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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we approach the midpoint of our first grading period, many parents have mentioned that they are utilizing our PowerGrade program to check on their students' grades. If you are a new parent to Herron High School, I highly urge you to use this imperative tool. You have the ability to see your student's grades and verify that he or she is turning in all homework assignments in a timely manner. In case you need to learn or review how to use PowerGrade, I have provided detailed instructions below.

1. *Go to the website:* <http://herron.powerschool.com>.

2. *Enter your username and password:* We handed out the usernames and passwords with the students' 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](mailto: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.

PowerGrade is just one of the tools that parents/guardians can use to stay in touch with their students' grades and attendance. Always feel free to email your student's teachers. If you have questions about your student's attendance, please notify Mrs. Westerfield at [cwesterfield@herronhighschool.org](mailto:cwesterfield@herronhighschool.org).

Sincerely,

Janet H. McNeal

### **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!

### **JUNIORS AND SENIORS**

This Thursday, September 11, *Colleges That Change Lives* will be hosting a college fair at The Fountains Banquet and Conference Center in Carmel. We highly encourage all of our students to attend this fair, which highlights many different colleges that are doing great things for their students. For more information contact Mr. Hurst ([thurst@herronhighschool.org](mailto:thurst@herronhighschool.org)).

**Colleges Attending:** Beloit, Cornell, Earlham, Hope, Reed, Rhodes, and many more!

**Location:** The Fountains Banquet & Conference Center (502 East Carmel Drive, Carmel, IN 46032)

**Date:** September 11, 2008    **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

## **ROOM FOR A FEW MORE STUDENTS**

Last week we learned that 10 of our prospective students for this year had to withdraw their applications. This leaves us with about two or three student openings in each grade level. We are so pleased with our student body this year; our students are wonderful! Therefore, we would prefer to first extend these openings to our current friends and families. If you know of a student who could benefit from our unique, small school environment, please notify Mrs. Stoffel ([mstoffel@herronhighschool.org](mailto:mstoffel@herronhighschool.org), 31-231-0010x105). We will wait a few days before extending this invitation to the general public.

## **IMPORTANT ISTEP+ TESTING INFORMATION**

This year's ISTEP+ testing will take place September 16 ó 18. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> grade students WILL be taking the ISTEP+ test.
- **JUNIOR/SENIOR:** All 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - o 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 3<sup>rd</sup> period.

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

## **CONCERT CHOIR PERFORMS LOCALLY**

Herron High School's Concert Choir is growing in publicity and popularity within the Indianapolis community. Our choir has specifically been selected to perform at the following two major community events.

The Concert Choir first performed Thursday, August 28 at the annual Community Day Luncheon of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Downtown District. The Community Day Luncheon is a partnership event that strives to promote community awareness and crime prevention.

We are also proud to announce that the Arts Council of Indianapolis invited Herron High School's Concert Choir to perform in one of the city's largest arts events of the year, the 22<sup>nd</sup> *Annual Start with Art Luncheon*. Our concert choir performed for over 1200 attendees at the *Start with Art Luncheon*, which served as the kick-off to the new art season and a call to action within the arts community. It was a true delight and honor to participate in this celebration of Indianapolis's rising arts community.

### **A NOTE FROM MR. HARRIS, IN THE COLLEGE ADVISING OFFICE**

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our returning and new students. I have been working throughout the summer on a number of projects having to do with college preparation and guidance. I am excited for some of the opportunities that will be available to us this year.

First and foremost, I want to let each and every single parent and student know that Mr. Harris and I are always more than happy to discuss your student's progress at any time. Please feel free to contact us at the emails listed below. We can schedule a time to meet with students and parents at any time throughout the day. We will also be calling individual students down throughout the year to discuss their progress.

We hope to offer several college visit opportunities to our Juniors and Seniors throughout the year. Along with this, we are in initial discussions about SAT prep courses. Just as last year, there will be a college advising newsletter sent out on occasion to update families on due dates and opportunities. If you would like to be added to that list once again, please email Mr. Hurst with your information.

We hope you have a great year and look forward to talking with you,

*Mr. Todd Hurst*  
*Director of College Advising (11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> advisor)*  
*thurst@herronhighschool.org*

*Mr. Jonathan Harris*  
*Graduation Coach (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> advisor)*  
*jharris@herronhighschool.org*

### **RECYCLING**

Did you know that Herron High School recycles paper to help fund community service activities? If you'd like to help, please bring all of your paper recyclables to the green and yellow bin on the west side of the building. We accept newspapers, magazines, mail, notebooks (even with the spiral!), paperback books, hardback books with no covers, catalogues, and office paper. We DO NOT accept any form of cardboard (this includes paper towel rolls, cereal boxes, etc) or phone books. Thanks in advance for your help!

### **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!

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Girls and/or Boys Team</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Wednesday, Aug 27 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Boy's, JV</b>	<b>Arsenal Tech HS</b>	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday, Aug 27 5:00 p.m.	Girls, JV	Arsenal Tech HS	Away
<b>Monday, Sept 8 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Girl's JV</b>	<b>Arsenal Tech HS</b>	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday, Sept 10 5:00 p.m.	Boys JV	T.C. Howe Academy	Away
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
<b>Monday, Oct 6 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Boy's, JV</b>	<b>International School</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct 8 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Co-ed, JV</b>	<b>Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet</b>	<b>Home</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 a few blocks East of the school).

*Lastly, I'd like to offer a brief apology. We will normally be very prompt with the delivery of our newsletter, but we ran into a few obstacles this week. Sorry for any inconvenience or worry this may have caused.*

Best Regards,

Janet H. McNeal