



HERRON-RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



February 4, 2022

Greetings, families!

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 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.

Sincerely,
HCS Leadership

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Upcoming Calendar Highlights:

Fri., Feb. 11 - 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

Tues., Mar. 1 - 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.goriversideathletics.com/events

Fri., Feb. 4 6:00pm - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. KIPP Indy Legacy High School (Home @ RHS Gym)

Tues., Feb. 8 6:00pm - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Indiana Christian Academy (Home @ RHS Gym)

Fri., Feb. 11 6:00pm - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Irvington Preparatory Academy (Away @ Irvington Prep)

Tues., Feb. 15 6:00pm - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Indianapolis Metropolitan High School (Away @ Indy Metro HS)

Fri., Feb. 18 7:30pm - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Eminence Jr./Sr. High School (Home @ RHS Gym)

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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 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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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

RSVP 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



National Honor Society Canned Food Drive

National Honor Society is helping stock Riverside's Community Food Boxes that will be placed outside our school to help serve our community. Please consider donating a non-perishable food item to help! Food can be brought to Mrs. Beachum's room (215) throughout the month of February

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Sale on Riverside Uniform Items at Schoolbelles

We are closing out all of in-stock Riverside HS garments to make way for the new monogram, so everything with the previous Riverside monogram in the Indianapolis Schoolbelles store (6315 North Keystone Ave) is 20% off.

Keep in mind that ALL uniform items with our previous "R" Riverside logo will continue to be allowed even while the new logo is rolled out. This will be the case for years to come, so don't hesitate to take advantage of this sale!

Riverside Park Renovations: Community Meeting

Since the end of 2019, Indy Parks has been developing the concept for an adventure park at the former Riverside Golf Course. The site's varied natural conditions provide opportunities for a wide variety of activities across its 200 acres.

In February 2021, Mayor Joe Hogsett announced \$45 million in funding to Indy Parks facilities through the first phase of the Circle City Forward initiative. The money is being used to pay for improvements to Frederick Douglass Park, Grassy Creek Park, Krannert Park, and Riverside Park. The \$11 million investment at Riverside Park will be used to implement parts of the Riverside Promenade and a first phase of improvements at the Riverside Adventure Park including enhancing connectivity across the park, entry plazas, outdoor fitness trail, expanded parking facilities, nature playground, and shelters for picnicking and gathering with family and friends.

Over the next few months, the Design Development Phase will develop documents that will be used for the construction of first phase improvements. The project team will host an open house in March to share information about exciting improvements coming in 2023 and get your feedback.

Interested in attending? RSVP Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/riverside-adventure-park-open-house-tickets-249462849097>

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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 to join, or with any questions. We hope to see your smiling faces!!

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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 has 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

Don't forget to pre-order yearbooks! The current cost is the lowest it will be. Prices *will* increase, and we have very few at the end of the year, so it's important to pre-order now. 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/jobSearch/displayHome>

Seniors! We are quickly approaching the end of the first semester of your last year of high school! The senior class gets a special section with their own choice of portrait, so when you get your portrait or even a nice selfie, please email Mr. Lawson (alawson@riversidehighschool.org).

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 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



TeenWorks Applications are 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:

https://btfe.smart.link/c2jdidfkw?referral_code=P0TK7HCY



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Double your Donations with Kroger Community Rewards

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>

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