

September 16, 2023

Dear HPA families,

Wednesday was a beautiful morning for a beautiful celebration! Several of our staff, families, scholars, and community partners joined together as Herron Classical Schools dedicated our current building, which will serve as one of two halls when HPA's construction is complete, to John Watson. Mr. Watson has served as a strong advocate and partner for Herron Classical Schools for many years. We were also honored by a speech by Diarra Davis, a former Herron High School graduate and current mother of an HPA scholar. Her story detailing the power of the experiences she had and the excellent education she received while at Herron High School was inspiring. In her final year at Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Ms. Davis is already showing us what we mean when we cite our mission's phrase of "future lives of leadership and service." We are so grateful to have supporters like Mr. Watson and Ms. Davis. We are similarly grateful for the daily partnership we have with you, our families, as we are in the early years of those future lives we so often think of.



Appreciatively,  
HPA Leadership Team

Please find important updates below.

#### **Mid Quarter 1 Progress Reports**

Friday marked the middle of Quarter 1! Next week, you will receive progress reports for your scholars via email. These reports will be password protected with your scholar's birthday. If you have any questions or concerns after you receive these reports, please contact your scholar's teacher.

#### **Final Call: PST Harvest Mum Buddies Sale Ends Monday, 9/18**

If you took any orders with the physical order forms, **order forms and money are also due to school this Monday, 9/18**. Mark your calendars for **mum pickup on Friday, 9/29, at HPA from 3:45-6:00 PM** (details to follow). As a reminder, families are responsible for picking up all mums purchased through their scholars and distributing them. Due to our inability to store the mums, if you are unable to pick up your mums during the pick-up time, they will be donated to community organizations. Thanks for your support on our fall fundraiser!

#### **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!](#)

#### **HPA Technology Agreement**

With beginning-of-year testing complete, your scholar will start having regular classroom access to iPads. iPads stay at school and are not issued for scholars' use at home. Please review and complete an [HCS/HPA Technology Agreement Form](#) for each of your scholars.

A large, light gray watermark of the Harker Classical Schools logo is centered on the page. The logo is circular, featuring a large Greek letter alpha (Α) in the center. To the left of the alpha are the letters 'E S' stacked above 'T D'. To the right are the numbers '2 0' stacked above '0 6'. The words 'HARKER' and 'CLASSICAL' are written in a semi-circle at the top, and 'SCHOOLS' is written in a semi-circle at the bottom. The entire logo is surrounded by decorative scrollwork.

### **Family-Teacher Conference Sign-Ups Coming Soon!**

Fall family-teacher conferences are scheduled for Friday, 10/20. Over the next two weeks, classroom teachers will be sending out sign-up forms for conference times. All teachers will share sign-up invitations by Friday, 9/29, and may send them out ahead of that deadline. Please keep your eye out for teacher communication any time before 9/29.

### **Fall *Curious About Classical* Parent Info Sessions**

What is involved with a classical, liberal arts education? How is classical education different from other school models? What does HPA do (and plan to do) that is classical? If you have questions like these, you're likely not alone. To help answer them, HPA is excited to be planning a *Curious About Classical* parent event in late October/early November. Be on the lookout for more details in the coming weeks, and we invite you to join us to learn more about our commitment to classical education.

### **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.