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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

FROM THE SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT:

There are many valuable happenings in the Herron High School Social Studies department.

First of all, as we begin the second nine weeks, we want to remind parents to check Powergrade regularly; please encourage students to complete their homework on time and review class materials on the rare nights when homework has not been assigned.

In World History and Advanced Placement World History, students are finishing up sections on classical China and India and making their way through Persia, Greece, and Rome. Mr. Bilbrey will be issuing an exam in early November. If students are having trouble with assignments or need help studying, Mr. Bilbrey is available most mornings starting at 7:45 a.m. and most days after school. Just let him know if you will be stopping by!

In Mr. Westerfeld's economics classes, we are making posters of market structures. The students have to find and display examples of each type of market structure, including the characteristics which help identify them as a monopoly, perfect competition, monopolistic competition, or oligopoly. Also, we are hanging up the students' Achaean Cereal projects. The students worked very hard at creating their own cereals and figuring their cereals' supply and demand possibilities. These posters should make the room a more colorful place for our Open House in November.

Mr. Westerfeld's Advanced Placement U.S. Government classes are discussing the media. Students just received their media projects, which will be due December 12th. For the project, students must support a claim about the media's role in presenting governmental matters to the public. They will have to discuss whether the media's role is positive or negative. At the beginning of next week, students will also be turning in their political party papers, which discuss political parties' role in American politics.

This week in Mrs. Stephens' U.S. History classes, students are continuing a unit on the Civil War. Students will be comparing the North and South's advantages and disadvantages at the onset of the war as well as the significance of the Civil War's major battles. Meanwhile, the Advanced Placement U.S. History classes are continuing their study of the early Republic. Students are currently discussing the formation of the first political parties and holding a mock cabinet meeting. During the mock meeting, they will assume the role of Jefferson (the Whig party) or Hamilton (the Federalist party). Please feel free to email Mrs. Stephens with any questions or concerns you have about your student's progress in U.S. History.

Overall, we are excited about the conversations and projects taking place in our social studies classrooms. This is an exciting time to be learning about our world's past roots as well as present times. Please encourage your students to engage in these various projects by asking them questions about what they are working on. Furthermore, we are always happy to make ourselves available to you and your students.

Sincerely,
Herron's Social Studies Department

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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 from 4:00 – 6:30pm (not 6-8pm as previously discussed).***

LATIN GARAGE SALE SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Latin Club garage sale a huge success. We earned over \$800 to go towards our trip to Italy!

CONCERT CHOIR PERFORMING AT THE IRT

Herron High School's Concert Choir will be singing at the Indiana Repertoire Theatre on Monday, October 27 at 6:45pm. *We welcome you all to join us for our fall performance!* **(All Concert Choir members need to be at the school by 5:00 p.m. Monday evening.)**

STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS MEETING WITH MRS. ALIFF

Mrs. Aliff, Herron High School's Special Education Coordinator, will be having a student meeting during homeroom on Wednesday, October 29. This meeting's discussion will revolve around resource procedures, transition planning, and additional programs for students receiving accommodations. Also, parents and guardians, please watch for information in regards to an upcoming parent meeting.

STUDENT LUNCHES

Your student's lunch account balance must not go below \$0. Last week, each student with a negative lunch balance was sent home with a note stating the balance as of Oct. 10th. Mrs. Westerfield also reminds students each day when their balance is low or negative. Students with negative lunch balances at the end of each week will need to deposit money into their accounts or they will not be served a hot lunch on the following Monday. We are being very proactive in making sure our student lunch program is strong, and we'd like your help to ensure the lunch program is financially viable.

At any time during the school year, parents/guardians are able to apply for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program. The business office has applications on hand year-round. Again, you may apply at any point during the school year. Please note that you must reapply each school year. Please make sure your application is filled out completely or it will be denied due to insufficient information. If you have questions about a lunch balance or a lunch program application, please contact Katie White by phone at 231.0010 ext. 109 or by email at kwhite@herronhighschool.org.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation!

PARENT/GUARDIAN FEEDBACK:

Herron High School is creating a community promotional document and we would appreciate the feedback of our student and parent population. 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!

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2009!

Open enrollment for fall 2009 admission began on Wednesday, October 1st. As of today, we have received over 25 applications from 8th grade students for the 2009-2010 school year. We anticipate 100 openings for freshmen students for the fall of 2009. This period of enrollment remains open until November 15, however, it is quite 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. *Applications received from siblings of our current students will hold priority status.* Extraordinary teachers, talented students, rigorous academic college preparatory focus, and curriculum philosophy based on a classical approach to education have together produced amazing accomplishment for Herron High School. We are clearly becoming one of the city's finest high schools. Please direct questions in regards to the admission process to Maryan Stoffel (317.231.0010) (mstoffel@herronhighschool.org).

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 November 18, 2008. These meetings are open to the public.

Best Regards,

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