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High School



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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We certainly did not anticipate the nearly record-breaking weather when we planned our Spirit Week. However, the students were delighted to learn that although our Homecoming Game had to be postponed, we are still having our Homecoming Dance tomorrow evening.

We had two built-in snow makeup days in our school calendar. Unfortunately, we will need to use them. We will have a full day of school on Monday, February 16, 2009, and we will have an early dismissal (1:30 p.m.) on Friday, April 10, 2009. If we have another school cancellation due to winter weather, we will have to extend our school year.

Deciding when to delay school or when to call it off is often a tricky decision. I am always mindful that many, many of our students depend on public transportation to get them safely to school and safely back home. Even this morning, I noticed that the bus stops were not as clean as I hoped that they would be. I also am aware that we have an increasingly significant number of students who drive to school. While we are devoted to the academic growth of our students, our first priority always has to be the safety of our students.

I want everyone to be aware that each day we have a school delay or cancelation, we are posting the information on our website (www.herronhighschool.org). Also, anytime we have updated information that all families need to know quickly, that information is posted on our website as well. We hope that this tool helps everyone stay up-to-date. Lastly, we had to cancel our Parent/Teacher Conferences that were scheduled for last night. We urge parents/guardians to email teachers and set up individual meetings or phone conversations. If parents/guardians wish to meet with more than one of their



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ange a meeting time where everyone can meet at

Thank you for your patience with these weather-related changes.

Warm regards,

Janet McNeal
Principal

JUNIOR PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING:

Mr. Hurst, Herron's Director of College Advising, is hosting an important meeting for all parents and/or guardians of Juniors this year at Herron High School. The meeting will take place at Herron High School on February 18, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. This meeting's content will revolve around SAT's and preparation for the upcoming year.

REPORT CARDS:

All student report cards were mailed out on Friday, January 23. If you did not receive the report card, please contact Mrs. Westerfield at 317.231.0010.

HOMECOMING DANCE:

Herron is hosting a Homecoming Dance this Saturday, January 31, 2009. *This semi-formal will take place from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in Herron High School's gallery and is for all Herron students.* HHS students are also allowed to bring one guest from another school, but the guest must be 18 years of age or younger and have a parent permission slip (which will be passed out with the tickets). Tickets are \$5.00 for Herron High School students and \$10 for guests from other schools. We look forward to a safe and enjoyable semi-formal event!

FOOD RECALL:

As recently announced in the news, the Peanut Corporation of American has recently recalled many food products containing peanut butter and peanut paste. Our School Safety Specialist, Rita Dennis, recommended we include this information in the newsletter to be sure our families are aware of the recall. The following website from the FDA includes an extensive list of all foods and products that may be contaminated.

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/>

We encourage all families to take a moment to review this list and be aware of the potential harm.

GROCERY RELIEF!

In light of the current economic hardship, we would like to share the following unique opportunity with our families in hopes of providing additional aide to those in need.

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it, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications. Everyone is encouraged to participate. By buying food from first rate suppliers at substantial volume discounts, Angel Food Ministries is able to provide families with approximately \$65 worth of quality, nutritious food for \$30. (Angel Food Ministries does not use out-of-date food.)

There are 19 sites throughout Central Indiana. Go to www.angelfoodministries.com and enter your zip code to find the closest local host site.

HHS PARKING LOT REMINDERS:

As the winter weather brings unpredictable roads and parking lot conditions, we want to remind you of the following guidelines in efforts to create a safe environment for our students, faculty and staff, visitors, and families. **Please enter the parking lot from Pennsylvania Street, continue heading east, and exit onto Talbott Street. Please do NOT enter the parking lot from Talbott.** We understand that drop off and pick up times become highly congested areas in the parking lot. In efforts to prevent an accident of any kind, we ask that *everyone* please follow the above rotation (also marked on the pavement).

BOARD MEETINGS:

Herron High School's Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are located in the Herron's library and are open to the public. February's board gathering will take place off-site; the next regular meeting at Herron High School will be March 17th at 7:30am.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL UPDATES:

Date / Time	Opponent	Location
February 4 th at TBD	Fall Creek Academy	Home
February 13 th at 2:00pm	Providence Cristo Rey	Away