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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE:

School has now been back in session for nearly six weeks! Time flies when you're having fun. ☺

A few things to think about now that the 2008-09 school year is well underway:

1. We have a new lunch caterer! This week we were able to start offering a salad bar as a lunch option. The students are very happy about this and we are excited to be able to offer a healthy alternative to those who do not like the traditional hot lunches. By November 1st, we plan on offering a la carte items such as yogurt, fresh fruits and vegetables, varieties of milk and juice, etc.

Lunches will continue to be \$2.75 (as they were last year) and a la carte items will be priced separately. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Your student's lunch account balance must not go below \$0. All students with negative lunch balances at the end of the week will need to deposit money into his/her account or he/she will not be allowed to eat lunch on Monday.

2. Herron is charged \$10 for every check returned to us due to non-sufficient funds. If you have a check that is returned for NSF reasons, Herron will attempt to deposit the check one additional time. If it clears, you will be notified of the situation and invoiced for the \$10 fee. If the check does not clear a second time, you will be notified of the situation

and invoiced for the check amount plus \$20 (two \$10 NSF fees). All NSF invoices are to be paid in cash or by cashier's check.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have two checks that are returned for non-sufficient funds, Herron will no longer accept checks from you, and all future payments will have to be made with cash or a cashier's check. NO EXCEPTIONS.

3. Herron just received a check for \$137.71 from Target for your participation in the Target Red Card program! Thank you!! For those of you new to Herron High School, an easy way to raise money for Herron High School is to shop at Target!

Target donates money to schools through their Take Charge of Education program. They donate up to 1% of purchases made using their credit card to designated schools. Target has donated over \$229 million since 1997 through this program!

How the Program Works:

- Target® Visa® Credit Card, Target Credit Card(SM) and eligible Target Business Card® accounts can sign up for the Take Charge of Education program by calling 1-800-316-6142 or by visiting Target.com/tcoe or an in-store kiosk. The primary cardholder of a Target Check Card(SM) can sign up for the Take Charge of Education program by calling 1-800-316-6142.
 - Designate **Herron High School**, and Target donates an amount equal to one percent (1%) of your Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card, Target Check Card or Target Business Card purchases (minus returns and sales tax) at any Target store and Target.com, and one-half percent (1/2%) of your Target Visa Credit Card purchases made (not including cash advances, balance transfers, and purchases of other cash equivalents, and minus returns and sales tax) everywhere else Visa credit cards are accepted.
 - Target will track purchases made on participating Target Visa Credit Cards, Target Credit Cards, Target Check Cards and Target Business Cards and will distribute the accumulated donations to Herron in March and September.
4. Herron provides IndyGo bus passes to those students without other means of transportation to school. Bus passes are valid for one month. To get a new bus pass, students are now required to return the used pass to Mrs. Westerfield in the Student Services Center prior to receiving a new one. We want to make sure the students are using them appropriately and through the entire life of each pass.

Please contact Katie White, Business Manager / Treasurer at 231.0010 x109 or kwhite@herronhighschool.org with any questions.

LATIN CLUB GARAGE SALE TODAY AND TOMORROW

Latin Club is having a garage sale **STARTING THIS AFTERNOON!** 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.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING THIS SUNDAY

Herron High School's athletics department currently offers the following sports teams to our whole student body: soccer, basketball, lacrosse, cross country, and track and field. Ideally, we would like to offer more opportunities, but our limited facility size and resources present large obstacles that we must overcome.

Our athletics program is only in its infancy; so *we need your help in creating more opportunity for our students*. Our urban location makes it hard to find space for our students to practice and play sports. We do not own any athletics facilities. Therefore, we must rent or reserve facilities off-campus at often high costs. This greatly limits the number of home games we can host as well as opportunities to fund-raise at home events.

We are looking for some help from our parents to provide manpower and new ideas on how we can begin raising funds for our athletic students. If you are interested in helping and joining our Achaean Booster Club, please attend our first meeting on **Sunday, September 28th at 7:30p.m. in the Herron High School Cafeteria.**

Our students have reached incredible heights academically on statewide testing, and, with your help, we are confident that they can reach those same heights athletically.

We appreciate your support!

Mr. Westerfeld, *Fall Sports Athletics Director*

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST

Enrollment for next year's Herron High School freshmen class begins October 1st and runs through November 15th. 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. 8th grade students and their families are invited to attend our fall Open House on Friday, November 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Questions regarding the application process should be directed to Maryan Stoffel, Director of Admissions. (mstoffel@herronhighschool.org) or 317.231.0010 extension 105.

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

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 (11th/12th advisor)
thurst@herronhighschool.org*

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

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 October 21, 2008. These meetings are open to the public.

SOCCER SEASONS

Please notice the schedule below and come support our team!

Date & Time	Girls and/or Boys Team	Opponent	Location
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