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Newsletter for August 20, 2021

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Dear Achaean Families,

Greetings! We had a successful start to the school year! I would like to offer a gratitude of thanks to the staff, teachers, families, and students for all of the efforts made in order to accomplish this! We have begun the busying task of learning; homework is being assigned, discussions are taking place, and art and music are being made. We are officially back in action.

Hopefully you received the communication regarding August 24 and 25. We will not be doing early release on those days, as we are working to maximize our in person instructional time. Students will have full days of school on both of those days. Additionally, our Meet the Teacher event has been changed to a virtual event. There will be no in person event for the evening of August 25. Instead, we will have videos and information available for each teacher posted on our website. More information about how to access will be distributed in the coming days. Thank you for your flexibility.

Last week, we sent out updates to our COVID-19 policy. In addition to our other protocols, we will now be enforcing a 14-day quarantine period, over the previously stated 10 day. We will also ONLY be accepting negative PCR and antigen tests from families. Home screeners will not be accepted. Both of these changes are the result of regular consultation with our community health experts and after review of both local and county metrics. Contact tracing will continue throughout this school year. Please continue to screen your student's health each day and to keep your student home if they are demonstrating any COVID-like symptoms.

In the coming weeks, we will be advertising different opportunities for your students to become involved in our larger school community. We have many clubs, sports, and groups that represent a variety of interests. I hope that your student can find at least one extra curricular to participate in as part of their Herron experience.

Finally, I would encourage each family to find time to talk together about how school is going for your student. Ask specific questions like "What was something new you learned today? Or What part of your day do you hope is better tomorrow?" By broadening the types of questions we ask our high schoolers, we are apt to get more than just a "Fine" response. As you have these conversations, please keep us abreast to any issues that you may hear creeping up consistently. We are always aiming to improve our practices. Your students offer great insight into what we are doing well and what we can do better.

Thank you for trusting us with the education of your student. Continue to reach out as concerns arise. We can do this best when we do it together.

Sincerely,
Anne Deckard
Head of School

Upcoming Calendar Highlights

AUGUST

Wednesday, Aug 25

Meet the Teacher Night-100% Virtual. No early release

SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sep 6

SCHOOL CLOSED – LABOR DAY

Thursday, Sep 16

HHS Senior Parent College Night; 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Friday, Sep 24

NO SCHOOL for students, Professional Development

Friday, Sep 24

ICS Theatre Department Fall Production: 7:00pm

Saturday, Sept 25

ICS Theatre Department Fall Production: 7:00pm

Sunday, Sept 26

ICS Theatre Department Fall Production: 2:30pm

2020-2021 Yearbook Pick-up

If you were not able to pick up your 2020-2021 yearbook in May, or you are looking to purchase a 2020-2021 yearbook, please come to the Fesler parking lot at Herron High School on Thursday, August 26 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. The cost for those wanting to purchase a 2020-2021 yearbook is \$90.00. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

ICS Theatre Department presents 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee will be presented on the 2nd floor stage at Herron High School and features scholars from both Herron High School and Riverside High School

The 25th Annual Putnam County SPELLING BEE

Cast List

Rona Lisa Peretti.....	Addison Bartley
Douglas Panch.....	Jamie Angel
Chip Tolentino.....	Lily Selivan
Logainne Schwartzandgrunier.....	Kyla Sherry
Leaf Coneybear.....	Genevieve Evans
William Barfee.....	Zion Cosby
Marcy Park.....	Faye Coy
Olive Ostrovsky.....	Nyla Thomas
Meg Mahoney.....	Natalie Sayer

Production dates and times are as follows:

Friday, September 24 at 7:00 PM
Saturday, September 25 at 7:00 PM
Sunday, September 26 at 2:30 PM
Friday, October 1 at 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 2 at 7:00 PM
Sunday, October 3 at 2:30 PM

Plot Overview: An eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming “ding” of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves!



U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association and Foundation Q&A Session

Students interested in attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), one of the five federal service academies that include West Point, Annapolis, Air Force, and Coast Guard academies are invited to attend.

Date: August 31, 2021

Time: 6pm. ET

Who: All interested students and guidance counselors

What: Virtual question and answer session with some of our outstanding Midshipmen. This will be the perfect opportunity to learn about the admissions process and what it is really like to attend USMMA.

To register for the session, please use the following link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAscOqtrTMuHtLSOJygP9rbEUj8NU4PuGh>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Federal Service Academies are not for everyone but we encourage those students looking to serve their country and accept a demanding academic schedule to apply. Like all federal service academies, there is no application fee for USMMA.

Our rigorous four-year academic program is highlighted by the Academy's Sea Year experience. Through this unique program, every student gains real-world leadership experience working aboard commercial ships sailing to ports around the world during three academic terms. Our students pursue a degree in one of five majors offered through two Academic Departments: Marine Engineering and Marine Transportation. Students receive full tuition, room and board, and books at no cost.

Graduates of the United States Merchant Marine Academy earn a Bachelor of Science degree, a U.S. Coast Guard license, and a commission in the United States Armed Forces. Our graduates have an option to work as ship's officers in the United States maritime industry or serve as commissioned officers on active duty in any branch of service.

More information about the Academy can be found [here](#).

Area Admissions Officer:

Midwest Admissions (AR, IA, IN, IL, KS, KY, MI, MO, OH, OK, TN, TX, WI, WV):

LCDR Tina Schoggers - schoggerst@usmma.edu

CLD College Prep Conference & College Fair

CLD (Center for Leadership Development) is hosting a College Prep Conference & College Fair on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 10am to 3pm. Registration is now open at cpc2021.eventbrite.com and is \$15 per student. The Fair is at the Indiana Convention Center's Sagamore Ballroom (100 S. Capitol Ave, Indianapolis, 46225). Register today!

LUNCH APPLICATION, POWERSCHOOL AND SCHOOL FEES INFORMATION

Lunch applications **do** need to be submitted each year! Through a federal program, again this year, all students will be able to eat one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day. However, school fees, P-EBT cards, bus passes and other resources are determined based on a student's lunch status. **All students will be considered full pay unless an application is submitted for this school year.**

Please read and follow the instructions in the 2021-2022 LUNCH, POWERSCHOOL, AND SCHOOL FEES INFORMATION. **[Click Here](#) Lunch Applications need to be submitted by September 22, 2021.**

Guest Teachers Needed for Herron and Riverside High Schools

We anticipate that one of our ongoing challenges will be full staffing coverage when faculty and staff have need to isolate or quarantine. If you or someone in your community is interested in becoming a Guest Teacher to help us in this season, please contact Cheri West at cwest@herronhighschool.org.

Herron Preparatory Academy is looking for Guest Teachers

Herron Preparatory Academy is looking for guest teachers for the 21-22 school year. If you are interested in serving as a guest teacher for K-2 students please email Mrs. Thomasina Colbert at tcolbert@herronprep.org

Gardening Club needs Containers

The Herron Garden was removed to make space for the new elementary school, and we are going to garden in containers for the rest of the season. Do you have suitable gardening containers that you could donate? We would like pots to be at least a foot in diameter. Contact Laura Cummings at lcummings@herronhighschool.org or Justin Holden at jholden@herronhighschool.org if you have something that you might like to donate.

Immunization requirements for 2021-22 school year

The Indiana State Department of Health requires two valid doses of hepatitis A vaccine for all grades. In addition, seniors are required to receive a booster of MCV4 (meningitis). Parents of students who are not in compliance with immunizations requirements, according to the records we have on file, will be notified by email. Records may be submitted by fax to 317-231-3759, by email to nurse@herronhighschool.org, or submitted to Student Services.

Want to fully live the classical life? Join the Herron Symphony Orchestra!

We are a for-credit honors course that meets once a week on Monday mornings before school. Please email Mrs. Benzel at mbenzel@herronhighschool.org for more information.

Updates to Uniform policy

Uniforms Herron and Riverside High School's uniform requirements are intended to promote a better learning environment and increase academic achievement by fostering school spirit, reducing socio economic differences, and most importantly, enhancing student safety. Herron and Riverside High Schools believe that students should be judged on the merits of their actions, not on the labels or expense of their clothing. To ensure a more orderly, fair society, students are expected to be in uniform at all times during the school day.

All uniforms may be purchased at Schoolbelles, 6315 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220, or online at www.schoolbelles.com with school code S2275. Pants, shorts, skirts and Herron/Riverside outerwear must be purchased from Schoolbelles. Crewnecks, belts, shoes, polo shirts, thermal layering and socks may be purchased elsewhere provided they meet the requirements listed below.

Students are not allowed to:

- Modify, embellish, or deface (including writing on) their uniform in any way
- Wear chains, spiked jewelry, jewelry that represents violence in any manner
- Wear hats or sunglasses in the school buildings

BASE UNIFORM

White or black polo

Solid-color

Collar visible above all fleeces, cardigan and sweatshirts

Buttoned up to within top two buttons

May be plain or sporting the Herron/Riverside emblem (any other logo must be smaller than 2")

May have long or short sleeves

STUDENT ID CARD and LANYARD

Must be student's own school-issued photo ID card in plastic case

Must be worn on school lanyard around the neck

Must be worn visibly on outside of all clothing at all times during the school day

May not be defaced, broken or obscured in any way. Such ID cards are treated as missing and will be replaced immediately

Students will be issued one free ID card/semester. Additional ID cards must be purchased for \$5

KHAKI CHINO TROUSERS

Must be the official Herron/Riverside High School logo pants from Schoolbelles

May not sag, be excessively loose or tight, or rolled up above the ankles

Must be intact and clean

No tears, rips, holes, or ink markings even of a decorative nature

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Parents and families will have through the end of first quarter to obtain the official Schoolbelles khaki pants. Until that point, students should still be wearing flat front, khaki colored, chino pants from any vendor.

After Quarter 1, all students should be in compliance with 100% of the uniform policy each day.

BACKED SHOES

Slide-on sandals, flip-flops and slippers are not permitted

Excessively high heels are not permitted

Pants must fit over the outside of any boots, and worn down to the ankle

OPTIONAL COMPONENTS - In addition to the base uniform, students are permitted to add the following components:

White crewneck undershirt

Solid, plain brown or black belt. May not have any decorations including but not limited to metal studs, rivets, rhinestones, tabs, etc.

Herron/Riverside fleece, cardigan, or sweatshirt: must not be defaced, colored, ripped, torn, cut-off, covered in paint or modified

Seniors only: College sweatshirts

SHORTS

Must be the official short pants from Schoolbelles with Herron/Riverside logo

May not sag, be excessively loose or tight, and must not have the length altered

Must be intact and clean No tears, rips, holes or ink markings even of a decorative nature ***IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Parents and families will have through the end of first quarter to obtain the official Schoolbelles short pants. Until that point, students should still be wearing flat front, khaki colored, chino shorts from any vendor. After Quarter 1, all

students should be in compliance with 100% of the uniform policy each day.

SKORTS

Herron red and black plaid or Riverside blue and grey skort purchased from Schoolbelles may be worn in place of khaki pants

May not be rolled up at the waist

Must be knee length

LEGGINGS, TIGHTS, HOSIERY, CALF- OR KNEE-SOCKS

Solid red, black, white, or gray leggings may be worn with skorts

May not have any patterns or designs

Must be opaque and solid

No rips, tears or holes, even of a decorative nature

Only one color at a time, both legs matching

THERMAL LAYERING

All students may wear a thermal base under their uniforms

Long-sleeve, crewneck thermal shirts are permitted under polos at all times (black or white, solid colors)

HEADWEAR

No hats or other head coverings, except in accord with religious tenets or medical need, may be worn inside the buildings

No bandanas worn in any style

Headbands are permitted provided they are not distracting

SMOCKS

Students participating in a visual art class may wear a smock or large shirt during class to protect their school uniform from paint or stains

Please note additional guidance regarding backpacks, water bottles, jean days, and spirit days in the student handbook. If families need additional resources to obtain required uniform items, they are encouraged to reach out to our main offices for assistance. Gently used items may be for sale at various points throughout the year.

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Indianapolis Classical Schools takes part in the Kroger Community Rewards Program and AmazonSmile. Through these initiatives, Kroger and Amazon will donate a percentage of your Shopping bill to our school every time you use your Kroger Plus Card or shop at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) – at NO cost to you! The programs will not cost you anything or affect your rewards in any way. Please take a few moments today to sign up for these programs:



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The Indianapolis Classical Schools (ICS) Fund

As a public charter school, Riverside High School and Herron High School receives a just a portion of the funds necessary to provide a world-class education - with an incredible faculty, dedicated one-on-one attention for every student, enrichment opportunities like field trips, extracurricular clubs & athletics, and global travel opportunities... and, it’s not enough.

We need you! With your gift, you will support our ability to attract and retain the best teachers! Your generosity also helps keep our historic campuses, not only beautiful but also functioning. Through your giving, you are ensuring tuition-free access to award-winning classical, liberal arts curriculum at ICS.

Make your gift online at <https://www.indianapolisclassicalschoools.org/give>

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Neher Sommers, Vice President and Chief Development Officer, at jsommers@indianapolisclassicalschoools.org

Weekly Reminders:

COVID-19 Screening for Families

COVID-19 Screening for Parents - Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness
https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20_Parent%20screening%209-4-20.pdf

Monitoreo del COVID-19 para padres - Por favor verifique todas las mañanas que su hijo(a) no tenga los siguientes síntomas antes de enviarlo(a) a la escuela

https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20_Parent%20screening_SPANISH_%209-29-20.pdf

COVID-19 Reporting

COVID-19 Reporting: Please email contacttracing@herronhighschool.org to report positive cases and close contacts.

Interested in Purchasing Used Uniform Items?

Herron has a uniform resale FB page. Type "Herron Uniform Resale" in the search box and click the Join Now box.

Follow Herron Prep on Social Media

To stay connected with what is happening at our newest school; follow us on these social media apps: FB - Herron Preparatory Academy @HerronPrep Instagram - @herronprep Twitter - Herron Preparatory Academy @AcademyHerron

Important: Updating Contact Information

We must always have updated contact information for parents and guardians of students so that we can quickly be in contact in the case of an emergency, illness, or other school need. If you have recently changed your contact information (home phone, cell phone, email address, physical address, etc), please email the new information to studentservices@herronhighschool.org.

Medical Information Needed

If your student is new to HHS or has had a change in their medical history, please make sure you have completed or updated all of their medical forms. Medical forms located on the link below.

<https://www.herronhighschool.org/current-families/forms-policies/student-wellness-2/>

Office 365 Available for All Students

If you need Office on your personal devices, please follow the link to sign up for the free version offered to students here and use your school email address:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/education/products/office/default.aspx?tab=schools&ms.officeurl=education&rtc=1>

This version includes:

- Web versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel, OneNote, and Outlook
- Desktop version of OneNote
- Microsoft Teams, a digital hub that integrates the conversations, content, and apps your school needs to be more collaborative and engaged
- Class and Staff notebooks
- Professional Learning Community (PLC) groups
- Self-grading quizzes with Forms
- Digital storytelling with Sway
- Inform and engage with communication sites and team sites throughout your intranet using SharePoint
- Compliance solutions with a unified eDiscovery center

Indianapolis Classical Schools' Board of Directors Meetings

Indianapolis Classical Schools' Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of alternating months except for December. The next meeting will be October 19 at 7:30am. The location is to be determined.