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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

HERRON MAKES NEWS HEADLINES!

Fox 59 selected Herron High School for a segment titled "How Cool is Your School" after sophomore Kelsey Klosterman submitted an email to Fox 59 sharing what she believes is *cool* about our school. Kelsey stated, "We are a public liberal arts charter school. We have amazing artists and musicians and so much more." Fox 59 was convinced by her enthusiastic words; thank you Kelsey Klosterman!

The Fox 59 clip focused on three components of Herron High School's unique experience: our Fine Arts and Chorus programs, Latin language influence, and Community Service. Fox 59 interviewed the following students about their involvement and appreciation for the featured departments: Melody Franklin, Dionne Gaines, Rebekah Taft, Elizabeth Dewes, Jess Livinghouse, Christina Turpen, and Even Tekie.

Check out this exceptional glimpse of Herron High School by visiting the following website:  
[http://www.fox59.com/pages/how\\_cool\\_is\\_your\\_school](http://www.fox59.com/pages/how_cool_is_your_school)

SENIOR PARENTS

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

## COLLEGE ADVISING

**Seniors** – *All* seniors are *strongly encouraged* to take the SAT or ACT exams before November. Please see Mr. Hurst for help in signing up for these exams. In addition, **ALL** senior students and parents need to contact Mr. Hurst to schedule a time to discuss college applications and scholarships. The application submission process begins next month, and students need to have all pertinent information beforehand, as deadlines are approaching. Email or call Mr. Hurst to set up an appointment.

**Juniors** – Mr. Hurst is currently meeting with junior students and parents to discuss future goals and timelines. If you, as a parent, are interested in meeting with Mr. Hurst, please email or call to schedule a time. Students must see Mr. Hurst about scheduling a time to meet during school. Information on the PSAT exams will be distributed next week; we *highly* encourage all students to study for this exam (**exam date: Oct. 15**). The PSAT exam is tied to the National Merit Scholars Program and is a valuable asset for students' resumes. We encourage all juniors to take the SAT and ACT exam no later than the spring of their junior year. For any questions in regards to the exam process, please see Mr. Hurst, Director of College Advising.

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

## OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

Enrollment for next year's Herron High School freshmen class begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your friends and family to apply early as class size will be limited. Legacy consideration for brothers and sisters of current students will be considered. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families are invited to attend our fall Open House on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Questions regarding the application process should be directed to Maryan Stoffel, Director of Admissions. ([mstoffel@herronhighschool.org](mailto:mstoffel@herronhighschool.org)) or 317.231.0010 extension 105.

## 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 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.

## 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!

## 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

## 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.

## SOCCKER 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>
Tuesday, Sept 30 5:00 p.m.	Boy's 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
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**\*\*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