

# **HERRON HIGH SCHOOL**



### **January 7, 2022**

Welcome back, Herron High School families!

What a joy to ring in a new year! Thank you so much for your flexibility already this semester. We appreciate your understanding as situations continue to evolve daily. This time of year brings excitement about a fresh start and an opportunity to build on the skills from this past semester. If your student has not yet found an activity or club to participate in, we highly encourage them to explore options available at Herron. There are clubs ranging from a Gamer's club to a Yoga club, from Mock Trial to Robotics, and from Audio Recording club to ASL club. Find a complete list of clubs, descriptions, and contacts here: <a href="https://www.herronhighschool.org/student-life/clubs">https://www.herronhighschool.org/student-life/clubs</a>.

First round enrollment continues to be open through January 31st. Please encourage your friends and neighbors who may be looking for a high school home to consider applying to Herron Classical Schools (Herron-Riverside and Herron High School). We are also continuing with enrollment events and info sessions, but please note that we've transitioned to all-virtual events through at least the end of January in repsonse to the rise of COVID-19 cases in Marion County. If you have any questions please reach out to Shannon Hasper (shasper@herronhighschool.org)

Within this newsletter, please pay close attention to our COVID policies, symptom checklist, and our masking policy. We ask that all students arrive to school each and every day with an appropriately fitting mask. Gaiters and bandanas will not be accepted. Students are expected to wear their masks over both nose and mouth 100% of the time while on campus. Masks may only be removed while eating or drinking. Students who fail to comply will have graduated consequences.

Thank you for all you have done to welcome me as the new leader of this fine institution this past semester. I am excited about all that this next semester has to offer and cannot wait to get started! Thank you for your continued trust in our faculty and staff to provide your students with the best education and support we can muster. Finally, thank you for always being willing to help out when the call comes. We appreciate you!

Best Wishes in the New Year, Anne Deckard, Head of School IN THIS ISSUE:

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# **Upcoming Calendar Highlights:**

Mon Jan. 17 - School Closed, MLK Day

Fri Jan. 28 - Virtual Asynchronous School Day

Tues Feb. 4 - Freshman Recognition Coffee 8:30am

Wed Feb. 16 - Early Dismissal 12:30pm - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00pm

Thurs Feb. 17 - Early Dismissal 12:30pm - Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00-5:00pm

Fri Feb. 18 to Mon Feb 21 - No School, Mid-Winter Break

Tues Feb. 22 - School Resumes 9:00am



# **Upcoming Athletics Events:**

For a complete Athletics schedule visit: www.goherronathletics.com

Sat Jan. 8 - 6:00pm Boys Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Irvington Prep (Away @ Irvington Prep)

Sat Jan. 8 - 7:30pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Irvington Prep (Away @ Irvington Prep)

Mon Jan. 10 - Girls Varsity Basketball City Tournament

Mon Jan. 10 - 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. KIPP Indy Legacy High School (Home @ Municipal Gardens)

Wed Jan. 12 - Girls Varsity Basketball City Tournament

Thurs Jan. 13 - 5:30pm Boys and Girls Varsity Swimming vs. Roncalli (Away.@ Warren Central)

Thurs Jan. 13 - 6:00pm Boys Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Heritage Christian Schools Inc (Away @ Heritage Christian)

Thurs Jan. 13 - 7:30pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Heritage Christian Schools Inc (Away @ Heritage Christian)

Fri Jan. 14 - 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Riverside High School (Away @ Riverside High)

Mon Jan. 17 - 6:30pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Indian Creek Senior High School (Away @ Indian Creek HS)

Tues Jan. 18 - 7:30pm Boys Varsity Basketball City Tournament

Tues Jan. 18 - 7:30pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Southwestern Jr./Sr. High School (Home @ Municipal Gardens)

Thurs Jan. 20 - 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. George Washington Community HS (Home @ Municipal Gardens)

Thurs Jan. 20 - 6:00pm Boys and Girls Varsity Swimming vs. Tri West (Away @ Tri West High School)

Thurs Jan. 20 - 7:30pm Boys Varsity Basketball City Tournament







### **Masks Reminder**

As we continue to work diligently to keep our scholars and faculty safe and healthy, this is a reminder that face masks are **required** for **everyone** on campus. *Please* make sure to bring your own reusable mask with you every day.



We ask that all students arrive to school each and every day with an appropriately fitting mask. Gaiters and bandanas will not be accepted. Students are expected to wear their masks over both nose and mouth 100% of the time while on campus. Masks may only be removed while eating or drinking.

### **Our COVID-19 Protocols**

Please remember that HCS has a mask mandate and that all current protocols still apply. It is important that masks fit properly for adults and students. Masks should fit snugly over the nose and mouth and under the chin, and there should be no gaps around the sides. Students should arrive to school with their own clean, properly-fitting masks each day.

Additionally, we know that being fully vaccinated is our best protection against the spread of COVID-19. All individuals 5 years of age or older are eligible to be vaccinated, and we ask that all families please take this step. Individuals 16 and older are also currently eligible for the booster shot if initial vaccines were more than six months ago. To be considered fully vaccinated, an individual must get the booster if they are eligible. You can visit www.ourshot.in.gov or call 211 to find locations and schedule your appointment.

Finally, as the country battles the COVID-19 Omicron variant, we are awaiting updated K-12 guidance from our federal, state and local health agencies. We will communicate any updates to our protocols to families and staff as soon as possible. It is essential that all individuals continue to self-screen and remain at home if experiencing any COVID or cold/flu symptoms. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nasal congestion or rhinorrhea, vomiting or diarrhea, and skin rashes.

Symptoms or test results should be reported via email to contacttracing@herronhighschool.org



### **Guest Teachers NEEDED!**

Herron Classical Schools is always on the lookout for great guest teachers. If you or someone in your community is interested in learning more about the criteria and role, please reach out to Cheri West at <a href="mailto:cwest@herronhighschool.org">cwest@herronhighschool.org</a>







#### 2021-2022 Student Fees are now Posted in PowerSchool

2021-2022 school fees have now been posted to your student's PowerSchool account. An email was sent on Nov. 25th with an attachment of the fee invoice.

#### Fee payments are due by January 31, 2022.

The easiest way to pay is to click this link: <a href="https://www.herronhighschool.org/families/payment">https://www.herronhighschool.org/families/payment</a>

For free or reduced lunch status students, while the State of Indiana covers most of the school fees, it does not cover 100%. We certainly understand that sometimes you may have difficulty paying the fees. Please know that we are happy to work with you to establish a payment plan. If you have lunch charges from prior school years, they will be billed separately this year so please look for a second email regarding past due charges.

For an itemized breakdown of student fees, click here:

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1639110677/indianapolisclassicalschoolsorg/n0ohw6zubd5t0feql1rw/HC Sfeesexplanation2021-2022.pdf

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact Mary Ann Beale at <a href="mailto:mbeale@herronhighschool.org">mbeale@herronhighschool.org</a>.

### Schoolbelles Sale Jan 16-17

Schoolbelles' next sale will be January 16-17, 2022, 20% off all school customized items (with school monogram or heat screen) and 20% off non-customized polos, pants & shorts. Retail stores will be open on Monday, January 17th so that parents can take advantage of the school-free day and have their students fitted by uniform experts if needed.







### **HCS Talent Show Auditions**

The HCS Theatre Department will be holding auditions for the first annual HCS Talent Show. Auditions will be held at Herron High School Theatre (2nd floor Russell Hall) on Tuesday, January 18 & Wednesday, January 19th from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

Show us your talent! Looking for singers, actors, dancers, musicians, poets, hip thinkers, magicians, etc. For more information, contact Jeff Owen at jeffowen@live.com

Audition posters located at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ymj723um">https://tinyurl.com/ymj723um</a>



Attention: singers, dancers, actors, reactors, musicians, technicians, magicians, lip-syncers, hip thinkers or anyone interested in something fun and different!

The HCS Theatre Department will be holding auditions for the first annual HCS Talent Show!



Prepare a song, dance, monologue, poem, magic trick – whatever your talent! Don't know what to do? Stop by anyway – we will find something for you. Maybe you're a poet and you don't even know it! So, come on by – don't fret it! You won't regret it!







### Herron Classical Schools' Board of Directors Meeting

Herron Classical Schools' Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of alternating months. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:30AM. The location is to be determined, but will likely be held virtually.

You can always access our Board Meeting agendas and minutes on our Herron Classical Schools website at: <a href="https://www.herronclassical.org/our-people/board-of-directors">www.herronclassical.org/our-people/board-of-directors</a>

### 2022-23 Scheduling Information

It is time to begin considering your course selections for the 2022-2023 school year. This is a very important process, as many things will be impacted by the choices you make. The courses you will take will help determine how well-prepared you will be for the many opportunities during and after high school. We ask that you take time to consult with your parents/guardians, teachers, friends, and counselor as you make these important choices. Your course selections impact the school's master schedule, so make sure you have thought through your choices and are committed to your selections.

The specific Herron Classical Schools graduation requirements for the diploma options have been printed and distributed to students and sent home via email to parents/guardians. They can also be found on the Advising page. It is your responsibility to make sure you understand these requirements and earn the appropriate grades to achieve your desired diploma. Please be sure to ask your school counselor if you have questions regarding this information.

We will host two Scheduling Information Nights via Zoom. Please join us to learn about graduation requirements, course offerings, and the scheduling process:

Thursday, January 13th, 6:00 PM Thursday, January 20th, 6:00 PM

After making course selections, the counselors will meet with every student to review their requests, beginning January 24th. As it is our intent to include the guardian in the student's course selections, final course selections will be distributed in late April/early May for the student's and guardian's final review and approval. If the student and guardian would like to make changes these must be communicated prior to May 20th. Good luck with your course selections!

Shelby Briggs
Director of Counseling
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### Enrollment is OPEN for the 2022-23 School Year

Visit: www.herronhighschool.org/enrollment to learn more.

Applications to Herron High School are managed by Enroll Indy (<a href="www.enrollindy.org">www.enrollindy.org</a>), Indianapolis' unified enrollment system. To apply, list Herron High School as your first choice on the application. We can't wait to get to know you!

Questions? Contact Shannon Hasper, Director of Enrollment: <a href="mailto:shasper@herronhighschool.org">shasper@herronhighschool.org</a>

### 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest

The 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest is now open! Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in this contest.

Students are being asked to write their essays based on the following quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiples hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction."

More specific contest information can be found on the Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest website, <a href="https://iasp.org/students/mlk-jr-essay/">https://iasp.org/students/mlk-jr-essay/</a>

The online submission deadline is February 28, 2022.









#### SO MUCH MORE THAN A SUMMER JOB:

- · Paid work experience
- · Scholarship opportunities
- · Transportation provided
- · Exposure to college campuses
- · Lunches, snacks, and uniforms provided
- · Interactive training to prepare for success in college and the workforce

#### POTENTIAL TEEN EMPLOYEE REQUIREMENTS:

- · Current high schoolers
- · Preference given to applicants with at least a 2.5 GPA
- · Free and reduced price lunch eligible
- Must be able to commit to the program and miss no more than 2 days

#### **OUESTIONS?**

· Contact Sydney at swatson@teenworks.org







# **TeenWorks Applications Officially Open!**

Applications for TeenWorks 2022 Summer Program are officially open! The application will be open until Monday, February 28th. Teens can apply directly at <a href="https://teenworks.typeform.com/to/P5TwtC9G">https://teenworks.typeform.com/to/P5TwtC9G</a>







### **Box Tops for Education**

Please join our school community in earning donations by using the Box Tops app. It's an easy way to make a difference. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios, Paper Mate, Lysol products, etc.) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and they add up fast! Twice a year, our school receives a check to help pay for whatever we need - equipment, supplies or experiences the kids love!

Use the referral code POTK7HCY when you sign up and you'll get 20 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/29/2022, while supplies last!

Download the Box Tops for Education app from the App Store or Google Play or use the link below: https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral code=P0TK7HCY



# EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**LOOK FOR** THE NEW LABEL:





products throughout the store.



Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.

NOTE: Receipts are only valid for two weeks from your purchase date. Please scan right away!







## **Kroger Community Rewards**

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION WITH KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS!! Box Tops Purchases can have twice the impact if you shop at Kroger!

Just register your Kroger Card and Choose HCS as your designated donor organization.

Herron Classical Schools takes part in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Through this initiative, Kroger donates a percentage of your grocery bill to our school every time you use your Kroger Plus Card – at NO cost to you! The program will not cost you anything or affect your coupons or fuel rewards in any way. Please take a few moments today to sign up for this program

- Go to <a href="https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards">https://www.kroger.com/i/community-rewards</a>
- Click the "Link Your Shopper's Card" button on the bottom of the page
  - o If you already have an online Kroger account, sign in
  - o If you don't yet have an online Kroger account, click "Create an account"
- Once you've established or signed into your online Kroger account, search for Herron Classical Schools (formerly "Indianapolis Classical Schools") OR our Kroger organization number, MD414 in the "Find an Organization" window.
- Next, click the "Enroll" button under Herron Classical Schools, and you're enrolled!
- \*Be sure to scan your Kroger Plus Card or enter your Alt ID with every purchase A contribution will be sent to HCS quarterly, you don't have to do anything else!

If you have questions or need assistance with Box Tops or Kroger rewards, please contact Michelle Melton at <a href="mailto:mmelton@herronclassical.org">mmelton@herronclassical.org</a>

# **Donate through Amazon Smile**

Did you know that you can support Herron Classical Schools just by shopping on Amazon? With AmazonSmile a percentage of each of your purchases is automatically donated to a charity of your choice. We encourage you to use AmazonSmile and designate "Herron Classical Schools" as your charity of choice. Each purchase you make will help support our schools, at NO additional cost to you.

Check out the instructions at this link to activate AmazonSmile: https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile

We appreciate your support!







