

# **HERRON HIGH SCHOOL**

## **THE INDIANAPOLIS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

### **NEWSLETTER 2009-2010**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2009**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

There are many ways that Herron High School is different from other schools. We all know that – that difference is why many of us want to be involved with the school. However, one of the most significant differences is also one of our least public. Behind the test scores and the clubs, the dress codes and the facilities, the mission and the growing presence, the Herron teachers are working every day to get better at what they do. Their expectations of being challenged, supported, and part of something important has compelled the school to construct a program of quality professional development that equals their efforts and commitment.

Like many things at Herron, our program of professional development began small and has grown with the school. And, like so many things, it is very much an invention that draws from existing models and programs but has been shaped to fit the specific needs of our school. Our program centers on faculty collaboration, working towards relevant and mission-specific goals, working in a variety of meaningful and practical ways, and owning our professional learning and growth. It is a program of Sustainable Vision-Driven Collaboration (SVDC).

On a formal practical level, our teachers have met for two hours every week since the first day Herron opened in 2006. More than just meetings where we discuss the efficiency and safety protocols of our school, we use this time to regularly turn to our own teachers for lessons in best practice classroom management and content instruction. Last year, we developed and presented curriculum maps that would permit us to identify, in writing, the goals and expectations of our specific classes. This year, our Latin department is helping us make our school more “classical”, which includes (likely to our students’ amusement) lessons in the language of Latin. In May, our teachers will be participating in the second annual Herron Teacher Symposium, a culminating celebration of professional growth and common experience.

Quality teachers deserve a quality program of meaningful professional development. Herron is constructing that program, and we see the tangible results every day in both our professional community and our student achievement.

Thank you for all of your continuing support of the teachers and academic expectations at Herron High School.

Sincerely,

Greg Lineweaver  
Director of Instructional Practice and Teacher Advancement  
Milken Educator 2009

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES A SUCCESS**

We would like to thank all of the parents who came to the Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday. Parents were able to meet with teachers and have many of their questions answered. Our Graduation Coach Jonathan Harris, and Assistant Graduation Coach Justin Wedges, hosted a gathering to share information about available resources funded by Title I, and treated everyone to dinner and snacks from Hardees/ Red Burrito. If you have further questions about available resources, please email [jharris@herronhighschool.org](mailto:jharris@herronhighschool.org) or [jwedges@herronhighschool.org](mailto:jwedges@herronhighschool.org). If you would like to set up a meeting with your students’ teachers, you may email them directly (email addresses are located at [www.herronhighschool.org](http://www.herronhighschool.org)).

## **HERRON HIGH SCHOOL'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

You may have seen stories about Herron High School in the sports section of the Indianapolis Star over the past several weeks. This is a section of the newspaper we never aspired to be in. The leaders of Herron High School believe that when students are involved in school sponsored extracurricular activities, they do better in school and make wiser social choices. Herron High School's sports program is in place to support our students and to provide them a way to be engaged in school and stay physically fit. Through a series of events, one of Indiana's premier high school players transferred into Herron this fall. The decision to transfer to Herron was a family decision. The student was being recruited by many prestigious Division I colleges, and there was a concern that the student was not academically prepared for the academic rigor of a college. When the student enrolled, he and his family knew that the IHSAA might rule him ineligible to play. Thus, the student enrolled at Herron High School to experience the academic rigor that would prepare him for college. As the semester rolled on and the press picked up the story, information became distorted. Also, the student began second guessing his decision to sacrifice playing basketball his senior year. To make a long story short, the student decided to return to his former high school so that he can be eligible to play basketball. We wish him well. He is a fine young man.

## **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 this rule.

## **INDIANAPOLIS MONUMENTAL MARATHON**

WHO: Herron High School Jazz Band members  
WHAT: Indianapolis Monumental Marathon  
WHEN: Saturday, November 7, 2009  
Arrival time: 7:30 a.m.  
Playing time: 8:15-9:45 a.m.  
Study time: 9:45-11:00 a.m.  
WHERE: Herron High School front porch  
WHY: To provide music for the runners  
To have fun  
To eat donuts and bagels and drink juice

After we play, those students who have any NGs are welcome to stay until 11:00 to study with Mr. Krantz.

## **SCHOOL PICTURE DELIVERY**

School pictures taken on October 8<sup>th</sup> have been printed and packed, and will ship to Herron High School by the beginning of next week. Look for your students' school picture packages to come home with students next week.

## **REMINDER: OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS DUE NOV. 15<sup>TH</sup>**

We will accept open enrollment applications for the 2010-2011 school year now through November 15, 2009. These dates are also applicable to siblings of currently enrolled Herron High School students. Siblings are given preference during the open enrollment period, but after November 15 they will be treated as any other applicant. Applications may be downloaded from the website or picked up in the school or admissions office. Completed applications may be mailed, faxed, or delivered in person to the admissions office. Because original signatures are required, we do not accept e-mailed applications. Submitting an application does not commit a student to enroll at Herron High School. It is, however, critical that any family considering Herron submit an application in a timely manner, since students are accepted for admission in the order in which applications are received.

## **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](http://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.

## **1940S VICTORY GARDENS: A MUSICAL REVUE UPDATES!**

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, we need YOUR help. Come help us load in the stage at the Harrison Center Gym from 1pm-? Rehearsals next week will be held at the Harrison Center Gymnasium from 4:15-6:00 p.m. The show runs from November 12-14 at 7:30pm in the Harrison Center Gym. Adult tickets are \$8 and student tickets are \$5. Come and support Herron Theatre! We also need your help to strike the set on Saturday night after the show! Any interested parents should contact Miss Canada ([ncanada@herronhighschool.org](mailto:ncanada@herronhighschool.org)).

## **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 October. There will be a new display at Scheetz Century 21 for the November 6th 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](mailto:kwhite@herronhighschool.org).

## **ARE YOU WILLING TO HOST AN ADMISSIONS INFORMATION NIGHT?**

Our recent open house has already generated over 60 applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Our phone rings constantly; we have scheduled 40 students to shadow thus far. Small information gatherings are another way for prospective families to learn more about Herron High School and whether we are a good future match for their middle school student. Is this something you'd be willing to host? You provide light refreshments and we provide the program for the evening. The gathering can be at your home or at a library, community center, school or church close to you. We can send invitations to 5-10 families you know of or work with you to put together a guest list. If you're interested, please contact Diantha Daniels in the Admissions Office, [ddaniels@herronhighschool.org](mailto:ddaniels@herronhighschool.org). Thank you for all that you do – our current families are our best ambassadors!

## COLLEGE CORNER WITH MR. ABELS FALL 2009

1. Continue working on applications and researching and applying for scholarships.
2. Make sure I get your counselor report (secondary school report).
3. Colleges will look at your 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades: KEEP STUDYING
4. Don't forget: November 16, 2009 we will be going to the National College Fair (9:00-12:00) at the Convention Center.

### 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 10	Martin University	1:10, Gallery
November 16	College Fair	9am-Noon, Convention Ctr
November 17	Loyola	9:30, library

## HERFF JONES GRADUATION SUPPLIES AND CLASS RINGS

Herff Jones representative Gary Clark will visit Herron High School on **Monday, November 9**, to talk to the seniors about graduation products they offer. He will also be in the HHS library during lunches on Nov. 17 and 18 to measure seniors 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.

## FREE HOMEWORK HELP AVAILABLE AT [WWW.IMCPL.ORG](http://WWW.IMCPL.ORG)!

All students can find free homework help all year on the Library's website, [imcpl.org](http://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 DESCRIPTIONS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Clubs are established and run by Herron High School Students and mentored by a teacher. For questions regarding clubs, please email the teacher associated with each particular club.

**\*\*See meeting times in bold, below. More meeting dates will be printed in future issues of the newsletter.**

## SPORTS

Basketball (Boys)	Vince Stennett (Athletic Director), Shane Williams (Assistant Athletic Director)
Basketball (Girls)	Calvin Bembry (Coach)
Cross Country (Co-Ed)	Rachel Smith (Coach)
Lacrosse (Girls)	Atticus Westerfeld (Coach), Paul Schroeder (Assistant Coach)
Soccer (Boys)	Atticus Westerfeld (Coach)
Soccer (Girls)	Paul Schroeder (Coach)
Tennis (Co-Ed)	Ben Abels (Coach), Anne Keele (Coach)
Track & Field (Co-Ed)	Rachel Smith (Coach)
Cheerleading	Denitra Lockhart (Coach)

## CLUBS

Club	Mentor	Description
Bowling Club	Schroeder	Bowl with your friends at a local bowling alley. <b>Wednesdays after school.</b>
Chess Club	Gilchrist	Embarrass your opponent with your superior intellect and sweet moves! <b>Wednesdays in Room 218, 4:15-5 p.m.</b>
Community Service Club	Stephens	Take part in Spring Green-Up, Riley Hospital Candy Cane Grams, and Art Fairs. <b>Wednesdays after school in Mrs. Stephens room (213).</b>
Creative Writing	Pappas	Work to publish a collection of creative writing produced by Herron students. <b>Meets Wednesdays in Room 004, 4:10-5:00 p.m.</b>
Film Club	Bilbrey	Watch, discuss, and edit films. Anyone is welcome! <b>Tuesdays after school in M3.</b>
French Club	Bryson	See what a living language is like! Movies, writing, music, and food!
Genealogy & Family History	Krantz, niLochlainn	Where did your family come from? Make your history come alive! <b>Beginning the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> – date TBA.</b>
Green Society	Lottes, Paulen	Make the world a healthier place to live in! <b>Meets every other Monday from 4-5 p.m. Next meeting is Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.</b>
Greek Club	Roe	Learn Greek: Enjoy Greek myths in the language in which they were written! <b>Every other Tuesday morning at 8:15. Next meeting: November 10<sup>th</sup>.</b>
International Club	Dorsey, Knop	Experience GLOBAL Indianapolis through cultural enrichment. <b>Every other Thurs. 4:15 in room 120. Next meeting: Nov 19.</b>
Japanese Culture Club	Krantz	Discuss, experience, and discover countless aspects of Japanese culture.
Kulture Klub	Owens	A chance to experience art and culture outside of Indianapolis. <b>Meets every other Thursday from 4:15-5:00 p.m. Next regular meeting on Nov. 12.</b>
Latin Club	Hostetler	Study the language and culture in more depth, with an opportunity for competition (NJCL). <b>Every other Monday at</b>

		<b>4:15. Next meeting is on November 9<sup>th</sup>.</b>
National Honor Society	Paulen	Students who have demonstrated excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, Service, & Character.
Newspaper	Burke	Practice your budding journalism skills by developing and distributing a school newspaper!
Peer Tutoring	Abels, Kizzia	Reinforcing study skills, time management, note-taking, and testing strategies.
Photography Club	Owens, Crawley	Shoot, develop, and discuss prints and photographs. <b>Meets every other Thursday at 4:15 in Room 119 – next meeting is on Thurs., November 12.</b>
Poetry Out Loud	Stephens, T., Szcsesiul	Read, write, act out, and discuss all types of poetry. <b>Meets Thursdays after school, monthly – check with Mrs. Stephens for dates.</b>
Portfolio Club	Renwick	Juniors and Seniors work to create and analyze artwork for COLLEGE portfolios.
Prom Committee	Vickers, Carver	Juniors & Seniors work on fundraising, event planning, and decorating for Prom. <b>Thursdays at 8:15 a.m. in Room 212.</b>
Soccer Club	Westerfeld	Indoor & outdoor soccer: Just for fun and to stay in shape! No experience necessary.
STRIKE Team	Dennis, Torres	Emergency management, develop and use leadership skills, get certified in disaster response. <b>Tuesdays, 4:15-6:15 pm, in Room 120.</b>
Student Government	Abels	A channel for student leadership and participation with faculty and administration.
Theatre Club	Canada, Szcsesiul	Learn about many aspects of theatre, including stage makeup, stage combat, improvisation. <b>Tuesdays starting November 17 in Room 111 from 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. (Students from Theatre Club are currently meeting every day after school for Victory Gardens rehearsal, 4:15 – 6:00 p.m.)</b>
WriteHers' Club	Dorsey	Professional writers empowering and mentoring young girls through creative self-expression.
Yearbook Committee	Burke	Fundraising, photography, writing, and design for the yearbook.

### **CLASS SPONSORS:**

Freshman Class Sponsors – Malcolm Gilchrist, Lee Hinkle  
 Sophomore Class Sponsors – Kimberly Carver, Luke Crawley  
 Junior Class Sponsors – Jillian Paulen, Maurice Gates  
 Senior Class Sponsors – Atticus Westerfeld, Carroll Bilbrey, Katie Dorsey, Ben Abels

### **YEARBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE**

Last call: A few 2009-2010 Yearbooks are still available. If you or your student would like to purchase one, please send \$25 cash or check (made to Herron High School). The yearbooks are available in room 120 from Mrs. Dorsey.

# 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](mailto:denitrasong@aol.com).

## **A MESSAGE FROM COACH STENNETT REGARDING BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS**

We will officially begin our 2009-2010 Boys Basketball Season on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>! Our season will begin with Varsity, Junior-Varsity and Freshmen "Try-Outs". All Freshmen should report to the Harrison Center (AS A GROUP) at 4:15pm (the session will last from 4:15pm-6:30pm). Sophomore-Seniors "Try-Outs" will take place at The Bethel Park Family Center from 4:30pm - 7:00pm (LIMITED transportation will be provided by the Herron Coaching Staff). However, families/students should plan accordingly as we cannot provide transportation for everyone as we anticipate 70 children will be participating in the overall "Try-Out" process.

## Boys Basketball Schedule

### **Draft Boys JV and Varsity Basketball**

4A-Jeffersonville Scrimmage	TBD	TBD	@Jeffersonville
1A-Attucks Scrimmage	Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	@ Attucks (Varsity)
4A-East Chicago Central	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	@ Bowman Academy (Turkey shootout)
3A-Hammond High	Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	@ East Chicago (Turkey Shootout)
4A-Evansville Harrison	Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	@ Evansville Harrison (JV and Varsity)
1A-Irvington	Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	@ Consecos (Varsity)
	Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	
1A-Columbus Christian	Dec 18	6:00pm	@ Herron (Bethel) (JV and Varsity)
1A-Providence Cristo	Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	@ Herron (Bethel) (JV and Varsity)
4A-Warren Central	Dec 26 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	@ Consecos (Varsity)
Lutheran Holiday Tourney	Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	@ Lutheran (Varsity)
	(1A-Lutheran, 1A-Attucks and 1A-Indy Met)		
1A-Bowman Academy	Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	@ Bowman Academy (JV and Varsity)
	Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	@ Consecos (Varsity)
1A-Fall Creek	Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	@ Consecos (Varsity)
2A-Scecina Memorial	Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00pm	@ Scecina (JV and Varsity)
2A-Heritage Christian	Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	@ Heritage Christian (Fresh, JV, Varsity)
4A-Gary West	Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:10pm	@ Consecos (Varsity) Homecoming
1A- Providence Cristo	Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	@ Herron (Fresh and JV)
1A-Indy Met	Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	@ Herron (JV and Varsity)
	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	
	Feb 19	6:00pm	
1A Rock Creek-(Jeff., IN)	Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	@ Rock Creek (JV and Varsity)
3A-Howe (Senior Night)	Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	@ Consecos (Varsity)

### **Draft Boys Freshmen Basketball**

Columbus Christian	Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm	@ Columbus Christian
Covenant Christian	Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm	@ Covenant Christian
Bluffton	Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	@ Bluffton
Ft. Sq. Academy	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	@ Fountain Square Academy (Girls and Boys)
Scecina	Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	@ Scecina
Heritage Christian	Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	@ Heritage Christian (Fresh, JV, Varsity)
Ft. Sq. Academy	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	@ Fountain Square Academy (Girls and Boys)

## NOVEMBER SCHOOL LUNCHES

Chef salads and PBJ's are served daily.

November 9	Crispito, carrots, pears
November 10	Coney dog, green beans, tropical fruit
November 11	Pepperoni pizza, mashed potatoes, pineapple
November 12	Chicken patty, corn, apple sauce
November 13	Sack lunch
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

## 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](mailto:dcooney@herronhighschool.org).

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

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