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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

For those of you who keep up with the workings of the Indiana Legislature, you may already know that The Indiana House of Representatives voted in favor of a bill that would place a moratorium on the opening of any new charter schools and would restrict the growth of the current charter schools. It is disappointing and surprising that our representatives would use their power to strike a blow to schools that achieve better results and do so with less funding than traditional public schools.

I am certainly not the only person who is saddened by the actions of our representatives. On Tuesday, Mr. Hurst and I attended the *Advancing Academic Excellence on Learning Conference* where we heard Governor Mitch Daniels express his disapproval of this particular piece of legislation. He asked: "Why would we want to squash an educational movement that in its infancy is showing such hopeful results?" President Obama is also an advocate for charter schools.

There is a great deal of speculation that this bill will die on the Indiana Senate floor. Senator Teresa Lubbers is the chair of the Indiana Senate's Education Committee. Senator Lubbers has been a long-time proponent of charter schools and was instrumental in writing the original charter school law for Indiana. However, I think it would be unwise to ignore this bill. **The Herron High School Board, Administration, Faculty and Staff are urging all of our families and their friends to email and/or call your state senators and other state officials.** They need to know the impact Herron High School is making on our students and their families. If you do not know who your representatives are, you can go to <http://www.in.gov/apps/sos/legislator/search/> and insert your zip code, and the names of your representatives will appear.

future. We offer a rich and rigorous curriculum that provides challenges and opportunities that they will face in this new and demanding century. We have talented and inspired teachers who work tirelessly to ensure that all students excel. We are helping to solidify a neighborhood as our students embrace the opportunity to learn in an historic building.

Even if this bill does indeed die in the senate, it has already distracted us from our real work in the classroom. The time that charter school leaders are forced to spend speaking out against this bill is time that would have been better spent with our students and faculties. I hope all of you will take the time to express your views to your state representatives.

Sincerely,

Janet H. McNeal
Principal

STUDENT ARTWORK ON DISPLAY:

We are proud to announce that Herron High School senior, Bobby Gilbreath, will be presenting paintings from his most recent collection this Friday, February 6. Bobby's artwork will be shown at the Harrison Center for the Arts from 6pm to 9pm.

Just across the street from the Harrison Center, Herron High School's Fine Arts Department has joined the Humanities Council to present an art exhibit titled "Matters of the Heart." This unique exhibit includes the work of Herron High School's talented art students. We invite all parents and friends to sit by the fire, enjoy refreshments, and share great conversation. This event is located at the Indiana Humanities Council (1500 North Delaware) from 5:00 to 7:00pm tonight.

ACADEMIC AND ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION:

We, at Herron High School, are quite proud that so many of our students achieved High Honors, Honors, and Perfect Attendance during this past Fall Semester. Below you will find a list of all of our high-achievers!

Students who have achieved High Honors:

Abel, Benjamin

Baker, Brielle

Baker, McKenna

Beard, Gabrielle Marie

Benson, Abigail

Benson, Hannah

Betancourt, Bianca

Biernat, Jakob

Brinkers, Audrey Elizabeth

Carrington, Dominique

Catlin, Peter

Cherry, Kyle

Coy, Margaret

Crawford, DaJour

Crowder, Millicent

Cuevas, Rebekah

Daniels-Howell, Callie

Dennis, Lea Marie

Dewes, Elizabeth Anne

Diedrich, Francine

Dieterich, Emily

Dollar, Zoe

Dresser, Lydia

Eisinger, Joseph

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<i>Grosvenor, Megan</i>	<i>Shea, Marybeth</i>	<i>Stohler, Madeline</i>
<i>Gurecki, David</i>	<i>annan, Caleb</i>	<i>Stombaugh, Tessa</i>
<i>Hagenauer, Emma</i>	<i>Miannan, Noah</i>	<i>Swan, Sara</i>
<i>Harding, Rose</i>	<i>Mitchell, Jessica</i>	<i>Taft, Rebekah Grace</i>
<i>Harper, Julian</i>	<i>Nevius, Erica</i>	<i>Taft, Susanna</i>
<i>Harrington, Maranda</i>	<i>Nikceвич, Kelsey</i>	<i>Tekie, Evenerzer</i>
<i>Kirby, Megan</i>	<i>Officer, Jessika</i>	<i>Tornquist, Travis</i>
<i>Kroeker, Kathryn</i>	<i>Officer, Joi Ashlyn</i>	<i>Tults, Andrea</i>
<i>Lalioff, Hannah</i>	<i>Padgett, Joshua</i>	<i>Vogel, Haley</i>
<i>Lewis, Grace</i>	<i>Rigby, Julia Bride</i>	<i>Walters, Andrew Ferrell</i>
<i>Lewis, Meridian</i>	<i>Robillard, Lauren</i>	<i>Wild, Samara</i>
<i>Lott-Manier, Jeremy Ryan</i>	<i>Rosenfeld, Emily</i>	<i>Williams, Jamie</i>
<i>Maxwell, Kendall</i>	<i>Schilling, Christiana</i>	<i>Wilson, Kyrsten Jane</i>
<i>McDonald, Alexander Keith</i>	<i>Schwein, Allison</i>	<i>Woodard, Chloe</i>
<i>McQuiston, Ciaran</i>	<i>Server, Susana</i>	<i>Yeagy, Vivienne</i>
	<i>Stall, Andrew</i>	<i>Zepeda, Daisy Roxana</i>
	<i>Stephens, Alec</i>	<i>Zepeda, Maria</i>

Students who have achieved Honors:

<i>Adams, Quinn</i>	<i>Higbee, Patricia Elizabeth</i>	<i>Slatten, Laura</i>
<i>Allender, Emily Elizabeth</i>	<i>Hill, Ana</i>	<i>Smith, Amy</i>
<i>Blue, Odonus</i>	<i>Hopkins, Chelsea</i>	<i>Smith, Melanie</i>
<i>Blue, Olandra</i>	<i>Hunt, Da'mon</i>	<i>Snow, Kiarra</i>
<i>Bolinger, Bradley</i>	<i>Ittenbach, Mercedes</i>	<i>Spitz, Lindsey</i>
<i>Braughton, Abigail Rose</i>	<i>Janson, Mary Beth</i>	<i>Stegner, Emilea D</i>
<i>Burton, Bethany</i>	<i>Jent, Ayden</i>	<i>Stiles, Sarah Jane</i>
<i>Carter, Ashley</i>	<i>Jones, Mickayla Ashley</i>	<i>Strohl, Caleb</i>
<i>Coy, Emily</i>	<i>Jordan, Monet</i>	<i>Taylor, Alanna</i>
<i>Culp, William</i>	<i>Kessinger, Bonny</i>	<i>Thompson, Stephen</i>
<i>Cunningham, Aleksandr</i>	<i>Lagos, Michael</i>	<i>Tornquist, Chloe</i>
<i>Dennis, Allison Marie</i>	<i>Lee, India</i>	<i>Turpen, Christina</i>
<i>Dierlam, Jonathan</i>	<i>Man, Maria-Cristina</i>	<i>Walters, Alexandra</i>
<i>Dollar, Alexi</i>	<i>Matracia, Joseph</i>	<i>Walters, Nicholas</i>
<i>Dove, Zachary</i>	<i>Moreland, Philip</i>	<i>Watts, Aaron</i>
<i>Edge, Jordan</i>	<i>Moscato, James</i>	<i>Weidman, Stephanie Ann</i>
<i>Edwards, Jessica</i>	<i>Sanchez, Meshelle</i>	<i>Williams, Ariana</i>
<i>Embry, Sydnea</i>	<i>Sanchez-Noble, Brittley</i>	<i>Williams, Shayna</i>
<i>Glenn, BriAnna</i>	<i>Sanger, Brianna</i>	<i>Wilson, Julienne</i>
<i>Gray, Jayde</i>	<i>Sardar, Anna</i>	<i>Wood, Roger</i>
<i>Halsell, Symonne Patrice</i>	<i>Schultz, Schuyler</i>	<i>Yeagy, Jacqueline</i>
<i>Harding, Grace</i>	<i>Shields, Claire E</i>	<i>Zankich, Nathan</i>

Attendance for First Semester:

(We have done our best to assure the accuracy of this list. Please let us know, however, if you feel there is any error. We will be publishing this list for the next few weeks.)

Lastly, Herron High School faculty, staff, and administration would like to extend the following invitation to the parents/guardians of the students listed above for their splendid achievements:

Herron High School
cordially invites you
to a
Student Recognition Coffee
Friday, the 13th of February
two thousand and nine
from 9:00 am to 9:45 am.
in the upstairs HHS Cafetorium

Students who achieved first semester
High Honor Roll
Honor Roll
and
Perfect Attendance
will be recognized.

RECYCLING:

Herron has switched recycling companies; we have chosen a company that allows for larger and more diverse volume in order to better serve our school's needs and those of the neighboring community. **Please read the following instructions before recycling at our new big blue bin** (which is located on the north side of Herron High School):

We do not have separate containers for different types of materials. We can recycle all office paper, newspaper, and phone books along with plastic drinking bottles, aluminum and steel beverage/food cans all in the same recycling container! No sorting or dividing.

We can accept and recycle all of the following materials in our new bin:

- Newspaper
- Junk Mail
- Fax and Copy Paper
- Phone Books
- Magazines
- Envelopes
- Color Paper
- Aluminum & Steel Cans
- Catalogs
- Folders
- Plastic Drinking Bottles



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bin. If we fill the bin with cardboard, we will not
be paid for the recycling services!

Also, please do not drop off recycling during busy parking lot hours (before and after
school).

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:

Herron High School's Theatre Arts & Music Department will be presenting William Shakespeare's *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* this spring. They have *tentatively* scheduled evening performances on May 1 and 2, a Sunday Matinee on May 3, and a performance for Herron students on Monday, May 4.

**** Auditions are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 10 and Thursday, Feb. 12 at 4:00pm in the cafetorium.** Audition sheets, a play synopsis, scene breakdowns, and a list of characters, monologues, and scenes will be available at the front office. Full scripts may be assigned out. Also, if students would like to acquire a full text of the play, scene analysis, and information on characters, themes, and more, they may find information online by typing: "Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream."

SUMMER JOBS FOR YOUTH, KEEP INDIANAPOLIS BEAUTIFUL:

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful is seeking high school youth and adult leaders to help preserve and maintain trees this summer with the Youth Tree Team program. The Youth Tree Team is a ten-week program, running from June 1st -August 6th.

Participants will receive a free lunch each work day, and will earn \$7.50 per hour for their work! The Youth Tree Team members will work 20 hours a week as a team to preserve and maintain trees, working outdoors to water, mulch, prune, and stake trees. Youth Tree Team applicants must currently be enrolled in high school to participate.

Application Process:

Step 1: Challenge Day

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) will hold a two-hour Challenge Day for all those interested in joining the Youth Tree Team. Through a series of fun obstacles, you will be challenged to prove your desire to work hard and get your hands dirty. If you plan to come to the Challenge Day, call or email Nate Faris (contact info below).

Date: March 7, 2009

Time: 10:00 am-Noon

Location: 1029 Fletcher Ave. (The KIB headquarters)

Step 2: Volunteer

After you have attended the Challenge Day, your next step is to volunteer at a KIB spring tree-planting project. A list of spring projects will soon be available on our website at www.kibi.org/programs/education_youth/youth_corps.htm

Step 3: Interview

After you have completed steps 1 and 2, we will invite you to the KIB office for an interview. We will hold interviews during the week of April 20-23 .



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4.7555 x.111 or e-mail nfaris@kibi.org.

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.

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.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, 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.

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 will be March 17th at 7:30am

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

Date / Time	Opponent	Location
February 9 th at 6:30pm	John Marshall High School	Away
February 13 th at 2:00pm	Providence Cristo Rey	Away