

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

THE INDIANAPOLIS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Student, Parents/Guardians:

I hope that you and your family have a great Thanksgiving planned. This particular holiday is a special time for many families to gather and carry out traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation.

I want to take this time to let all of our students, parents, guardians, and friends know that the staff and faculty at Herron High School is thankful for the trust that you place in us to educate students. We promise not to let you down. We are educating students in ways that will impact the city for generations to come. We are demanding high academic standards from our students, and we are also demanding high behavioral standards. We are in partnership with you to educate students who will be life-long learners and will serve and lead our city, state and nation.

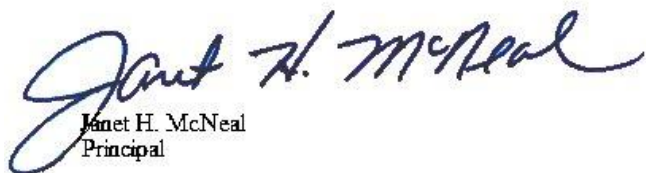
I am thankful for the opportunity to be Herron High School's principal. I understand the privilege of leading a school that is getting education right. I often have school leaders from established high schools in Indianapolis ask me "How do you do it? How do you get that academic success when you can't choose the students who attend?" My answer is always that the administration and faculty work tirelessly to implement strategic teaching methods and academic rigor so that all of our students have a chance to learn. We believe all students can learn and are capable of reaching their highest potential.

I am thankful that so many talented educators have chosen to work at Herron High School. Just this week, we were in a serious parent, teacher, administrator meeting. As we brainstormed to find ways that the student could be successful, the mother turned to her student and said: "This is the only school in the city that would care enough about you to work this hard to get you through school." I hope that isn't true. I hope there are many schools who do what we do to help students; nevertheless, I am confident that we do all that is possible to help our students.

So as we enter this time of Thanksgiving, it is appropriate to consider that we have much for which we should be thankful.

I wish you and your family a bountiful Thanksgiving, and I look forward to everyone's safe return this Monday, Nov. 30.

Sincerely,



Janet H. McNeal
Principal

WINTER COATS & CANNED GOODS

If any student is in need of a winter coat, the student or the family should contact Ms Knop or Mr. Wedges. Also, let them know if there is a family who is in need of canned food and other non perishables.

CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009

Herron will be closed beginning Wednesday, November 25th, for our Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, November 30.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day is Friday, December 4th. Students will be bringing home new picture package forms today. Please send in forms with payment on Friday, December 4th, to be given to the photographers at the time your student's picture is taken.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB SPONSORS CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Community Service Club at Herron High School is providing Herron High School families with the opportunity to donate to local food pantries. Students should bring canned and non-perishable food items to their A2 classes. The A2 class with the greatest number of food items will receive a pizza lunch. The last day to bring in canned goods is Friday, December 4th.

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA AND JAZZ ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES

The Herron High School Advanced Orchestra will 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.

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

LATIN TUTORING AVAILABLE

Mr. Gilchrist is offering individualized Latin assistance for all first year Latin students **Monday afternoon from 4:15 to 5:00, and Tuesday morning from 8:15 to 8:45.** All students are welcome whether Mr. Gilchrist is their regular Latin teacher or not so please feel free to stop by. The successful first year Latin student must build strong understanding of core concepts of the language, so please encourage your student to come if there is any confusion whatsoever. A few mornings of one-on-one explanation can make all the difference in the world.

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.

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.

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 December 15th at 7:30 a.m.