at 317.446.2709.

SCHEDULE as of December 4, 2008:

DATE & TIME	OPPONENT	SITE
December 12 th @ 6:00pm	Providence Cristo Rey	Home
January 21 st time t.b.a.	Fall Creek Academy	Home
February 4 th time t.b.a.	Fall Creek Academy	Away
February 13 th @ 2:00pm	Providence Cristo Rey	Away

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL UPDATE

We are proud to announce that our very own physical education and health instructor, Austin Taylor, is this year's coach for the Herron High School boys basketball team. The team has conditioned and practiced for weeks; the boys are anxious to get on the court. Below is the most up-to-date schedule, and we will do our best to keep parents/guardians informed of any changes.

Practice Schedule:

Monday: 4:30 ó 6:30pm at the Harrison Center
Tuesday: 4:30 ó 6:30pm at Garfield Park
Wednesday: 4:30 ó 6:30pm at the Harrison Center
Thursday: 4:30 ó 6:30pm at Garfield Park
Friday: 4:30 ó 6:30pm at the Harrison Center

Game Schedule:

DATE & TIME	OPPONENT	SITE
December 6 th time t.b.a.	Providence Cristo Rey	Home
December 12 th time t.b.a.	Crispus Attucks	Home

	ington Community High School	Home
	Charles A. Tindley	Away
December 20 time t.b.a.	Tournament at Union County	Away
December 23 time t.b.a.	Baptist Academy	Conseco Fieldhouse
January 9 time t.b.a.	Rock Creek JV at 6:00pm, Varsity at 7:30pm	Away
January 14 time t.b.a.	International School	Home
January 16 time t.b.a.	Covenant Christian	Away
January 17 time t.b.a.	John Marshall	Away
January 28 time t.b.a.	Charles A. Tindley	Home
February 3 @ 6:00pm	Howe	Away
February 4 time t.b.a.	Fall Creek Academy	Away
February 13 @ 6:00pm	Providence Cristo Rey	Away
February 17 time t.b.a.	Fall Creek Academy	Home

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 December 15, 2008. These meetings are open to the public.

Warm regards,

Janet McNeal,
Principal