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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

ISTEP+ testing will take place this coming week! This is a vital week for our students and their educational careers. As a parent or guardian, there is a lot that you can do to ensure that your student(s) are well-prepared for what may be a long day of reading, writing, and thinking. Please make sure that students get a good night's rest and a hearty, nutritious breakfast of fruits, whole grains, and protein. Breakfast will also be provided at the school for those students who wish to eat here. We will start serving breakfast at 8:10 a.m. on testing days.

Testing will begin on September 16th and continue through the 18th. Not all Herron High School students are involved in the ISTEP+ testing this fall; so *please pay close attention to the following instructions, which we've organized by grade level:*

- **FRESHMAN:** Our 9th grade students will NOT take the ISTEP+ test this fall, according to updated testing procedures. For all three testing days, the Freshmen will go through their normal schedule and routine.
- **SOPHOMORE:** Our 10th grade students WILL be taking the ISTEP+ test.
- **JUNIOR/SENIOR:** All 11th and 12th grade students who have completed and *passed* ISTEP+ need to abide by the following schedule:
 - o Tuesday, September 16 is a *College Day*: To provide a productive and quiet atmosphere for our testing students, all Juniors and Seniors are **NOT to come to school on Tuesday, September 16**. Mrs. McNeal has instructed every Junior and Senior to visit a college or university in the city of Indianapolis and/or surrounding cities. This could include one of the following: University of Indianapolis, Indiana University ó Purdue University of Indianapolis, Marion College, Ivy Tech Community College, etc.

- Wednesday & Thursday, September 17,18: Juniors and Seniors who have already passed the ISTEP+ exam are **NOT** to arrive to school until 12:45pm, in preparation for the start of 3rd period.

We appreciate your cooperation in this joint effort to provide an efficient and effective environment for our students taking the ISTEP+ exam.

SENIOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

A Senior Parent/Guardian meeting will take place in the Herron High School Gallery on Monday, September 22 at 5:30pm. Important information for *Senior parents/guardians* will be given at this time; we encourage you to attend!

FOX 59 “HOW COOL IS YOUR SCHOOL”

Fox 59 visited our school this week to create a segment for their “How Cool is Your School” program. Their clip will feature Herron’s Latin and art classes, concert choir, soccer team, and community service (“Seeds for change”). Fox 59 did a few personal interviews with students and then took live shots of our choir and soccer team. The final product will air on Fox 59 next Wednesday, September 17th at 6:40 a.m. and 8:40 a.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL!

If you have a student who is sick, please call the school before 10:00 a.m. and communicate the following:

- What the student’s symptoms are (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, etc)
- If he or she has been to a doctor, and what the diagnosis is.

This information is extremely important because when 20% of our students have the same illness, we are required to close the school for a period of time determined by public health.

You can help us maintain a safe and healthy environment for your students. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort!

Rita Dennis
School Safety Specialist

POWERSCHOOL ACCESS

The following is a list of step-by-step instructions to use and navigate in PowerSchool for your student’s information:

1. *Go to the website:* <http://herron.powerschool.com>.
2. *Enter your username and password:* We handed out the usernames and passwords with the student’s schedules at the Student Orientation. If you do not have a username and/or password,

please contact Mr. Josh Bernardin at (317) 231-0010 or via email at jbernardin@herronhighschool.org.

3. *Home Page*: On the initial screen, you will see your student's schedule along with several icons at the top menu. Each icon is useful for the following:

- **Grades and Attendance**: This is first screen that you come to. It includes every class that your student is enrolled in. Click on the course grade to view the class's assignments and the score your student received on each assignment. Click on the teacher's name to access his or her email address.
- **Attendance History**: Click this icon to go to a detailed view of your student's attendance.
- **Email Notification**: Click this icon to set up an automatic email notification for various updates. The email notification is personalized to your individual selections. Please check the information you wish to receive, select how often you want to be notified, enter your email address, and click submit.
- **Balance**: Click this icon to view student account balances, including lunch accounts and textbook fees.

POWERSCHOOL CODES: Every Tuesday at 5 p.m. teachers will update PowerSchool so that you can log on and check the status of students' grades, homework assignments, etc. The following symbols will help you understand whether or not work has been turned in:

NTI: "Not Turned In" Teachers will insert NTI if a student has not turned in an assignment.

(): A blank space with parenthesis means that the assignment has been turned in, but the teacher has yet to grade it.

EX: "Exempt" Teachers will insert EX if a student is exempt from an assignment and, therefore, does not need to concern himself or herself with turning it in. An example of an exemption would be a short in-class assignment that a student missed and doesn't need to make up.

AB: "Absent" Teachers will insert AB if a student missed an assignment due to an absence and has an extended deadline.

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!

LATIN CLUB GARAGE SALE: Latin Club is having a garage sale! 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! Come join us on September 26th from 4:15-6:30 p.m. and September 27th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will also be selling delicious desserts. All of the profits will go towards the Latin Club's upcoming Italy trip.

SOCCER SEASONS: Our boys and girls soccer season has officially begun. Please notice the schedule below and come support our team!

Date & Time	Girls and/or Boys Team	Opponent	Location
Friday, Sept 12 5:00 p.m.	Boys JV	Arsenal Tech HS	Away
Wednesday, Sep 17 5:00 p.m.	Co-ed, JV	Providence Cristo Rey School	Away
Tuesday, Sept 30 5:00 p.m.	Boys JV	International School	Away
Monday, Oct 6 5:00 p.m.	Boys, JV	International School	Home
Wednesday, Oct 8 5:00 p.m.	Co-ed, JV	Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet	Home
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 16th street (just several blocks East of the school).

Best Regards,

Janet H. McNeal