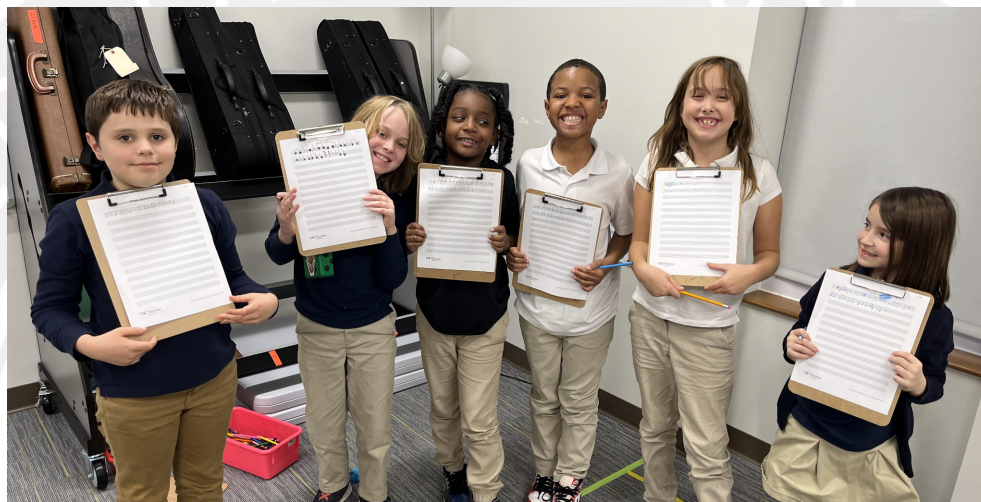


December 8, 2023

Dear HPA families,

This week in Strings class, scholars finished up music theory studies with a composition project. Scholars used the rhythms, notes, and string names they have learned so far to write an original song! Creating something original from a new knowledge base is considered a rhetoric-level task, which is the highest level of learning in the Trivium. Nice work, scholars!



SchoolBelles School Uniform Sale, 12/9 - 12/10

Families looking to refresh their uniform stock may want to take advantage of this flash sale shared with us this week by the SchoolBelles team. Please see information about the uniform sale [here](#).

Winter Showcase on Thursday, 12/14, Morning

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 Performing Arts classes. Scholars' culminating projects will be on display from Visual Arts and Classical Studies.
- Due to limited space, only performing scholars will be available during their performance times. Scholars with work on display (Classical Studies & Visual Arts classes) will be in class during the showcase.
- See [this informational flier](#) for scheduled performances and RSVP info.
- **Family members are invited to join via the open-house format**, coming and going as you please.
 - As we did with the fall showcase, we ask that guests complete our pre-screening process to ensure a timely entry process while maintaining an appropriate level of security in the building. Please provide this information by Tuesday, 12/12, via our [Google Form linked here](#).
 - Please note that all visitors must have a valid photo ID to enter the building.

Winter Festival on Thursday, 12/14, Afternoon

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 Cari Roush at croush@herronprep.org if you are interested in volunteering for this fun-filled afternoon.

Lunch Lockdown Drill on Wednesday, 12/13

December's safety drill will review how to safely lockdown during a lunch period. At that time, we will provide a 5-minute presentation to review expectations for a lockdown and show the secure locations scholars should proceed should a lockdown take place during the lunch period. In the event of a non-drill lockdown, families will be notified via SwiftK12.

HPA Spirit Fridays in December

Remaining Spirit Days in December is **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.

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](#).

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.

Riley Dance Marathon Returns Friday, 2/9

We're pleased to continue partnering with Herron High School students for this fundraiser again! Please check out this [informational flier](#) for details and registration.

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.