



INDIANAPOLIS CLASSICAL SCHOOLS

Herron High School ♦ Riverside High School



PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians,

I want to personally thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. I am aware that asking you to fit 'one more thing' in your demanding schedules is a big favor to ask, and I would not make this request if it were not necessary and important.

We are chartered by The Indianapolis Mayor's Office, and they require external evaluations at specific times. For Herron High School, we are mid-way through our most recent seven-year charter. For Riverside High School, we are in the second year of our charter. Each of these milestones requires us to go through a through an external evaluation.

Dr. Lindan Hill, Marian University, is leading our team of evaluators. The evaluators will be on each of our campuses Monday and Tuesday, November 5th and 6th. They will observe classes, talk with our teachers and school administrators, and audit our special education records.

Throughout the history of Herron High School, we've developed a great deal of knowledge through assessments like these. The success of our 10-year assessment at HHS was a critical factor for us deciding to open Riverside High School.

You are an important voice in your student's education, and your voice greatly matters in how we go about caring for and educating your student.

Thank you for taking the time to take this survey.

Herron Parent Survey https://marian.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4PctcJL7t1fKnOt

Riverside Parent Survey https://marian.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_036qk9z16C7gWzz

Warm regards,

Janet H. McNeal, President, Indianapolis Classical Schools

ICS Students Travel to Panama Over Fall Break

22 students and four chaperones from Riverside and Herron travelled to the country of Panama for an extended Fall Break. The purpose of this trip was to engender a positive relationship between the two schools and to learn about the culture of a foreign country. The ICS group stayed in an old lodge in historic Gamboa on the Panama Canal. They took hikes in the jungle seeing many new types of tropical flora and fauna with the Howler Monkeys and Geoffrey Tamarins being their favorites.

Students visited the Mira Flora Locks at the Panama Canal and learned about the history of the United States involvement with Panama as well as the amazing engineering feat of digging the canal.



One of the highlights of the trip was camping in tents for two nights on an island in the Caribbean Sea governed by members of the indigenous tribe of the Guna. The group celebrated two birthdays on the island: HHS Senior Maddi Cunningham and RHS science teacher Mr. Hansen. It was a real treat to sing happy birthday and at birthday cake under coconut palms.

The last day in Panama was very special as the group travelled up the Chagres River in dug-out canoes to Drua, an Emberá village. The Emberá are another indigenous tribe in Panama. Upon arrival to the village the ICS group was welcomed with a small group of teen boys playing instruments “música!” and with women (fresh hibiscus flowers in their hair) coming to the shore to welcome us “Hola bonita!” ICS students enjoyed learning about the Emberá customs, playing with the children and swimming in the river.



All students who went on this tour will now be able to receive college credit in Global Studies. We hope to be able to offer opportunities like this again in the future.

AP Exams Will Be Ordered Soon!

If your scholar is planning on taking an AP exam for a class they are not enrolled in please let our AP

coordinator, Mr. Henseleit, know by the end of the day on Friday, Nov. 9th. He can be reached through email at shenseleit@indianapolisclassicalschoools.org.

Additionally, Herron is part of a group of schools using a new ordering system for AP exams this year. (All schools will switch to this new system next year.) The new system means that ordering for exams must be completed much earlier this year than in previous years. Herron scholars have been registering for their exams through their AP courses. Please check in with your students to ensure they have registered.

International Festival Parent Volunteers Needed

Annually our students volunteer at the International Festival of Indiana at the State Fairgrounds. In the recent years we have been given an opportunity to promote our schools at the event. We need Parent Volunteers for our information and enrollment table at the event. November 8,9, and 10

I just signed up for "International Festival Parent Volunteers" and you should too! Click here now: <http://signup.com/go/CYNwCQQ>

MONTHLY REMINDERS:

Interested in becoming a substitute teacher?

We are always interested in adding to our list of substitute teachers. If you are passionate about education and have a college degree, we'd love to have you sign up as a substitute teacher at Herron High School and Riverside High School. Please contact Cheryl West for more information at cwest@herronhighschool.org

Carpool Information

If you are interested in signing up for carpool assistance, click on this link; <https://cirta.rideproweb.com/sp/Home/Welcome>. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Shannon Hasper, shasper@herronhighschool.org, for Herron HS, and Natalie Lott, nlott@riversidehighschool.org, for Riverside HS.

IndyGo Bus Routes

If you are incoming student or a returning student who has moved over the summer, IndyGo provides a trip planning service on their website. For route information, [visit IndyGo](#) for route information.

Indianapolis Classical Schools Parent/Student Handbook

Now online at <https://www.herronhighschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/ics-2018-19-handbook-final.pdf>

The Indianapolis Classical Schools Fund

It takes many resources to establish & sustain the excellence that Herron High School and Riverside High School have attained. However, ICS faces the ongoing challenge of achieving this with *fewer* resources than other public schools receive.

As public charter schools, we only get a portion of the funds that it takes to provide a world-class education - with an incredible faculty, dedicated one-on-one attention for every student, enrichment opportunities like field trips, extracurricular clubs & athletics, and global travel opportunities... *and it's not enough*.

This year, we must raise \$300,000 to meet our operating gap and we need your help! We ask you to give generously as you are able with a gift to The Indianapolis Classical Schools Fund.

We established *The Indianapolis Classical Schools Fund* as our annual fundraising initiative to meet this need. 100% of every gift you make will directly benefit the scholars of Herron High School & Riverside High School.

Your gift will help to provide the financial support needed to attract and retain the best teachers, finances maintenance and upkeep on our historical campuses, and allows us to offer our award-winning classical, liberal arts curriculum. In the past, these funds have helped to purchase team uniforms and classroom furniture, provide for transportation to events such as the Indiana Ethics Bowl competition, pay the royalties for the school musical, or purchase bus passes for scholars who need them. The fund also supports our emergency fund, which has assisted scholars and their families with utility bills, groceries and housing in times of crisis.

Throughout the year, you'll receive appeals to give to *The Indianapolis Classical Schools Fund*. Please choose to support our scholars as you are able. We depend on your support!

Visit <http://www.herronhighschool.org/give/> or <http://www.riversidehighschool.org/give/> to make a gift.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Simons, Chief Development Officer, at jimons@indianapolisclassicalschoools.org or 317-231-0010 ext. 16128.

Shop and Earn Donations for Indianapolis Classical Schools

There are now two easy ways to help Indianapolis Classical Schools just by shopping! We are taking part in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** and the **Amazon Smile** Program. Both initiatives donate money to our schools based on your purchases. Neither program will cost you anything or affect your shopping or other rewards in any way. Please take a few moments today to sign up for these programs. Follow the instructions below to enroll:

Kroger Community Rewards: Once you enroll, Kroger will donate a percentage of your grocery bill to our school **every time** you use your Kroger Plus Card – at NO cost to you! Please register here: <http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>. **Be sure to scan your Kroger Plus Card, or enter your Alt ID with every purchase!**

Amazon Smile: Once you enroll, Amazon will donate .5% of your qualifying purchases to our school **every time** you make a purchase at smile.amazon.com – at NO cost to you!

TRAVEL to JAPAN in 2020 - Indianapolis Classical Schools “20th Century Japan” tour is enrolling now!

If you want to travel to Tokyo, Yokohama, Hiroshima, Osaka, and more, then you want to learn about this opportunity to travel abroad to Japan with Riverside and Herron students June, 2020. Parents and Alumni are encouraged to travel with us. To learn more about this opportunity, watch for announcements for meetings at Riverside or Herron this fall, or look into the traveling on the EF Tours website. Learn more about our tour at www.eftours.com/2132055SP. The price for travel will increase, so enrolling NOW locks in your cost and gives you the chance to spread out the trip payments over two full years! Domo Arigato! Please contact Robin Knop rknop@herronhighschool.org for additional information!

Herron High School Families:

Has your family moved or changed phone numbers?

It is vital that we have your current contact information. Please update your current family information here:
<https://www.herronhighschool.org/current-families/get-involved/update-contact-information/>

Riverside High School Families

Has your family moved or changed phone numbers?

It is vital that we have your current contact information. Please update your current family information here:
https://www.riversidehighschool.org/families/get-involved/update-contact-information/?_ga=2.243216002.1800050641.1533565871-903067380.1499982382