

August 25, 2023

Dear HPA families,

Thanks for another week of learning at HPA!

Next Thursday, we welcome you all back for our Meet the Teacher Night. As you're around, we invite you to notice the paintings hanging throughout the building. Believe it or not, they were all created by Herron Classical Schools students!

Each year, Herron's students in Advanced Painting complete an "icon" as their capstone project. The resulting artwork becomes part of Herron's collection, and several of these paintings hang in the halls of Herron High School and Herron-Riverside High School. As a nod to where our HPA Owls are headed, icon paintings were selected for their connection to one of three themes: Leadership and Service (1st floor of HPA), Commitment to Community (2nd floor of HPA), or Timeless Ideas (3rd floor of HPA). Feel free to notice and enjoy as you return in the coming week.

Please see important information below.

iReady Beginning-of-Year Testing Starts Monday, 8/28

HPA starts our beginning-of-year assessments on Monday using iReady. Results provide valuable insights into individual scholar strengths and areas that may need support. Reports are expected to be sent home in the next two weeks once testing is completed for all scholars.

Scholar Headphones

Please ensure your scholar has headphones that can be left at school starting Monday. Scholars will need these headphones for iReady assessments. HPA maintains a small supply of headphones in the event a scholar doesn't have them or they are not functioning.

School Pass Dismissal

Please continue to use School Pass for dismissal changes only. Although there is an arrival and attendance option, at the moment we only use School Pass for dismissal. Please continue to call the front desk (317-231-0010 ext. 13000) or email Ms. Jones (ajones@herronprep.org) for any attendance changes.

Parent "Meet the Teacher Night" on Thursday, 8/31, from 5:30 - 7:00

Please see [this informational flier](#) for this year's HPA Meet the Teacher Night & Title 1 Parent Meeting! Please note: This is an **adult-only event**. We enjoy having your scholars at HPA; however, due to the goals of the event we are asking scholars to remain at home. BRAVE after-care is offered until 6:00 PM for registered scholars.

No School on Monday, 9/4

HPA will observe Labor Day next Monday, 9/4. BRAVE will not be offering a day camp as they are also closed on Labor Day.

Fall Picture Day is Friday, 9/8

LifeTouch will be at HPA to complete photos for scholars and staff members on Friday, 9/8! Scholars may wear school uniforms or dress to impress (e.g., button down shirts, dresses) for the day. Dress down clothes (e.g., tee-shirts, jeans) are not permitted. Scholars wearing dress down items will be provided school uniform items to wear for the day.

HPA Family Drawing for Ribbon Cutting Event on Wednesday, 9/13

We will commemorate the opening of our current school building on Wednesday, 9/13, with a community-wide event. Due to the number of expected attendees, we have a limited number of seats reserved for our HPA families and their scholars. **Submit [this form](#) by Sunday, 9/3**, to be entered into a drawing for you and your scholar(s) to attend. Preference in the drawing will be given to HPA founding families.

IndyPL InfoZone Update & Library Card Forms

We are excited to share about the opportunities we have to regularly visit IndyPL's InfoZone located inside The Children's Museum. In addition to scheduling recurring classroom visits, the InfoZone is piloting a reading incentive program with selected HPA classrooms this semester, and they are considering offering an after-school club for our scholars later this fall.

This week, your scholars may have come home with a library card sign-up form. You can complete the form and return it to the InfoZone staff at HPA's Meet the Teacher Night (8/31) to receive a free book from IndyPL! InfoZone staff will also have additional forms on hand that evening, and you can always return them to your scholar's teacher. Stay tuned for more information about opportunities our scholars will have with the InfoZone.

Updates on HPA Working Alongside The Children's Museum

In the midst of the new school year, HPA and TCM's leadership have coordinated for the following developments. Stay tuned as we further engage with each other.

- HPA has a TCM School Membership, which allows our staff flexibility to schedule multiple trips over the course of the year.
- HPA is one of two schools in the city to have an alternate method for scheduling classroom visits, allowing us to partner for shorter, more frequent experiences.
- Last week, HPA & TCM's leadership determined the designated walking path from the school to TCM, and our 3rd-5th grade participating scholars started their journey in TCM's After-School Explorers program.
- TCM's Program Team members are presenting to our staff in early September for opportunities and processes to visit.

23-24 PST Family Contact List

The Parent Support Team (PST) is creating an HPA Contact Sheet for Herron Prep families. This contact form is maintained by the PST, not HPA, and will only be used for school purposes, including: setting up playdates, coordinating events with other families, and other similar activities. If you are interested in other HPA families having your contact information, please complete this [Google Form](#). Only those that include their information will receive a copy of the contact form. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Maddie Waters at (317) 416-8293 or via email at maddie.clare.waters@gmail.com. Let the playdates and meetups begin!

Health Information Forms Reminder

Please return completed health forms if you haven't already. These forms are needed in order for Nurse Monica to provide treatment or medication to your scholar. They also inform her about allergies and other medical conditions.

Weekly COVID Update

To keep you informed of the number of COVID cases reported at school, each HCS school is providing a weekly report to our family community. Please see [here](#) the number of positive COVID cases reported this week at HPA.