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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Scheduling for 2009-2010 is underway.

Herron High School counselors have been successfully meeting with individual students to schedule their classes for the 2009-2010 school year. Please be aware that we are scheduling students in the order of their graduation year, thus the Freshmen students (next year's Sophomores) are being scheduled last. It is our goal to have all student scheduling completed by Friday, May 22.

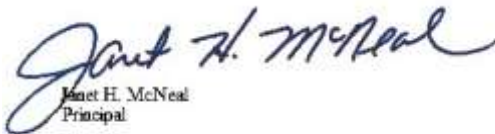
As parents, there are two forms that you should see and have been asked to sign. The first was sent out over a month ago, and it is titled the **2009-2010 Course Selection Workshop**. On this form the students select and prioritize their Elective choices for next year. We have about 89% of these returned to us so far.

We cannot make final course selections with your student until s/he has returned a signed form to us.

The second form titled **2009-2010 Course Selection** is the final courses selected for your student during the one-on-one scheduling meeting. This too will need to be signed and returned. *Please be aware that once this form is signed, there will be no course changes for next year, so please consider it thoughtfully.*

If you have any further questions about this please contact Dr. Deborah Cooney, Mr. Ben Abels or Mr. Todd Hurst.

Also, please watch your mailboxes for the spring Parent Survey which is being sent out soon. The Parent Survey is provided by the Office of the Mayor and is designed to measure overall satisfaction with the Mayor's Charter School system in general and with Herron High School in particular, and will factor in to our annual accountability report. Your feedback is very important to us. We hope you will take the time to complete the survey and return it to us in the envelope provided.



Janet H. McNeal
Principal

There are still a few openings at each grade level for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Please tell your friends and neighbors that Herron might be the perfect educational choice for their family.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the first edition of the Special Education Newsletter. A newsletter will be created each month keeping you informed of news, changes to regulations, and reminders that deal with special education. This new initiative is a way for us to stay connected throughout the year and keep you up to date with anything new in the department.

Annual case conferences have been completed. If you do not have a copy of your child's individualized educational plan (IEP), or have questions please contact Dana Lottes or Ben Abels.

Summer school classes will be available by May 15, 2009. Start thinking about whether or not you need to take a summer school course. If you have questions on what course to take, please contact Ben Abels.

College Board provides testing accommodations to students who demonstrate a need, due to a disability, for accommodations on College Board tests. In order for your student to be approved, you must submit an Eligibility Form. See Mr. Abels for more information. College Board accommodations are approved for SAT Reasoning Test, SAT Subject Tests, and Advanced Placement Program Exams.

Ben, Dana, & Paul

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Special Education Resource Teacher:	Dana Lottes	dlottes@herronhighschool.org
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YOUNG LIFE YARD SALE FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY FROM 7 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Young Life will be having a yard/rummage sale on Saturday, May 16th, on the front lawn. The sale is being held to raise money to take students to camp this summer. We are taking about 30 students to SharpTop Cove, located in Jasper, Georgia. It costs about \$550 to take one student to camp. We have asked each student to pay \$100 and participate in a couple of different community service opportunities to raise the rest of the money. Please come to support this worthy cause.

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL AT BROAD RIPPLE ART FAIR

Stop by the Herron High School informational booth in the Artist Field at the Broad Ripple Art Fair, Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday May 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Art Fair takes place on the grounds of the Indianapolis Art Center, the 12-acre ARTSPARK and the North Side Optimist Opti-Park, located at 67th Street and College Avenue in the Broad Ripple Village Cultural District. Free parking and shuttle buses available at Broad Ripple Park, Broad Ripple High School and Glendale Mall lot at Rural Street.

FREE SUMMER BOWLING PROGRAM

Bowling centers from around the country are giving away 2 free games of bowling each day as an opportunity for kids and families to enjoy bowling during the summer months. Go to www.kidsbowlfree.com to sign up for bowling passes.

FRESHMEN WELCOME BREAKFAST

Herron High school will be hosting a brunch on **June 13, 2009 at 11:00** for all incoming freshmen and their families to help them to get acquainted with the building and each other. We are asking the Upper-class 10th – 12th grade student and families for donations of breakfast foods, paper goods, preparation and clean-up; as well as volunteers for greeters and hostesses. Please email adjlaw@comcast.net for more information, and indicate what you would like to bring.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TALBOT STREET ART FAIR

Student and parent volunteers are needed to work at the Herron High School information table and help with recycling at the Talbot Street Art Fair on Saturday, June 13th and Sunday, June 14th. Please email lguerrettaz@herronhighschool.com to be scheduled – please include your contact information and availability.

NEW DOOR LOCKING SECURITY SYSTEM

Visitors to the school now encounter our new security system, which allows the main office to screen visitors before allowing entrance to the building, making Herron High School a more secure place for our students. Herron High School still has an “open door” policy for parents and guardians.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

All National Honor Society members must turn in their volunteer hours by the end of the year. If they do not turn in their hours, they will not be members next year. They are required to complete 10 hours of community service. Our members have volunteered at a variety of places in Indianapolis – The St. Peter and Paul Soup Kitchen, the Jubilee Center, Y-Press, and the Project School. Please encourage your students to complete their hours as soon as possible!

P.R.I.D.E. MENTORING “CORE OF IT ALL” SUMMER YOUTH WORKSHOPS

MSD Pike Township College preparation Institute partnering with P.R.I.D.E. Mentoring Program presents “Sister 2 Little Sister” and “Brother 2 Little Brother” Summer Empowerment Series Workshops. Session 1 of a three part series will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pike Freshman Center, located at 6801 Zionsville Road for ages 6th grade through entering college freshmen. The topics in session 1 are “Birds of a Feather Flock Together (True friends are hard to find),” “Look in the Mirror – Be Real! What do you really see? (A self-analysis of the issues that are blocking your growth to self-love),” and Role Models vs. Stereotypes – Are you what you see on TV? (Which one are you)”. For more information and to register, please go online at www.pride-mfc.org or you may pick a flyer/registration form up from the front office at Herron High School.

PLEASE DROP OFF LABELS FOR EDUCATION IN THE MAIN OFFICE

Herron High School is now accepting Campbell’s Labels for Education and Pure Life labels. Donations can be brought to Laurie Guerrettaz in the main office.

OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE STUDENT AD IN THE YEARBOOK!

Attention Parents of Seniors: You may purchase an ad in the 2008-2009 yearbook celebrating your student. Forms were sent home with all seniors, but if you have additional questions, contact Mrs. Dorsey at kdorsey@herronhighschool.org.

YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW

Herron’s 2008-2009 Yearbook is now on sale! You will be receiving an order form with the Quarter 3 Grades mailing. This year’s 48-page *Catalogos*, themed “You Are Here,” is \$25.00, and can be purchased until May 23rd. Please make checks payable to *Herron High School* and include “Yearbook” in the memo. Additionally, you may visit our publisher’s secure online website, www.myYear.com, to purchase a book with credit card. Please contact Mrs. Dorsey at kdorsey@herronhighschool.org with any questions.

THE LAST SPEAKING VOLUMES BOOK CLUB OF THE YEAR

When: 4:10 – 5:15pm

Where: Mrs. Wilson’s classroom (Rm 016)

What: Tuesday, May 19 at 4:10pm in Rm 016 to discuss “Uglies” by Scott Westerfeld

STUDENT LUNCH AND FEE BALANCES

Please check PowerSchool for your student's lunch and fee balances. If your student's lunch account is negative, please pay the balance immediately. Students with a negative lunch balance will not be served lunch. As for textbook rental and lab fees, fees were originally due November 8, 2008. If your student has an outstanding textbook rental and lab fee balance, please pay the balance immediately. If you would like to speak with someone about either balance, or to fill out a Free/Reduced Lunch application, please contact Katie White at kwhite@herronhighschool.org or by selecting option 5 after calling 231.0010.

AP EXAM FEES DUE; ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

It is time for us to begin ordering AP Exams for our courses this year. We will be ordering an exam for every student enrolled in an AP ordering an exam for every student enrolled in an AP Course this year. The cost for the exam is \$86.00. While this seems like a lot of money, please remember that if your student scores well and his/her choice of college accepts the credit, it will be far less expensive than paying for three credit hours of college work. All students who are on Free and Reduced Lunch status will be eligible to take the exams for free. If you have any questions about your status or how this program will work, please contact Mr. Hurst, thurst@herronhighschool.org, Cindi Browning, cbrowning@herronhighschool.org, or Mr. Harris, jharris@herronhighschool.org. Herron will work with parents on payments. We would like to receive half of the payment for the exam by the end of April and the remainder by the end of May. If you have financial hardships but do not qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch Status, please contact us to discuss other possible options. Exams that are ordered but not taken will be charged \$13.00. If a student does not take the exam, his/her transcript will be designated "honors" rather than "AP."

FREE MICROSOFT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

We are proud to announce that Herron High school is now part of the Microsoft DreamSpark High School program. Our students can download a variety of Microsoft programs for free. If you wish to receive an access code, either email cbrowning@herronhighschool.com or stop by student services **after school** to receive an access code. Limit one code per student. The following downloads are currently available: MS Visual Studio 2008 professional Edition, MS CCR & DSS Toolkit 2008, MS Expression Studio 2, MS Visual Studio 2005, MS SQL Server 2008 Developer, MS Robotics Developer Studio 2008, MS Server 2003, MS SQL Server Express, Xna|Game Studio 3.0, MS Windows Server 2008 Standard, MS Visual Studio 2005 Profession Edition, VS Virtual PC, MS Visual Basic 2008 Express Edition, MS Visual C++ 2008 Express Edition, MS Visual C# Express Edition, MS Visual Web Developer 2008 Express Edition. In addition to the Microsoft programs, other free web sites are available that offer programming tools and instruction to students. If you are interested, navigate to: <http://www.alice.org/index.php>; <http://scratch.mit.edu/>.

BOARD MEETINGS

Herron High School's Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are located in the Herron library and are open to the public. The next regular meeting at Herron will be May 19th at 7:30 a.m.

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