



# HERRON HIGH SCHOOL



## February 4, 2022

Greetings, Herron Families and Students!

Hopefully you have had a chance to get out and enjoy the snow. We broke in our new snowblower and I must say, it's purchase came right in time!

We are several weeks into this new quarter and would highly encourage students to continue to monitor their academic progress in their classes. Each class, each period, and each day is an opportunity to work on improving and maintaining those grades. Just a reminder that office hours are held each and every week by every teacher. Should a student's teacher be unavailable at their normal time, students may attend office hours of any teacher in order to get help and not fall behind.

In the next coming weeks, our English Language Learners are wrapping up WIDA testing. If you have a student who qualifies for these services, please be sure to send them to school in order to complete these required assessments. SAT testing will take place on March 4th. Please stay tuned for more information from our Data and Accountability team.

Finally, for those of you wishing to plan ahead, the Junior/Senior prom has been scheduled for April 16th. We will begin selling tickets in the coming weeks and will share more information about location, expectations, and how you as parents can help out. Take care, stay warm, and enjoy the weather!

Anne Deckard, Head of School

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## Upcoming Calendar Highlights:

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

Thurs., Feb. 24 - Freshman/Sophomore Parent College Night 5:30-7:00pm

Fri., Mar. 4 - Virtual Asynchronous School Day



## Upcoming Athletics Events:

For a complete Athletics schedule visit: [www.goherronathletics.com](http://www.goherronathletics.com)

Mon., Feb. 2 7:30pm - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. George Washington Community HS (Away @ GWCHS)

Tues., Feb. 8 6:00pm - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. International School of Indiana (Home @ Municipal Gardens)

Fri., Feb. 11 6:00pm - Boys Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Indian Creek Sr HS (Away @ Indian Creek)

Fri., Feb. 11 7:30pm - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Indian Creek Sr. HS (Away @ Indian Creek)

Sat., Feb. 12 9:00am - Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Valentine's Shootout (Away @ Christel House Academy)

Wed., Feb. 16 6:00pm - Boys Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Christel House Academy (Away @ Christel House)

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## H.E.R.O. Program School Safety Program

Recently, Herron Classical Schools adopted a curriculum for teaching and training children to stay safe both in and out of school. Created by a group called Safe Kids Inc, the H.E.R.O. program teaches students to be prepared for many unsafe situations that they may encounter.

H.E.R.O., unlike some of the other school safety curricula, teaches strategies of safety and survivability to students in a non-threatening manner. H.E.R.O. is an acronym for: Hide! Escape! Run! Overpower!

Your child will learn these safe-thinking skills and empowerment strategies through age-appropriate activities, stories, classroom discussions, journaling, and student-parent discussion. Once they have been prepared in this non-threatening manner, the school will participate in school-wide drills that meet and exceed safety mandates determined by government officials.

The H.E.R.O. Program has been vetted by numerous focus groups consisting of students, teachers, school administrators, school psychologists, university faculty, law enforcement and most importantly, parents!

If you would like further information, we encourage you to visit Safe Kids Inc.'s website at [www.SafeKidsInc.com](http://www.SafeKidsInc.com) to learn more about the program. You can also download the free H.E.R.O. Companion Guide for Parents by clicking on the "Families" tab. We value the safety of our children above all else and believe the H.E.R.O. Program will create a safer learning environment for our entire school community.



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## 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. Masks may only be removed while eating or drinking.

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](http://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](mailto: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 [cwest@herronhighschool.org](mailto:cwest@herronhighschool.org).

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## National Honor Society Study Tables

NHS will be offering free tutoring after school every other Tuesday in the Lyceum. This is an opportunity for one-on-one help with homework and concepts!

The study tables dates for this semester 2 are: 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 4/12, 4/26, 5/3, and 5/17. Please contact Ms. Parker ([aparker@herronhighschool.org](mailto:aparker@herronhighschool.org)) for more information and use this link to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/NHSHHSTutoring>

## National High School Ethics Bowl Regionals Competition

The Herron High School Ethics Bowl team will be competing in the Indiana Regional Competition of the National High School Ethics Bowl this Saturday and Sunday. The Regional, sponsored by the Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University, determines who earns a spot to compete at Nationals in April (which are run by the Parr Center for Ethics at the University of North Carolina).

Last year Herron's Ethics Bowl team won the Regional (for the 5th time in 7 years). The team is hoping their experience and skills will lead them to another victory. There are three squads competing; here's to strength in numbers!

## RSVP for Real Talk: HBCU Edition

Some of your students might be considering a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) for their future, but aren't sure which one is right for them. College Board's Real Talk is excited to launch their spring season with a two-night HBCU Edition on March 2 and 3, when a variety of campus representatives and current HBCU students will share key information about the college admissions process, scholarships, student life, and more.

This Real Talk event is the perfect opportunity to hear directly from the source and gain the insight you need to help your students and their families as they decide which of the 100+ HBCUs across the country should be added to their college lists.

Real Talk: HBCU Edition

Wednesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 3  
7:00pm ET

RSVIP at the link here:

[https://globalmeet.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1523152&tp\\_key=34b6cc8ac2&SFMC\\_cid=EM664181-&rid=293808035&SFMC\\_cid=EM666528-&rid=29384873](https://globalmeet.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1523152&tp_key=34b6cc8ac2&SFMC_cid=EM664181-&rid=293808035&SFMC_cid=EM666528-&rid=29384873)



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Featured above from left to right: Noah Keenan, Richard Morris, Sophia Madrazo (Team Captain), and Matthew Wims

## Herron Triumphs at Area Tournament

On Saturday January 22, 2022, Herron's Inaugural Quiz Bowl Team placed first against seven other teams from Central Indiana. The team won 9 out of 10 matches and scored an average of 356.67 points per match. Herron's team has qualified for both the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) State Tournament and the National Association for Quiz Bowl Tournament, hosted in Atlanta this May.

Coach Ellen Rispoli remarked, "What's incredible about this team is that they get nearly every question right in practice, but they'd never competed against other teams before. They've never even played with a buzzer system until the day of competition." Madrazo and Wims had both competed on middle school teams and were passionate about the opportunity to compete at the senior level. Newcomers Keenan and Morris also demonstrated prowess earning a special 15-point qualification on the trivia questions.

As Herron's Quiz Bowl Team prepares for the State Quiz Bowl Tournament hosted by Purdue University on March 5th we would love for anyone who is able to write a list of 3 to 10 fun facts you know for us to study. These facts can be about anything! Please send your lists to [erispoli@herronhighschool.org](mailto:erispoli@herronhighschool.org) or [amcginn@herronhighschool.org](mailto:amcginn@herronhighschool.org). We look forward to learning from you and highlighting the exceptional talent of Herron's scholars on the IASP stage.

## 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: [www.herronclassical.org/our-people/board-of-directors](http://www.herronclassical.org/our-people/board-of-directors)

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## Save the Date for Movie Night!

Herron Classical Schools Second Annual Movie Night will be held on Friday May 13, 2022 at Tibbs Drive-In. Our inaugural event in 2021 was a huge success, and we expect even more fun this year! Movie Night provides a fun, family-oriented and socially-distanced outing for attendees of all ages.

The HCS Advancement Team is currently looking for planning committee volunteers as well as sponsors for our event and items for our online auction. If you would like to help us plan movie night, have a donation for our auction or might be interested in sponsoring the event, please email Michelle Melton.

HCS is looking for parents/guardians to join our 2022 Movie Night Planning Committee. For the most part, our meetings will be held via Zoom, in the early evenings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17 at 6:00pm.

Please email Michelle Melton at [mmelton@herronclassical.org](mailto:mmelton@herronclassical.org) to join, or with any questions. We hope to see your smiling faces!!

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## 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 should 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 multiplies 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, <https://iasp.org/students/mlk-jr-essay/>

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

### QUESTIONS?

- Contact Sydney at [swatson@teenworks.org](mailto:swatson@teenworks.org)

SCAN ME!



## 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 <https://teenworks.typeform.com/to/P5TwtC9G>

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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 P0TK7HCY 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:

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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

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- 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 [mmelton@herronclassical.org](mailto:mmelton@herronclassical.org)

## 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.

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