Dear Riverside Families,

Congratulations! Your students (and you!) have made it through the first two weeks of virtual learning! While there have been moments of frustration as we work through issues with new technology or have to sign back in to Zoom, overwhelmingly the reports have been positive from these first two weeks. I am so thankful for the hard work our teachers put in before the school year launched to increase their skillset for virtual instruction, and I am so proud of our scholars who are figuring out how to make the most of this challenging season.

To that end, today in Advisory, students discussed what meaningful engagement in virtual class looks like. While we are working hard to be back to some form of in-person school as soon as possible, the fact remains that virtual learning will at least supplement our instruction for the foreseeable future. This reality means that students can’t “wait it out” or put their learning on hold until we are back in person full time. And the consequences of doing so would be significant. We know that students who have an interruption in their educational process are in jeopardy of experiencing negative side effects such as gaps in core knowledge, decreases in grades and credit attainment, and eventually even lower scores on college entrance exams like the ACT and SAT which could impact future post-secondary plans. We cannot let that happen. We are committed to supporting our scholars in this season so that they can master the essential skills and content of their coursework and be well situated for their future endeavors. As we think about meaningful engagement in virtual learning, here is the commitment we ask for from scholars:

- **Commit to getting the most out of your learning experience.** Show up to “school” each day ready to engage.
- **Commit to having your video on throughout your classes whenever you can.**
  o We understand there are times when you can’t have your video on; in that case, you have to be even more attentive to other forms of participation.
- **Commit to volunteering to speak and to responding promptly when called upon.**
- **Commit to using the chat to both engage when prompted but also to ask questions of your teacher.**
- **Commit to using technology tools like annotation features to make the most of the virtual classroom.**
- **Commit to engaging with your classmates when teachers utilize virtual breakout room activities.**

We have identified these commitments as essential to making the most of this season, and I have seen them in action in so many virtual classrooms in the last ten days. I am thankful for the support of parents and guardians as we work to establish a virtual yet vibrant Riverside community!

Go Argonauts!

Katie Dorsey
Founding Head of School
kdorsey@riversidehighschool.org
317-231-0010 ext. 16101
**Upcoming Calendar Highlights**

**August**
Monday, 31 7:00 PM  
Family Support Team Kick-Off Zoom Meeting

**September**
Monday, 7th  
Labor Day – No School

**Family Support Team Kick-Off**

Please consider attending our kick-off gathering for Family Support Team on Monday, August 31, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Family Support Team is our version of a parent/guardian organization to support the school. Monday night’s meeting will include introductions, conversation about how FST can support the school in the virtual and possibly hybrid settings, and a time for Q + A with Mrs. Dorsey. We would love to see new faces to help us grow this vital component of our school!  

Zoom Link: Tinyurl.com/DorseyZOOM  
Password: Dorsey

**Riverside High School’s National Honor Society**

Riverside High School’s National Honor Society is now accepting applications for all Juniors and Seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher. Invitations have been mailed and emailed to all students who are eligible.

Being admitted into the National Honor Society is not only prestigious, it provides opportunities to continue to grow in character, academics, leadership and service as you prepare for college.

Applications can be submitted here: NHS Application

In addition to completing the online application, scholars wishing to apply must also request recommendations from three teachers. Applications are due Friday, September 4, 2020.

Please contact Jill Schroering if you have any questions. jschroering@riversidehighschoo.org

**Breakfast and Lunch Served**

Meals are currently available on Mondays and Wednesdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students, or a family member of a student, may pick up meals at the Rotunda doors on a drive-through basis. Students may receive two breakfasts and lunches on Mondays and three breakfasts and lunches on Wednesday. Meals will be charged the same as in the school year. All families are encouraged to complete the Free and Reduced Lunch application.

**LUNCH, SCHOOL FEES, POWERSCHOOL**

Please look at the 2020-2021 Information about lunch, PowerSchool and School Fees HERE.

There are important steps that each family needs to do - please read all of this information especially the ICS Online Program Letter.

The 2020-2021 lunch application online site is now ready for you to complete this year’s information, and the application deadline is September 21, 2020.
Save The Date(s)! Back To School Online Auction Coming Soon!!

Ever wanted to spend the night in a yurt, take a private voice lesson or spend quality time with some urban goats? Too adventurous for you? How about an evening of star gazing, jazz or a nice massage? All these experiences and many more can be yours through Indianapolis Classical Schools upcoming online auction!

Beginning September 10 and running until September 18, our online auction will be up and online for bidding. All items are up for grabs, and we hope to continue adding new opportunities throughout the coming weeks. Gift cards, museum tickets, framed art and special teacher experiences can already be found! Keep an eye out in next week’s newsletter, in your emails and on social media for the link to access all of our fabulous opportunities!

If you have an auction item to donate, please contact Michelle Melton at mmelton@indianapolisclassicalschools.org. We would love to hear from you!

Where Can I Find???

Looking for something on the school website? Here are the links to some frequently requested resources:

- Advising page - https://sites.google.com/herronhighschool.org/rhsadvising/home
- Family resources - https://www.riversidehighschool.org/families/ from here you can link to our orientation recordings and slides, classroom tools, school fees, student meals and more
- E-Learning info - https://www.riversidehighschool.org/e-learning/
- News + Announcements - https://www.riversidehighschool.org/news-announcements/

Also, please keep in mind that our website has a very robust search engine. If you’re unable to find something, click the spyglass on the upper right side of the website menu and type in the information you want to find:

Technology Needs – MS Office
If you need Office on your personal devices, please follow the link to sign up for the free version offered to students here: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/education/products/office/default.aspx?tab=schools&ms.officeurl=education&rtc=1

You will need to use your school email address.
In this version, you get:

- 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
RHS Yearbook Photos

Are you an aspiring photographer? Are you involved with Riverside activities or clubs? Do you want to be famous (Yearbook famous)? You can take candid or planned photos and submit to the Yearbook class for review and addition to the 2020-2021 Riverside Catalogos. Simply use this link to upload your pictures of events, clubs, or just playing around as a proud Argonaut!

Even easier is to download the Herff Jones eShare app for your phone and use school code "Argonaut2021" to easily include your photos of you and your classmates being awesome.

http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/?code=Argonaut2021

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 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.indianapolisclassicalschools.org/give

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

Shop and Earn Donations for Indianapolis Classical Schools

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 – 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:

To Enroll in Kroger Community Rewards:

- Go to https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards
- Once you’ve established or signed into your online Kroger account, link your Card to Indianapolis Classical Schools.
  - Search for Indianapolis Classical Schools OR our Kroger organization number, MD414 in the “Find an Organization” window.
Next, click the “Enroll” button under Indianapolis Classical Schools, and you’re enrolled!

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper’s Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

Be sure to scan your Kroger Plus Card or enter your Alt ID with every purchase!

To Participate in AmazonSmile:

- Go to www.smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app). On your browser, you may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. When you’re using the app, always check for the “AmazonSmile” logo to ensure you’re activated for AmazonSmile.

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you will need to select “Indianapolis Classical Schools” as the charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation.

**Virtual Info Sessions Coming Soon for Prospective Families**

The enrollment team has been fielding phone calls and emails from eager middle school parents who want to know more about Riverside High School. Invite your friends or let your communities know that we will be holding virtual information sessions via Zoom, every Thursday at 7 p.m. beginning September 10. To learn more, email enrollment@riversidehighschool.org or visit the website: https://www.riversidehighschool.org/enroll/open-house-events/

We also still have a few spots in each class for this year. If you have friends and family who are looking for a quality school with a robust online option during this time, please have them reach out to enrollment@riversidehighschool.org or call 317-726-6789.

**Indy Public Library Strategic Planning Community Survey**

Indianapolis Public Library is asking that the Riverside High School community please respond to their community survey concerning library services. This survey information will directly inform programs, initiatives, and priorities over the next three years as part of our IndyPL Strategic Plan. Please complete the survey online at: https://bit.ly/indypl2020survey
Riverside Promenade: Public Workshop and Survey Questionnaire Announcement

Public Workshop: 9/10/2020 from 12:00 pm – 6:30 pm at the Riverside Family Center

The Riverside Promenade Project Team will be hosting a socially-distanced community engagement workshop at the Riverside Family Center (in Riverside Park) from 12:00pm-6:30 pm. The workshop will be held in an "open-house" format, so you can encourage folks to show up any time they wish during that timeframe and anticipate spending approximately 20 minutes completing the exercises. All non-family groups will be socially distanced and face coverings will be required. The purpose of this workshop is to get community feedback that will help inform the programming and design of the Promenade.

Online Community Outreach Survey Questionnaire

To help offset some of the challenges associated with COVID-19/social distancing, the Riverside Promenade Project Team has developed an online survey questionnaire that will allow us to gather additional information from the community regarding the programming, design, and construction of the Promenade. In addition, there are open-ended questions that will better help inform the overarching cultural narrative and interpretive elements anticipated to be added along the Promenade. The survey can be taken by clicking on the button on the homepage of our project website (https://www.riversidepromenade.org). Hard copies of the survey will be made available at the Riverside Family Center by the end of the week for those who require one because of a lack of internet, computer, or cell phone access.

HAVE YOU FOUND RIVERSIDE ON THE WEB?
Visit our website: www.riversidehighschool.org
Follow us on Instagram:
@rhsadmin
@herronhighindy2
Like us on Facebook:
Riverside High School, Indianapolis
Follow us on Twitter:
@RiversideHSIndy

RHS Athletics:
@RHSArgonauts
The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, requires [School District] to notify you and obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas (“protected information surveys”):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This requirement also applies to the collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes (“marketing surveys”), and certain physical exams and screenings.

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (“protected information survey”) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)–

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of –

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use –

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Indianapolis Classical Schools has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Indianapolis Classical Schools will directy notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Indianapolis Classical Schools will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. Indianapolis Classical Schools will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the school has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
• Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C.  20202

Indianapolis Classical Schools
Herron High School and Riverside High School
ANNUAL NOTICE OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) is a Federal law that is administered by the Family Policy Compliance Office (Office) in the U.S. Department of Education (Department). 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99. FERPA applies to educational agencies and institutions (e.g., schools) that receive funding under any program administered by the Department.

FERPA gives custodial and noncustodial parents alike certain rights with respect to their children’s education records, unless a school is provided with evidence that there is a court order or State law that specifically provides to the contrary. Otherwise, both custodial and noncustodial parents have the right to access their children's education records.

When a student reaches 18 years of age or attends a postsecondary institution, he or she becomes an "eligible student," and all rights under FERPA transfer from the parent to the student. The term "education records" is defined as those records that contain information directly related to a student and which are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution.

FERPA also permits a school to disclose personally identifiable information from education records of an "eligible student" (a student age 18 or older) to his or her parents if the student is a "dependent student" as that term is defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code. Generally, if either parent has claimed the student as a dependent on the parent's most recent income tax statement, the school may non-consensually disclose the student's education records to both parents. In general, Indianapolis Classical Schools assumes our seniors and any other eligible student as defined by FERPA are “dependent students,” and will continue to release educational records to both parents through graduation.

For students under the age of 18, Indiana State Law also requires schools to provide equal access to educational records to both custodial and non-custodial parents, unless there is a copy of a court order denying access to the student’s educational records in the student’s file.

IC 20-33-7, Chapter 7. Parental Access to Student Records, section 2 states:

IC 20-33-7-2
Custodial and noncustodial parents; equal access; exceptions
Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a nonpublic or public school must allow a custodial parent and a noncustodial parent of a child the same access to their child's education records.
(b) A nonpublic or public school may not allow a noncustodial parent access to the child's education records if:
(1) a court has issued an order that limits the noncustodial parent's access to the child's education records; and
(2) the school has received a copy of the court order or has actual knowledge of the court order.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17.
** Under certain limited circumstances, an eligible student may be asked to sign a Consent to Release Educational Records form. For example, in the case of divorced parents when the eligible student is listed as a dependent on one of the parent’s IRS forms, and the eligible student wishes to restrict the non-supporting parent’s access to educational records and PowerSchool login, the student will be asked to indicate which parent will receive access to educational records. Without a signed Consent to Release form from an eligible student, both parents will continue to receive access to PowerSchool records and afforded all the rights provided for by FERPA.

Indianapolis Classical Schools - Annual Notification of Rights under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day Indianapolis Classical Schools ("School") receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school’s Registrar a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask Indianapolis Classical Schools to amend a record should write the school Registrar, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as Google as our cloud based services provider, PowerSchool, an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Indianapolis Classical Schools, as part of its accountability and compliance program with its authorizer, also shares student level data with the Office of the Mayor of Indianapolis under the provisions of 34 CFR 99.3.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student’s enrollment or transfer.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Indianapolis Classical Schools to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

   Family Policy Compliance Office  
   U.S. Department of Education  
   400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
   Washington, DC 20202

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students’ education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the school to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A school may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student –

- To other school officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))

- To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student’s enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))

- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency in the parent or eligible student’s State (SEA). Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)

- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))

- To State and local officials or authorities to whom information is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed by a State statute that concerns the juvenile justice system and the system’s ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records were released, subject to §99.38. (§99.31(a)(5))

- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))

- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))

- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))
To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))

To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))

Information the school has designated as “directory information” under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11))

For further information about FERPA, contact the Department's Family Policy Compliance Office, or visit online at:

FERPA for Students:  http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/students.html

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If you choose to opt-out of Indianapolis Classical Schools’ Directory Information, your letter must state:

- Name and birth date of student
- Statement that you have read and understand Indianapolis Classical Schools’ Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information statement
- Statement that you choose to opt-out from all directory information media and publications

Please send your opt-out letter to:

Office of the Registrar
Indianapolis Classical Schools
110 E. 16th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202