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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next Monday, January 15th, will begin our first semester final exams. Teachers guided students through the exam schedule during class this week. However, looking over the schedule exam again with your student would still be a great way to talk about when to study and how to prepare for each of his or her exams. Also, please look over the exam schedule to help ensure that your student arrives at school in plenty of time to get to class, as many exams will last the full length of the allotted time. Note that during exam week students will not be required to be at school during their seminar periods; still, a quiet study room will be available for students who choose to study at school during that time. We realize that this is a big responsibility for students and appreciate your help in holding your student accountable for coming and going as he or she should. We, too, are doing our best to provide a calm, orderly environment for all students. My hope is that each individual student is able to demonstrate to teachers the many things he or she learned over this first semester of study. I want all of our students to enter next semester with a sense of accomplishment and empowerment.

I have checked the weather forecast for next week. It appears that we should be able to get through finals without any cancellations or delays. Please make sure your student leaves home in time to get to school on time. In the very near future, you will receive more information about how we are tightening up our attendance and tardy policies.

o a final examination he or she may jeopardize his or
tion.

One last, and very important, item I would like to mention. Our cell phone policy for students will be intensified during finals. Students have the capability of taking pictures of exams and sending texting messages to other students. I am sure you are aware that the College Board nullifies the results of any SAT or AP exam that a student takes if he or she is caught with a cell phone. For next week, we will follow The College Board's policy. Thank you for helping us enforce this policy.

Sincerely,

Janet H. McNeal
Principal

SCHEDULE FOR FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS 2008-2009

Semester exams will begin on Monday, January 15, 2009. Please see below the semester exam schedule and specific directions for students during the semester exam week. Also, please encourage your students to spend time preparing for exams.

Exams: Monday, January 12, 2009 – Thursday, January 15, 2009

School Hours: 9:00 am - 1:40pm

Required Student Seminars: Friday, January 16, 2009

School Hours: 10:00am – 1:40pm

Monday, January 12, 2009

Period A1 Exam Review 9:00 a.m. ó 9:30 a.m.

Period A1 EXAM 9:35 a.m. ó 11:05 a.m.

Lunch 11:08-11:30

Period A2 Exam Review 11:35 a.m. ó 12:05 p.m.

Period A2 EXAM 12:10 p.m. ó 1:40 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Period B1 Exam Review 9:00 a.m. ó 9:30 a.m.

Period B1 EXAM 9:35 a.m. ó 11:05 a.m.

Lunch 11:08-11:30

Period B2 Exam Review 11:35 a.m. ó 12:05 p.m.

Period B2 EXAM 12:10 p.m. ó 1:40 p.m.



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	9:30 a.m. ó 9:30 a.m.
Period A3 EXAM	9:35 a.m. ó 11:05 a.m.
Lunch	11:08-11:30
Period A4 Exam Review	11:35 a.m. ó 12:05 p.m.
Period A4 EXAM	12:10 p.m. ó 1:40 p.m.

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Period B3 Exam Review	9:00 a.m. ó 9:30 a.m.
Period B3 EXAM	9:35 a.m. ó 11:05 a.m.
Lunch	11:08-11:30
Period B4 Pr Exam Review	11:35 a.m. ó 12:05 p.m.
Period B4 EXAM	12:10 p.m. ó 1:40 p.m.

Friday, January 16, 2009

Friday's schedule is diversified according to the student's grade. **For all students (except Seniors) Friday's events will begin promptly at 10:00am and finish at 1:40pm.** Students must be picked up as soon as possible after 1:40pm as there will be NO 5th period. Please review the schedule below for further details:

SENIORS: Senior students are not to attend school on Friday, January 16 and are expected to use this day for college preparations— college visits, completing college applications, essay writing, etc.

JUNIORS: Our Director of College Advising, Mr. Todd Hurst, will work with the Junior students to discuss college planning. Students will review their own transcripts, HHS graduation requirements, and individual academic standing according to their credits. As a college preparatory school, Mr. Hurst will also discuss the importance of preparing for college including college applications, admittance, essay preparation, FAFSA, and other common questions.

The afternoon will consist of Herron High School's first Club Fair. Teachers, who facilitate our co-curricular club groups, will provide a display of their particular club's mission, guidelines, and activities. As a part of Herron High School's graduation requirements, students are expected to participate in at least two co-curricular activities and demonstrate leadership in at least one.

FRESHMAN and SOPHOMORES: Freshman and Sophomore students need to be at school and in their homerooms by 10:00am. Accompanied by our faculty and staff, Freshman and Sophomore students will hear a presentation on bullying from the organization ACT OUT.

Sophomores will also attend Herron High School's first Club Fair. A display of each co-curricular club will be exhibited in efforts to inform our student body and encourage increased participation.

YOUTH AS RESOURCES EVENT

Herron High School was honored to host the annual "Youth as Resources" Marion County Kick-Off Celebration last evening. Youth as Resources, under the direction of United Way, awards grants to youth volunteer groups for youth-led service projects. Their mission is "to draw on the skills, ideas and energy of youth to improve communities through youth-led service projects; promote learning through youth service, leadership and civic participation; encourage youth to develop a sense of ownership in the community of Central Indiana; and change society's view of youth from a source of problems to a source of solutions." (taken from the Youth as Resources of Central Indiana brochure)

Last evening's event served as an awards ceremony for this next year's allocations of funding. Numerous representatives and youth from local organizations, schools, and community centers were in attendance to receive their checks and celebrate the power of Marion County's youth. Herron High School's Concert Choir performed several outstanding numbers to serve as the opening to the awards ceremony. In addition, several special guests were in attendance including Elle K. Annala, President and CEO of United Way of Central Indiana, and Jamie Silva, Defensive Back for the Indianapolis Colts.

Last year, Herron High School students worked with a teacher and our Assistant Principal, Dr. Deb Cooney, to complete grant applications for funding from Youth as Resources; we were successfully awarded the funds! The first grant, "Teens for Talbott," went towards a youth-led revitalization project of Talbott Street. The second grant, "O'Bannon Soccer Field," provided the necessary resources to reseed the O'Bannon soccer field and improve the park's conditions. We were delighted to host this event as a way to continue in the partnership with Youth as Resources and promote youth involvement in the community.

IMPACT 100 REMINDER FOR CONCERT CHOIR

Concert choir members, please remember that you will be performing for the Impact 100 organization next Thursday, January 15th. The performance will be at 6:30, but Mr. Harris has asked that all members stay afterschool to practice and help set up. Please have your formal concert attire with you (black dresses and tuxes) and bring money for dinner! *Parents/guardians, please be at HHS at 6:40 to pick up concert choir students.*

BOOK FEES OVERDUE:

We would like to remind our families that the textbook and lab fees are now past due. It is critical that these fees are paid in full no later than Friday, January 16. Please contact Katie White at 317.231.0010 or kwhite@herronhighschool.org if you have any questions. Thank you!

ents with negative lunch balances of \$5.00 or more. It is Herron High School's policy that once a student reaches a negative \$5.00 balance, the student will not be served a hot lunch the following day, unless the balance is paid. In this case, we *will* offer the student a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a milk carton.

Each student is told when his or her balance is getting close to \$0 and is again warned when it goes negative. Please make sure you check PowerSchool regularly to verify that there is money in your student's lunch account. Please contact Katie White if you have any questions (kwhite@herronhighschool.org or 317.231.0010).

HHS PARKING LOT REMINDERS:

As the winter weather brings unpredictable roads and parking lot conditions, we want to remind you of the following guidelines in efforts to create a safe environment for our students, faculty and staff, visitors, and families. **Please enter the parking lot from Pennsylvania Street, continue heading east, and exit onto Talbott Street. Please do NOT enter the parking lot from Talbott.** We understand that drop off and pick up times become highly congested areas in the parking lot. In efforts to prevent an accident of any kind, we ask that *everyone* please follow the above rotation, which is also marked on the pavement outside.

PTO UPDATE:

Welcome Back Happy New Year!

As leaders of Herron High School's PTO, we are so glad to be a part of the Herron High School Community. Special thanks to all parents/guardians that signed up to participate in Herron's first PTO. I know everyone has been busy with the holidays, so now is time to get things going.

Please take a moment to review below several opportunities for involvement through our PTO **and respond to one event you would be able to participate in. These things can't happen without your help!**

Sincerely, Teresa Law, PTO Co-Chair and Kathy Murphy, PTO Co-Chair

PTO - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

PTO is in need of parents to establish a **Fundraising Committee**. This committee will help your child's school purchase needed items. So please take the time to help out. We, as PTO Co-Chairs, would like to hear any ideas you might have for this spring.

PTO - BOX TOPS/NESTLE WATER BOTTLE LABELS:

Please start to collect the Campbell's soup and Nestle water bottle labels! You may already be aware of this, but our school can earn points by collecting these labels and use them to purchase items for our students and teachers.

BREAKFAST:

and sandwiches to the teachers and administration after the holidays to jumpstart the new semester. We need volunteers for setting up, bringing in food items, and purchasing paper products. If you are able to contribute anything, whether that be an hour of your time or a pack of paper plates, your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

If interested in volunteering to help with any of these activities, please contact:

Teresa Law, PTO Co-Chair
317-750-4139
indylaw4@worldnet.att.net

FREE DENTAL EXAMS FOR YOUTH:

The Indiana Dental Association, in partnership with the American Dental Association, is hosting the 7th annual Give Kids a Smile Day. On February 6, 2009, various dental offices throughout Indiana are opening their doors to donate dental care to children and youth from low-income families. This is a ONE-DAY EVENT ONLY and APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. The following requirements must be met in order to participate:

- The child must be 16 years of age or younger.
- The student must not have access to dental insurance and be unable to afford regular dental care, OR if the child has Medicaid, the family must not have a dental provider.

If the student meets the above criteria, please follow the directions below:

1. Call (800) 680-9302 and an operator will (1) confirm your eligibility and (2) take the following information in order to pass it on to a volunteer Give Kids a Smile dental office:
 - Name
 - Phone number
 - City where you live
 - Number of children who need treatment
2. A local dental office will call you to set up the appointment time.
3. Show up at the scheduled appointment time. Appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis and cannot be rescheduled.

**This information was taken from the Indiana Dental Association*

FREE INTERNET-BASED TUTORING:

The Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library is proud to continue offering our students access to the Internet-based tutoring service called Live Homework Help. Use of this program is up from last year by 65%! Please be assured this is a free, secure and easy way to connect students with qualified tutors!



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available to help your students from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. [www.imcpl.org](#) is funded through The Library Fund, a fund of The Indianapolis Foundation.

Students can engage in controlled chat with trained experts in Math, Science, English, or Social Studies. One local 7th grader left this comment about the service:

"My tutor made it easy for me to understand this without giving me any answers. I will use this the next time I need Homework Help."

Tutors can assist students in grades K-12 with homework questions that range from proofreading papers about Geography to questions about Science and Algebra. As an added bonus, Spanish-speaking students can get help in Math and Science by tutors who are fluent in their language.

Instructions: From any computer a student can click on the Live Homework Help link located on the Library's web site at www.imcpl.org, or if you prefer, you can direct your students to Live Homework Help from a link located our school's website: www.herronhighschool.org. We encourage our student to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

FIRST AID/CPR CLASS OFFER

If you are interested in being certified in First Aid/CPR/AED/ Bloodborne Pathogens a class will be offered at Herron High School

January 17th and 24th from 10:00 am to 3:00pm

You must attend both days

Class size is limited to 10

Faculty and staff have first priority.

Cost for the course is \$15.00

If you want to purchase the books it is \$18.00 more

Bring a sack lunch and dress comfortably

Email Rita Dennis if you plan to take the class rdennis@herronhighschool.org

The class will start promptly. Plan to arrive 10 minutes early to register.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL UPDATES:

Coach Bembry, the HHS Girls' Basketball Coach, has provided and solidified further details for our Girls' Basketball team. Please be sure to mark the following changes on your calendars. *Thank you!*

Game Details:

Date / Time	Opponent	Location
January 10 th 6:00pm	Providence Cristo Rey	Barnes United Methodist Church



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February 4 TBD	Fall Creek Academy	Home
February 13 th 2:00pm	Providence Cristo Rey	Away

SIMPLE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

What if Herron High School earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our school? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37% of each purchase to Herron High School! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting Herron High School.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Herron High School as the charity you want to support. Be sure to spread the word to others as well!

BOARD MEETINGS:

Our board meetings take place in Herron High School's library at 7:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. Thus, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. These meetings are open to the public.