



HERRON CLASSICAL SCHOOLS



Dear Herron Classical Schools Families,

I want to address a few timely issues that have been percolating in our city and state. Following up from my communication in December regarding the Indianapolis Public School's referendum-sharing plan, on Saturday, January 28, the IPS board had intended to hold a vote on moving forward with their operating referendum on the May ballot. Late on Friday, January 27th, IPS communicated a revised plan for sharing funds with Innovation Charter school leaders in hopes of garnering support in advance of their board meeting the following morning. While it appeared to move toward greater equity, many questions remained with no time to discuss them.

Also on Friday, the Indy Chamber released a statement opposing the operating referendum in its current form. The statement urged IPS and its Board of Commissioners to delay further action on their proposal until a plan can be developed that adequately addresses business and community concerns. Following the Chamber's statement, the operating referendum was pulled from the IPS Board of Commissioners retreat agenda. IPS continues to work on a viable plan that will garner public support on the November ballot.

Additionally, the critical issue of equal funding for charter schools is being addressed in this year's legislative session. On average statewide, there is a \$3,851 per student differential in funding for a traditional public school versus a public charter school. In the IPS district, where the largest number of public charter school students are located, the difference is approximately \$7,000 per student.

Currently, local property tax dollars pay for construction and maintenance of facilities, school building debt, utilities and student transportation for traditional public school districts only. For public charter schools like Herron Classical Schools, this facility funding must come out of the general operating funding. Families that pay local property taxes to support local schools deserve fair funding for their children, no matter if they choose a traditional public school or a public charter school.

We are so proud of Herron Classical Schools' history of academic excellence. We want to continue our ability to give our students an exemplary educational experience. This is why I am asking the Herron Classical community to show your support for equitable funding by signing the below petition created by Indiana Student Funding Alliance.

It's vital to let our state legislators know you support fair and equitable funding for all public school students in Indiana!

English petition: <https://indianastudentfundingalliance.org/petition/>

Spanish petition: <https://indianastudentfundingalliance.org/petition/es/>

Respectfully yours,

Janet H. McNeal
President, Herron Classical Schools

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Upcoming Calendar Highlights

Wed., Feb. 15	High Schools: Early Dismissal at 12:30pm High Schools: 3:00-7:00pm Parent Teacher Conferences
Thurs., Feb. 16	High Schools: Early Dismissal at 12:30pm High Schools: 3:00-7:00pm Parent Teacher Conferences
Fri., Feb. 17 - Mon., Feb. 20	NO SCHOOL, Mid-Winter Break
Mon., Feb. 20	SCHOOL CLOSED, President's Day
Tues., Feb. 21	HPA: School Resumes 8:00am High Schools: School Resumes 9:00am
Thurs., Feb. 23	5:30pm HHS Freshman/Sophomore Parent College Night
Tues., Feb. 28	5:30pm HRHS Freshman/Sophomore Parent College Night
Wed., Mar. 1	High Schools: SAT for 11th Graders
Fri., Mar. 17	High Schools: Friday School (Students off campus except those required for support)
Mon., Mar. 20	High Schools: Benchmark Exams A1 and A2
Tues., Mar. 21	High Schools: Benchmark Exams B1 and B2
Wed., Mar. 22	High Schools: Benchmark Exams A3 and A4
Thurs., Mar. 23	High Schools: Benchmark Exams B3 and B4
Fri., Mar. 24 to Sun., Apr. 2	SCHOOL CLOSED, Spring Break
Mon., Apr. 3	HPA: School Resumes 8:00am High Schools: School Resumes 9:00am

You can access calendars for the entire 2022-23 school year on our websites:

HPA: <https://www.herronprep.org/calendar>

HHS: <https://www.herronhighschool.org/calendar>

HRHS: <https://www.herronriverside.org/calendar>

Calendars for the 2023-24 school year will be released soon.

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Student Fees + Early Payment Discount

As a reminder, 2022-23 student fees have been assessed and were sent to you via email in December 2022. As an added bonus, **you will receive a \$25 discount on the Supply Fee if you submit your payment by February 15, 2023.**

You may pay student fees online here: <https://payments.efundsfor schools.com/v3/districts/56739/>

OR by visiting your school's website; school fees and the payment portal are located under Families > Payment.

HHS: <https://www.herronhighschool.org/families/payment>

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

HPA: <https://www.herronprep.org/families/payment>

You can also find a breakdown of all student fees on our websites (linked above).

Questions? Please reference our student fees breakdown online first, then contact Michelle Krauter via email: mkrauter@herronclassical.org.

High School Counseling Information

It is time to begin considering course selections for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a very important process, as many things will be impacted by the choices your student makes. Course selection determines how well-prepared your student will be for the opportunities in and after high school. We ask students to consult their parents/guardians, teachers, and counselors in making these important choices. Your course selections impact the school's master schedule, so make sure your student is committed to their selections.

The specific Herron Classical Schools graduation requirements for the diploma options are listed at the link below. It is your student's responsibility to make sure they understand these requirements and earn the appropriate grades to achieve their desired diploma. Please be sure to ask your student's school counselor if you have questions regarding this information.

After making course selections, the counselors will meet with every student to review their requests, beginning January 23rd. 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 19th.

Shelby Briggs
Director of Counseling
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2023-24 Course Offerings:

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1673552099/indianapolisclassicalschooolsorg/jtp7twxwoayut44bspop/HCS_CourseOfferings23-24.pdf

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HERRON HIGH SCHOOL



HHS Athletics Girls Swim Team

Congratulations to the girls swim team for their excellent performance at sectionals this week! Marta Sinsabaugh took 1st place in the 50 yard and 100 yard freestyle. The team advances to the finals this weekend at Ben Davis High School. Come support your fellow Achaeans!



We'd love to see you in the stands at any of our upcoming athletics events. You can access our athletics schedule online anytime at:
<https://websites.eventlink.com/s/achaeathletics.org>

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HHS Yearbook

Herron's yearbook is on sale now at www.yearbookordercenter.com for \$45. Use code: 18576 to purchase!

Senior photos and quotes are due February 18. Send them to HHSeditors@gmail.com.

Also, if you have athletic photos from this year or last spring, email them to hhsyearbookathletics@gmail.com.

Self Defense Seminar

Geneva Heck and Krufit Gym have rescheduled their self-defense seminar for February 28 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at the Harrison Center Gym. The seminar cost is \$15 (\$10 off the original price). Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/4wf8wuyb>.

Learn life-saving self-defense skills that you will carry with you for the rest of your life. Email geneva.heck@herronclassical.org with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Herron High School Quiz Bowl Team

Herron High School's Quiz Bowl team ranked fourth at Purdue University's 7th annual "Boilermaker Buzzathon" on January 14. They won third place at the Indianapolis area competition in Greenwood on January 21 and will be advancing to the state tournament on February 18. The team already qualified for two National tournaments in Atlanta in May and in Chicago in June. This is a great year for the Achaeans!

Herron High School Prom: Save the Date!

HHS's prom will be held on April 15th from 7-10pm. Juniors and Seniors may purchase tickets in advance to attend, including a Non-Herron guest.

The prom will be hosted at the 1899 Venue at Central State Village. More information, including ticket sales and price, will be released later in the semester.

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HERRON-RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



Science in Action

Check out Ms. Gardner's science class learning about polarity in their science lab! They learned why styrofoam is great for holding beverages, but interestingly is not considered biodegradable.

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HRHS Athletics

Our winter seasons are underway now (basketball, cheer, and more!), and we'd love to see you at a game soon. You can access our athletics schedule online anytime at:

<https://argonautathletics.org>



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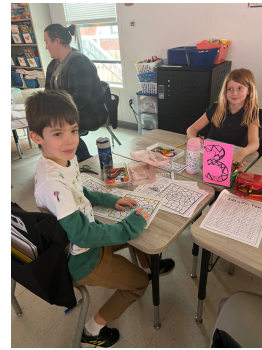
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HERRON PREPARATORY ACADEMY



100 Days of School

Our scholars celebrated the 100th day of school with a variety of STEM, reading, writing and math stations! HUGE thank you to our parent volunteers and our high school intern, Avery, for helping out. It was a blast!



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Extra Uniform Items

If you have any extra or outgrown uniform items, please consider donating them to HPA. We keep extras on hand in case of accidents. If you would like to keep an extra uniform in your child's backpack in a separate bag with their name on it, we would greatly appreciate it in the case of an accident.

Herron Prep Parent Group on Facebook

Please join our Herron Prep Parent Group on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/266738471621590/?ref=share>



Dine to Donate

You can support HPA's Parent Support Team (PST) and eat well at the same time!

Please read more on this informational flier about the opportunity to have 20% of proceeds donated to HPA's PST when you order from ClusterTruck February 22-26.



The flier features the Herron Classical Schools logo (a circular emblem with a large 'H' and the text 'HERRON CLASSICAL SCHOOLS') and the ClusterTruck logo (a truck with wings and the text 'CLUSTERTRUCK'). It promotes a 'DINE-TO-DONATE' event sponsored by ClusterTruck. The text on the flier includes: 'DINE-TO-DONATE sponsored by', 'Order ClusterTruck and enter promo code at checkout', 'HERRON-23', 'February 22-26', '20% of proceeds will be donated to:', 'Herron Prep Parent Support Team', and 'Order online at CLUSTERTRUCK.COM or in our app'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. A photograph of several tacos on a white plate is shown on the left side of the flier.

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HCS ADVANCEMENT

Save the Date for Herron Classical Schools 3rd Drive-In Movie Night: Friday, May 12, 2023.

More info to come!



Shopping for Good

As always, we encourage you to make HCS your recipient when you Shop For Good via Kroger, Boxtops for Education and Walmart.

<https://www.herronclassical.org/give>



Don't forget to check with your employer to see if they have a matching program for employees/retirees that could multiply your gift to HCS. Did you also know that some employers allow your volunteer hours to be converted to charitable gifts?

Thank you for all you do to support Herron Classical Schools!

DONATE NOW