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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The end of our first quarter is next week! Unfortunately, many math students still have missing assignments. No assignments turned in after next week will be graded. Please ask Mr. Gates, Miss Paulen, and Mrs. Cox about missing assignment policies and specific due dates.

Geometry students have just completed their first test and have turned in several assignments. A recent major assignment was a "Math Autobiography." As always, check Powergrade to see how your student did on the test and the paper.

In Algebra 1, students recently completed their Chapter 1 Test and are quickly approaching the Chapter 2 Test. Make sure your students are preparing! Peer tutoring is available Tuesday and Thursday after school and Wednesday mornings, and Mr. Gates tutors after school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The Algebra 2 classes have a test this Wednesday on Chapter 2. Make sure students are reviewing their "Bingo" review problems and their Study Guides.

In Pre-Calculus, students recently completed Math History papers, and they have a test on Tuesday. Many students struggled with the first exam, so do not forget to study the review problems and solutions!

AP Calculus students have completed two exams this year and have a writing project due next week. Please ask Mrs. Cox if you need extra help.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – DATE CHANGES!!

Due to scheduling conflicts, there are a few critical adjustments to the school calendar. Parent Teacher Conferences have been postponed, and several early dismissal days have changed. *We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.*

### **PLEASE make note of the following IMPORTANT changes:**

- November 6: **NO** early dismissal at 1:30pm and **NO** Parent Teacher Conferences.
- November 7: We **DO** have early dismissal at 1:30pm, and the **Herron High School OPEN HOUSE from 6:00-8:00pm.**
- November 13: **Early dismissal at 1:30pm, Parent Teacher Conferences from 6:00-8:00pm.**

## PSAT TESTING – IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

All Herron High School sophomores and juniors will be taking PSAT tests next Wednesday, October 15. To create the most productive testing environment, we have made the following adjustments. PLEASE make note of the following instructions for *all* students:

- **All sophomore and junior students need to be here for a full day: 9:00am – 4:00pm.**
- **All Freshman and Seniors should NOT arrive to school until 12:30pm on October 15.**

## NEW DISCIPLINE POLICIES

The Herron High School faculty and administration has decided on the following discipline policy. The policy went into effect Monday, September 29, 2008. *Please carefully read through the policy updates.*

First of all, every student is aware of the Universal Behavioral Policies and Herron High School's Dress Code. Because every student is aware of these policies, there is actually not a reason why any student should behave or dress in a manner that would cause the student to get a detention. However, many students are still behaving in ways that warrant receiving detentions. Students are also not serving the detentions that they have been issued. This is an act of insubordination.

All detentions **MUST** be served within 5 school days from the day the detention is issued. If a student is unable to attend morning detentions, the student's parents or guardians must contact Dr. Cooney. If a student does not serve the detention within the five school day limit, the student will attend Saturday School. Furthermore, severely inappropriate behavior may lead immediately to a Saturday School.

Again, if a student fails to attend Saturday School or arrives too late to attend, the student will face an expulsion hearing in front of Herron High School's disciplinary committee.

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*Thank you for your cooperation!*

### DETAILS ABOUT SATURDAY SCHOOL:

Saturday School will be held twice each month from **7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** Students must arrive exactly on time or the student will not be allowed to enter. Students should report directly to the room and teacher assigned in advance. **If a student fails to attend Saturday School or arrives too late to attend, the student will face an expulsion hearing in front of the disciplinary committee.**

### CROSS COUNTRY SEASON IS ALMOST OVER!

Have you come to support your Herron High School cross country team? Our runners will be competing on Saturday, October 11th (TOMORROW!) at Ellenberger Park at 10 am. The final meet will be Herron's first sectionals! Come and support your team on Tuesday, October 14th at 5:00 at Ben Davis High School.

### PROM PLANNING HAS STARTED!

Junior students met this Tuesday morning to discuss prom. If you would like to donate anything to the 2009 prom, please contact Mrs. Cox at [jcox@herronhighschool.org](mailto:jcox@herronhighschool.org). We will need appetizer food for after prom, lots of christmas lights, manpower, and MONEY! Look for upcoming fundraising activities for your students.

### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2009!

Open enrollment for the fall of 2009 admission began on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. As of today, Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we have received 25 applications from 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2009-2010 school year. We anticipate 100 openings for freshmen students for the fall of 2009. The open enrollment period will last until November 15. However, it is very likely that we will reach our enrollment limit prior to this date and will be forced to create a waiting list.

For those of you with family members and friends interested in becoming a part of the Herron High School family, it is suggested that you encourage them to apply as soon as possible to ensure a spot. Extraordinary teachers, talented students, rigorous academics, a college preparatory focus, and curriculum philosophy based on a classical approach to education have together produced amazing accomplishments for Herron High School. We are clearly becoming one of the city's finest high schools. Please direct questions concerning the admissions process to Maryan Stoffel (317.231.0010) ([mstoffel@herronhighschool.org](mailto:mstoffel@herronhighschool.org)).

### PARENT/GUARDIAN FEEDBACK:

Herron High School is creating promotional documents to give to our community, and we would appreciate the feedback of our parent and student body. If you are interested in offering your comments about the school, please briefly respond to any or all of the following questions:

1. How has your experience been with Herron High School?
2. What differences have you noticed in Herron High School's teaching staff?
3. What makes Herron High School unique from other Indianapolis schools?
4. Has Herron High School nurtured your student's academic success and individual growth? If yes, please explain how.

*We greatly appreciate any feedback you are willing to offer. Your opinions matter to us! Please email your replies to [bsherman@herronhighschool.org](mailto:bsherman@herronhighschool.org) or mail them to Herron High School, 110 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.*

### LATIN CLUB GARAGE SALE:

The Latin Club garage sale is still on, just post-poned! The new date is **October 18 from 8:00am – 3:00pm**. If you have any unloved or unused items email Mrs. Bowyer or bring them in (if they are not too big) to room 218. If you have large items, we can arrange to pick them up! We will also be selling delicious desserts. All of the profits will go towards the Latin Club's upcoming Italy trip. *Please be advised that the garage sale will be moved inside if the weather doesn't cooperate.*

### INSTRUMENTAL NEEDS:

Herron High School's music department is growing! If anyone has musical instruments or equipment i.e. amps, keyboards, ear phones, etc we are taking all donations. Several students are currently enrolled in Applied Music courses but do not have the funds to purchase instruments on their own. In addition, we are striving to build a beginning orchestra. Your donation would be greatly appreciated!

### 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 October 21, 2008. These meetings are open to the public.

SOCCKER SEASONS: Please notice the schedule below and come support our team!

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Girls and/or Boys Team</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>
Monday, Oct 13 5:00 p.m.	Co-ed, JV	Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet	Away

**\*\*NOTICE:** All **Home** games are located at the O'Bannon Soccer field off of 16<sup>th</sup> street (just several blocks East of the school).

Best Regards,

Janet H. McNeal