

**September 8, 2023**

Dear HPA families,

This week marked an important annual school milestone: Picture Day! Scholars had the opportunity to “dress to impress” for their photos, and they showed up in ways that can only be described as impressive. Arrival was a sea of gowns, dresses, suits, and sports jackets. It was so wonderful seeing scholars elevating the level of formal attire at HPA!



Observing our scholars at arrival and throughout the day was a reminder that when we give our scholars chances to excel, they deliver. When we say, “You can do more,” they do. That idea transcends just what they wear. When we have high expectations for our scholars and hold to them, scholars meet them.

We are moving from the first few weeks of setting expectations into the weeks that follow, where we reiterate and hold scholars to them. Our expectations are grounded in the 12 [HPA Habits](#). As we move from introducing our scholars to our habits to expecting them to consistently enact them, your partnership is essential. We invite you to take a moment to review our [HPA Habits](#) and chat with your child about what it can look and sound like to demonstrate them. Teachers will continue referencing habits and what they look and sound like in the classrooms, hallways, stairwells, cafeteria, etc. Chatting with your child about our Habits both at school and at home encourages them to mindfully build disciplined minds that will impress, no matter where they are or what they’re doing. Please see important information below.



#### **Concrete During Arrival on Monday, 9/11**

We are expecting a second delivery of concrete on Monday morning that may happen during arrival. Mr. Manship will be out helping direct any foot or car traffic impacted by the delivery. Please be extra vigilant as there may be additional activity on Monday.

#### **Tornado Drill Scheduled for Tuesday, 9/12**

Please note this month’s safety drill will be a tornado drill on Tuesday. During the drill, teachers will pause instruction and move scholars to our designated shelter location in our lower-level cafeteria.

#### **iReady Results Sent Home by Friday, 9/15**

Individual student iReady reports will be coming home soon, if they haven’t already. These reports will give you an indication of your child’s current performance in reading and math as well as goals for expected academic growth this year. Please take a moment to review the report to understand your child’s strengths and areas of growth to start the year.

#### **Dyslexia Screener & Diagnostic Assessments Start 9/11**

IDOE requires scholars in grades K, 1, & 2 be screened for dyslexia each year. Please [click here](#) to read an important notification about HPA’s dyslexia screener and diagnostic assessment. We will begin these assessments next week.

### **PST Harvest Mum Buddies Sale through 9/18**

The profit from our Fall Mum Sale benefits the Parent Support Team (PST), which supports our teachers and scholars each year.

**Sales can be done via cash/check or online. To get your scholar's unique URL:**

1. Please visit [www.fundraiseit.org](http://www.fundraiseit.org)
2. Click the green "Online Shopping" button.
3. Enter the following information: Your child's entire (LAST NAME), Part of (FIRST NAME), and Part of Group Name (HERRON PREP)
4. Share your link and begin selling!

**Order forms and money due to school:** Monday, 9/18

**Mum Pickup:** Friday, 9/29 at HPA from 3:45-6pm.

### **Parent Support Team (PST) Trivia Night! is Monday, 9/25**

Join us for the first PST fundraiser of the school year at Centerpoint Brewing Company. There will be a food truck on site and you can BYOF, too. Thank you so much to HPA parent Ryan McDuffee for donating the trivia to us. Sign up [here!](#)

### **Lunches Next Week**

One of our kitchen ovens is awaiting repairs, and we anticipate it back up and running next week. In the meantime, lunch menus may change slightly from the published menu.

### **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.