

December 1, 2023

Dear HPA families,

We hope you had a delightful holiday week and are glad to be back with your children! Only two-and-a-half weeks remain in the semester before Winter Break starts, and they are full of activities both at school and around our community. Please read on for more details.

Winter Showcase & Festival on Thursday, 12/14

We are thrilled to have our winter showcase on **Thursday, 12/14, from 8:05 - 10:55 AM**. During this time:

- Scholars will showcase their learning from their strings and dance related studies classes. Scholars' culminating projects will be on display from visual arts and classical studies.
- **Family members are invited to join via the open-house format**, coming and going as you please.
- See [this informational flier](#) for scheduled performances and RSVP info.

In the afternoon, scholars—with the generous support of our PST and HPA families—will celebrate the close of the quarter by participating in a series of seasonal activities, either at HPA or The Children's Museum. Please reach out to your scholar's teacher or Cari Roush at croush@herronprep.org if you are interested in volunteering for this fun-filled afternoon.

HPA Spirit Fridays in December

Remaining Spirit Days in December are:

Friday, 12/8: Decades Day – Harken back to specific decade by wearing apparel from that time

Friday, 12/15: Sports Day – Wear your favorite sports team attire

Themed attire must be school appropriate, as determined by the school. Jeans or dress pants are appropriate bottoms for Spirit Fridays. Sweatpants or pajamas are not permitted. If scholars choose not to participate in the theme, standard uniforms are expected.

HPA Scholars Offered Discount Tickets to The Nutcracker

If you're interested in the holiday show, please [check out information](#) from Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy with discounted tickets to see the show on 12/15 - 12/17.

Winter Break

The final day of the semester is Wednesday, 12/20. Winter break begins Thursday, 12/21 ends Friday, 1/5/24.

- There is no school 12/21 - 1/5
- BRAVE is offering day camps during break. You can see more information about camps on [their website](#).

Quarter 3 Clubs

HPA is excited to expand our clubs for Quarter 3 starting in January! Clubs will be offered over 3 days each week. We are requesting that scholars only participate in 1 club per quarter.. The Google Form will automatically limit the number of responses based on the club selected. You can expect to hear from the club sponsor in December to confirm club participation and SchoolPass instructions. [Quarter 3 Club Sign Ups](#).

Holiday Assistance Programs

Check out [this list of holiday assistance programs](#) around our community. Whether you're interested in contributing to or partaking in assistance programs this year, these programs are ways to give or receive this holiday season. Please reach out to Mrs. Leonard (bleonard@herronprep.org) if you have questions about these opportunities or know of others that may benefit our community.

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.