

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

THE INDIANAPOLIS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2009-2010

NOVEMBER 13, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The administrators, faculty and staff of Herron High School are always looking for ways to improve the functioning of the school. As we continue to put new policies into place, and tweak old ones, we can see the fruits of our labors in the daily interactions with the students. Over the past month we have agreed to implement three new policies to improve student behavior and performance.

The first is Mandatory Study Hall. We have successfully piloted this program and now we are ready to launch it. In order to assist those students who are in academic need, we are putting in place a pre-period of the day called Mandatory Study Hall. This study hall will be *required* for all students who have three or more NGs and will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15 to 8:55 a.m. Mr. Justin Wedges is heading up this program, and will be assisted by at least four faculty members. In Mandatory Study Hall, students will be able to start their day in a quiet, studious environment, doing homework, catching up on missed work, and preparing for quizzes and tests, all under the direct guidance of teachers. If your child falls into this category, you will be hearing from us.

The second new policy has to do with detentions. To better ensure that students take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences of them, we are now *requiring students to serve their detentions within one week of the date the detention was given*. If seven days goes by without the detention being served, the student will automatically be scheduled for a Saturday School. We are confident that this new policy will help students responsibly serve their detentions in a timely manner and greatly reduce last minute strain on our staff in preparing for Saturday School.

Finally, we have been thrilled to hear about the college acceptance letters coming in for many of our Seniors and are hoping that each and every Senior will have the opportunity to choose from several colleges to which they have been accepted. To make this a reality for all Seniors, we are *requiring* those Seniors with one or more NGs to be at school on selected Saturday mornings to work on their academics. The first Senior Study Saturday will be this week, November 14, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If your Senior student falls into this category, you will should have received a OneCall notifying you of this requirement. If your child is scheduled to be at school on Saturday but does not attend, this will put him/her in academic jeopardy, which ultimately could make them miss the opportunity to graduate from high school with their classmates.

We hope that each of these programs and policies will help enhance the academic and behavioral growth of our students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call and administrator.

Sincerely,

Deborah Cooney
Assistant Principal

TONIGHT: 1940s VICTORY GARDENS: A MUSICAL REVUE

The 1940's Victory Gardens: A Musical Revue will be presented on Friday and Saturday, November 13 & 14 at 7:30 p.m., following the premier on Thursday. Please bring friends and family to enjoy 40's music, swing dancing, and World War II reminiscence, framed by the theme "Building Community: Building Gardens." Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

SCHOOL HOURS AND MONITORED PERIODS

School hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Students are allowed to arrive on campus as early as **8 a.m. Monday through Thursday**; and at **9:00 on Fridays**. Early arriving students must report to the Gallery or seminar rooms for supervision until it is time to report to class. If your child must be dropped off prior to the above entry times, you must notify Dr. Cooney immediately by emailing her at dcooney@herronhighschool.org.

CELL PHONES

You probably are aware that we have tightened our cell phone policy. Students are to keep their cell phones in their lockers. They are not allowed to carry their cell phones with them during the school day. Please understand that there are serious reasons why we are insistent on this rule. First of all, cell phones can be used when students cheat. Nationally, this is a major problem. Students who are caught with cell phones when they are taking their SAT, AP, or ACT tests have their scores nullified. Here at Herron High School, cell phones have been used for cheating numerous times. Another reason for students not being allowed to carry their cell phones is safety. We have been told by the police and safety experts that in an emergency, lines will get jammed if students have access to cell phones, and first responders may not be able to communicate. Students also tell us that when their phones go off in their pockets or purses, that they are distracted from learning. If you need to contact your student during the day, you may do so by calling 231-0010. We will make sure that students get the messages parents leave for them. Also, if your student's locker is not locking properly, please contact Dr. Cooney and she will make sure it gets fixed. Thank you for your support as we enforce this rule.

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA AND JAZZ ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES

The Herron High School Advanced Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble will perform a family-friendly **Instrumental Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery**. Light refreshments will be served.

The Advanced Orchestra will also perform with the Herron High School Choir at their **Tuesday, December 15th Winter Holiday concert, which will be held at the Indianapolis-Marion County Central Public Library at 6:30 p.m.** The separate instrumental music concert was planned due to time and space constraints for the Choir Concert.

Members of the Herron High School Jazz Ensemble will also perform at the home men's and women's basketball games. Currently two games are scheduled in December: Friday, December 18th and Saturday, December 19th.

SHOP AT MARSH AND HELP US EARN FREE EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Come to the main office for a flyer. Just fill out your name and Marsh Fresh IDEA card or O'Malia's CouponPlus card number. Every time you use your Marsh Fresh IDEA card now through March 31, 2010, we get credit toward free educational equipment. This costs you nothing and won't interfere with credits you are earning for any other shopping promotions at Marsh. Please take a copy of the form to your neighbors, friends, or co-workers so we can increase our shopper base. You may also sign up for our school or change schools at www.marsh.net. Every time you shop, our school automatically earns credit! If you don't have a Marsh Fresh IDEA card, you can pick one up at any Marsh location.

STUDENT ART ON DISPLAY AT SCHEETZ CENTURY 21 ON MASS AVE.

Herron High School student artwork will be on display at Century 21 Scheetz on the Avenue, 643 Mass Ave., for the entire month of November. There will be a new display at Scheetz Century 21 for the December 4 First Friday art walk.

FEES DUE AT THIS TIME

Textbook rental and lab fees are now LATE. Please pay immediately. If this is not possible, please contact Katie White to make payment arrangements. **Lunch Balances** should be positive at all times. All students who have a negative lunch balance in excess of \$5 will NOT be served a school lunch unless paid for at the time of purchase or a deposit is made into the student's lunch account. Students who have been approved for Free or Reduced lunches should also have a \$0 or positive balance. Please contact Katie White with any questions, kwhite@herronhighschool.org.

FREE HOMEWORK HELP AVAILABLE AT WWW.IMCPL.ORG!

All students can find free homework help all year on the Library's website, imcpl.org. By visiting the website and using their IMCPL Library Card barcode, students can connect to a professional tutor and get help with math, science, social studies and English homework from 2-10 p.m. daily.

CLUB MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16TH

Bowling Club – Wednesday 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Chess Club – Wednesday 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Community Service Club – Wednesday 4:10 – 4:45 p.m.

Creative Writing – Wednesday 4:10 – 4:50 p.m.

Film Club – Tuesday – 4:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Kulture Club – Thursday – 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

STRIKE Team – Tuesday 4:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Theatre Club – Tuesday 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

****Please [pick your student up](#) promptly at the end of club meetings!**

INTERNATIONAL CLUB FUNDRAISER AND UPCOMING EVENTS

International Club is fundraising for Chinatown Chicago Trip in the spring, selling Hot tea, Gourmet Hot Chocolates, and Locally Roasted Coffee from Harvest Café. Please contact Miss Knop for more information, rknop@herronhighschool.org. Coming up soon, the Indiana International Festival at the Fair Grounds on November 20, 21, and 22 will have the help of our International Club student volunteers, who will be helping with displays from many countries all over the globe. Please come and experience our diverse and exciting Indianapolis.

COLLEGE CORNER WITH MR. ABELS FALL 2009

1. Start a financial aid folder to keep all your financial aid documents and information organized. Be sure to keep this folder throughout your years in college. It's going to be a real time-saver, and you will find it benefits you in subsequent years when applying for financial aid.
2. Talk with Mr. Abels and Mrs. Hagenauer about applying for outside scholarships. You can use one of the free scholarship searches online, such as www.fastweb.com or www.collegetoolkit.com. Also, make sure you look at the scholarship notebook in Mr. Abels office.

Common FAQ's about Financial Aid

1. I probably don't qualify for financial aid. Should I apply for aid anyway?

YES! Many families mistakenly think they don't qualify for aid and prevent themselves from receiving financial aid by failing to apply for it. The FAFSA form is free...there is no good excuse for not applying.

2. Where can I get a copy of the FAFSA?

Ask Mr. Abels for a copy, or you can also get the FAFSA from the financial aid office at a local college or public library. The online version of the form is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov

3. Do I need to be admitted before I can apply for financial aid at a particular university?

No! You can apply for financial aid any time after January 1, 2010. To actually receive funds you must be admitted and enrolled at the university.

4. Why can't I submit my financial aid application before January 1, 2010?

The process for financial aid uses your family's income and tax information from the most recent tax year (2009) to judge your eligibility for need-based financial aid during the upcoming academic year (2010). Since the year ends December 31, you cannot submit a financial aid application until January 1, 2010. After all, your parents might earn a year-end bonus or realize capital gains from selling stocks on December 31. If you submit the financial aid application before January 1, 2010, it WILL be rejected.

5. How soon after January 1, 2010 should the FAFSA form be sent in? Is it better to wait until the income tax forms have been completed?

Send in your FAFSA forms as soon as possible after January 1, 2010. Do not wait until your taxes are done. It is okay to use estimates of your income, so long as you aren't very far off from the actual values. You will have an opportunity to make corrections later. If you wait too long, you might miss the deadline for state financial aid. Most states require the FAFSA to be submitted by March 1, 2010.

Mark your calendars

****There will be a financial aid forum for seniors and their parents at Herron High School on December 3, 2009****

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUS FALL OPEN HOUSE DAYS

Register online at the college's website.

- Anderson College: November 14, 18
- Art Institute: December 5
- Ball State: November 14
- Butler University: November 13
- Goshen College: November 13
- Manchester College: November 14, 21
- Purdue: November 11
- St. Joseph's College: November 14
- St. Mary's College: November 15
- University of Evansville: November 14
- University of Southern Indiana: November 14
- Vincennes University: November 20, 21

FALL 2009 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

DATE	UNIVERSITY	TIME/WHERE
November 16	College Fair	9am-Noon, Convention Ctr
November 17	Loyola	9:30, library

HERFF JONES GRADUATION SUPPLIES

Herff Jones representative Gary Clark will be in the HHS library during lunches on Nov. 17 and 18 to take measurements for graduation caps and gowns, and to take orders for graduation announcements, invitations, etc. Parents will have an opportunity to place orders on November 17, 4-6:30pm in the library. A deposit of \$75.00, or the full cost of the order—whichever is less—is required when the order is placed. PLEASE NOTE: CAP AND GOWN COSTS ARE PAID BY THE SCHOOL. ALL OTHER PRODUCTS, SUCH AS INVITATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, ARE OPTIONAL PURCHASES AND NOT REQUIRED BY HERRON FOR GRADUATION.

BOYS BASKETBALL UPDATES

We officially started the 2009-2010 Boys Basketball Season this week! Our season started with "try-outs" for the Junior Varsity and Varsity squads. Final cuts will be made at the end of practice today (Friday, November 13th). Freshmen practice will begin on Monday November 16th. All Freshmen should report to the Harrison Center (AS A GROUP) at 4:15pm (the session will last from 4:15pm-6:30pm). The Junior Varsity and Varsity programs will continue to have practice at The Bethel Park Family Center from 4:30pm - 7:00pm daily (LIMITED transportation will be provided by the Herron Coaching Staff). However, families/students should plan accordingly as we cannot provide transportation for everyone.

GIRLS BASKETBALL UPDATES

We are asking that ALL girls who are interested in playing Girls Basketball attend a mandatory meeting/practice on Monday, November 16th at The Harrison Center from 4:15pm-6:15pm. The aforementioned meeting/practice will be ran by Coach Williams and Coach Stennett. All concerned/interested parents are welcome to attend. Should you have any questions or concerns... please contact Coach Stennett (317-538-7797) at your earliest convenience.

CURRENT SPORTS PRACTICES AND GAME SCHEDULES

Cheerleading Practice

Practices are Monday and Thursday from 4:10 to 6:00 p.m. The coach and contact person is Denitra Lockhart. She may be contacted through email at denitrasong@aol.com.

Boys Basketball Schedule

Boys JV and Varsity Basketball

11/13/09

4A-East Chicago Central	Nov 27 th	6:00pm	@ Bowman Academy (Turkey shootout)
3A-Hammond High	Nov 28 th	2:00pm	@ East Chicago (Turkey Shootout)
1A-Bowman Academy	Nov 28 th	6:00pm	@ Gary Genesis Center
4A-Evansville Harrison	Dec 4 th	6:00pm	@ Evansville Harrison (JV and Varsity)
1A-Irvington	Dec 11 th	6:00pm	@ Conseco (Varsity)
4A-Gary West	Dec 12 th	6:00pm	@ Gary West (Fresh, JV and Varsity)
1A-Providence Cristo	Dec 19 th	6:00pm	@ Herron (Bethel) (JV and Varsity)
4A-Warren Central	Dec 26 th	1:00pm	@ Conseco (Varsity)
Lutheran Holiday Tourney	Dec 29 th	7:00pm	@ Lutheran (Varsity)

(1A-Lutheran, 1A-Attucks and 1A-Indy Met)

1A-Fall Creek	Jan 8 th	6:00pm	@ Fall Creek (JV and Varsity)
4A-Shelbyville	Jan 9 th	6:00pm	@ Shelbyville (JV and Varsity)
1A-Bowman Academy	Jan 15 th	6:00pm	@ Bowman Academy (JV and Varsity)
1A-Fall Creek	Jan 16 th	2:30pm	@ Conseco (Varsity)
1A Campagna	Jan 22 nd	5:00pm	@ Campagna (Fresh, JV, Varsity)
2A-Scecina Memorial	Jan 23 rd	6:00pm	@ Scecina (JV and Varsity)
2A-Heritage Christian	Jan 26 th	5:00pm	@ Heritage Christian (Fresh, JV, Varsity)
4A-Gary West	Feb 5 th	9:10pm	@ Conseco (Varsity) Homecoming
1A-Indy Met (Senior Night)	Feb 12 th	6:00pm	@ Herron (JV and Varsity)
3A-Howe	Feb 26 th	6:00pm	@ Conseco or Howe (JV and Varsity)

Boys Freshmen Basketball

Columbus Christian	Nov 21 st	7:00pm	@ Columbus Christian
Covenant Christian	Nov 23 rd	5:30pm	@ Covenant Christian
Ft. Sq. Acd.	Dec 15 th	5:30pm	@ Fountain Square Academy (Girls and Boys)
Scecina	Dec 18 th	5:00pm	@ Scecina
Bowman Academy	Jan 15 th	5:00pm	@ Bowman Academy
Campanga	Jan 22 nd	5:00pm	@ Campanga (Fres, JV, Varsity)
Hrtg. Christian	Jan 26 th	5:00pm	@ Heritage Christian (Fresh, JV, Varsity)
Providence	Feb 6 th	6:00pm	@ Herron (Fresh, JV)
Ft. Sq. Acd.	Feb. 16 th	5:30pm	@ Fountain Square Academy (Girls and Boys)

NOVEMBER SCHOOL LUNCHES

Chef salads and PBJ's are served daily.

November 16	Mac n' cheese, carrots, pineapple
November 17	Chicken nuggets, broccoli & cheese, grapes
November 18	Sausage pizza, corn, banana
November 19	Thanksgiving dinner: Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, pumpkin cake
November 20	Sack lunch
November 23	Super nachos, California blend, mandarin oranges
November 24	Corn dog, green beans, apple sauce
November 25	No school!
November 26	No school!
November 27	No school!
November 30	Mac n' cheese, peas, mixed fruit

FIFTH PERIOD GUIDELINES

Fifth Period refers to an after school supervised session for students whose parent/guardian is unable to pick them up at dismissal time. Any student who remains in the school building or on school grounds after 4:10 p.m. must report to Fifth Period. Students may use this time to study or may talk quietly until a parent or guardian arrives. Parents must come into the building to sign out their students. Unless students are involved in an after-school activity that is supervised by a Herron High School employee or volunteer, all students must be out of the building no later than 5:00 p.m. each evening. Thank you for working with us to provide a safe and accommodating atmosphere where students can learn and grow.

BOARD MEETINGS

Herron High School's Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are open to the public. The next regular meeting will take place at the Indiana Humanities Council, 1500 N. Delaware, on November 17th at 7:30 a.m.

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