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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL 7TH & 8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE

Herron High School is proud to sponsor our third annual fall open house on **Friday, November 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. This is a unique opportunity for families of incoming 7th and 8th grade students to visit our beautiful facility and meet our inspired faculty, staff, and administration, as well as several of our fine students. Our application process is well underway; we have already received fifty applications for the anticipated one-hundred slots available for next fall's 9th grade class. Please encourage family and friends who are interested in becoming part of the Herron High School family to attend this special event. *As always, applications received from siblings of our current students will hold priority status.*

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, and we invite you to share the good news of our continued success with those who might benefit from the Herron High School experience.

Several HHS students will be contacted to participate in giving tours to our incoming families. Current students are invited to attend **with parent or guardian presence only**, as we anticipate a full house. This will be a proud evening for Herron High School!

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).*

PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION

As you may have noticed, the Herron High School parking lot is currently under minor construction. The project will be completed this weekend, which means the lot will *not* be accessible to vehicles or pedestrians. We do not foresee this to be a conflict for our parents/guardians, but want to keep you all informed.

MEET OUR NEW COUNSELOR, MR. ABELS

We are excited to announce that Ben Abels has joined Herron High School's growing staff as our counselor! Mr. Abels graduated from Bradley University with a B.S. in Communications and Biology. Mr. Abels also earned his Masters in Counseling from the University of San Diego. Tennis, swimming, soccer, and playing with his dogs are some of Mr. Abels' passions. He recently moved back to Indiana after living in California for six years. We're glad he moved back, as we believe he will be a great addition to our school and community.

Feel free to contact Mr. Abels at babels@herronhighschool.org.

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST NEWSPAPER

Congratulations to the student newspaper staff! They published the first edition of *The Oracle* this week. All Herron students received a free copy of the paper on Wednesday, and there are additional copies available in the front office.

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!

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.

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!

Best Regards,

Janet H. McNeal