



HERRON-RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



January 7, 2022

Dear Herron-Riverside Families,

Happy New Year, and welcome to the second semester! A virtual start is not what we were hoping for, but I am again grateful for your flexibility and the resilience of our faculty and students. As we move through another challenging season of significant community spread of Covid-19, please know that we are doing all we can to support the health of our community while still maintaining in-person learning, and we need your help. We can all do our part to keep in-person learning a priority by monitoring carefully for symptoms, isolating and testing if experiencing any, masking appropriately whenever in public, avoiding large gatherings, social distancing, and getting vaccinated to protect ourselves and others. We will continue to provide any updates on the impact of Covid-19 cases on staffing and instruction just as soon as we possibly can. Please always reach out with questions!

As we move through January, we are also nearing the end of round one of Open Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year on January 31! Like many things, Covid-19 has impacted our ability to offer our regular in-person recruitment and Open House events where we can really showcase all that Riverside has to offer. If you know families of current 8th - 11th graders who are interested in our great school for next year, please connect them with Jennene Young, our Director of Enrollment at jyoung@riversidehighschool.org or 317-231-0010 ext. 16106. Riverside is still very much a "best kept secret" in Indianapolis, and we want to get the word out to families that if they enroll in round one, they can claim their spot for next year!

Lastly, your student has received information about scheduling their courses for next year, and you will continue to receive information about how to help your student make the best selections. We are so lucky to have an AMAZING counseling staff, and we love this time of year when we can dream with students about what they want their four years of high school to look like along with their goals for what is next. Please try to attend one of the virtual Scheduling Information Nights to learn more about our course offerings, internships, dual credit partnership with Marian, support classes, Summer Academy, and more!

Be well, stay healthy, and please always reach out with questions.

Sincerely,
Katie Dorsey
Head of School, Herron-Riverside High School

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Upcoming Calendar Highlights:

Mon Jan. 17 - School Closed, MLK Day

Fri Jan. 28 - Virtual Asynchronous School Day

Tues Feb. 1 - Junior Parent College Night 5:30pm

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

Wed Feb. 16 - Early Dismissal 12:30pm - Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00-5:00pm

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.goriversideathletics.com/events

Mon Jan. 10 - 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Eman School (Home @ RHS Gym)

Tues Jan. 11 - 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Providence Cristo Rey High School (Home @ RHS Gym)

Fri Jan. 14 - 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Herron High School (Home @ RHS Gym)

Sat Jan. 15 - 12:00pm Girls Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Brebeuf Jesuit (Home @ RHS Gym)

Sat Jan. 15 - 1:30pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Brebeuf Jesuit (Home @ RHS Gym)

Mon Jan. 17 - 6:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. James and Rosemary Phalen Leadership Academy (Away @ Incrediplex)

Tues Jan. 18 - 6:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. James and Rosemary Phalen Leadership Academy (Home @ RHS Gym)

Fri Jan. 21 - 6:30pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. International School of Indiana (Away @ International School)

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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@herronriverside.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 Naomi D'Andrea at ndandrea@herronclassical.org

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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: <https://www.herronriverside.org/families/payment>

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/indianapolisclassicalschooolsorg/n0ohw6zubd5t0feql1rw/HCSfeesexplanation2021-2022.pdf>

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact Mary Ann Beale at mbeale@herronhighschool.org.

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.

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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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HCS Talent Show Auditions

The HCS Theatre Department will be holding auditions for the first annual HCS Talent Show. Herron-Riverside High School auditions will be held on Thursday, January 20th and Friday, January 21st from 4:30pm to 6:00pm in the cafeteria.

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



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

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Auditions

January 20 & 21
4:30 to 6pm
Herron-Riverside High School
Cafeteria

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!

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Stitches Club Donations

Herron-Riverside High School Stitches Club is seeking crochet hooks and knitting needles to use for our club. If anyone has these items, or knows people who have these items and are willing to donate them to our club, please send them to school, C/O Chasten Bear. The club is expected to have high demand this year and so supplies are critical!

Is your scholar interested in joining Stitches club? Stitches Club is a place to learn to knit or crochet, or to show off your talent. Find out just how relaxing it can be to yarn, and how cool it is to complete a project that you can keep or give to friends and family! As we learn and progress, we will also do service projects where we will make hats, scarves, etc. for people in need. Stitches Club meets Thursdays 4-5pm in Room 205, contact Mr. Bear (cbear@herronriverside.org), Mrs. Martin (jmartin@herronriverside.org), or Dr. Cruz (lcruz@herronriverside.org) with any questions.



2021-22 Yearbook

Yearbooks are the cheapest they will be right now, so don't forget to pre-order yearbooks! As a reminder, there will be VERY FEW extra yearbooks at the end of the year, so to ensure your scholar receives one you will need to pre-order.

Use the following link to easily order online and if asked for a school code it is 17339 (or search for Riverside High School Indianapolis):

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/?event=general.displayLanding&jobnumber=17339>

Seniors! We are quickly approaching the end of the first semester of your last year of high school! The Yearbook staff needs your senior pictures and quotes ASAP! Not only does the senior class get a special section with their own choice of portrait, but also a quote for which they want to be remembered. This can be something the student was known for saying or something meaningful they want to commemorate.

EVERY Senior needs to fill this out: <https://forms.gle/waB6NumUcrBpHWML8>

Not enough? The yearbook staff is also selling additional space for parents or guardians to purchase to celebrate the scholar's achievements and wish them the best in their next endeavor. Full page, half page, or quarter page spaces can be purchased to include pictures and a special message from loved ones to recognize their hard work. Click on the following link for more info on how to order:

<https://forms.gle/ff2AvqtXBpC62t4V7>

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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

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 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.

McKinney-Vento Information Required

Each year, we must ask families a question regarding their student's living arrangement, according to the McKinney-Vento Act. Please fill out this one question along with a parent and student name. Many of you may have filled this out on your registration form. However, we need to collect the information for the State through this form. <https://tinyurl.com/hsvento>

Enrollment is OPEN for the 2022-23 School Year

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

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

Questions? Contact Jennene Young, Director of Enrollment: jyoung@herronriverside.org

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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 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:

https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=P0TK7HCY



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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 <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>
- 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 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.

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!



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