



RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

A Second Campus of Herron High School

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Call Ms. Young at
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Dear Riverside Families,

As we wrap up 2nd semester, I am filled with gratitude for the many bright spots in what has been (I am using these words one last time and then putting them to rest!) an *historic* and *unprecedented* school year. Can you believe that we had six “first days” of school this year? 1) Starting virtual in the fall, 2) transitioning to hybrid in October, 3) back to virtual in November, 3) starting 2nd semester virtually in January, 4) re-starting hybrid learning, and 4) eventually offering families the option of four-days-a-week this spring. While adjusting to these transitions, students have also participated in sports, clubs, fine arts, and we even managed our traditional Field Day – truly one of the best days of the year!! Today also marks the last day of AP testing this year – with 116 scholars taking over 180 exams!

I also can't believe it was less than two weeks ago now that our founding scholars graduated in our inaugural and beautiful commencement ceremony. The evening, while very warm!, was about as perfect as it could be – a fitting culmination of the special contributions of this class of Argonauts and their families. To our class of 2021, congratulations! We can't wait to hear about your next steps at colleges and universities in Montana, Louisiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, of course here in Indiana, and so many other places where you will settle in. The ceremony is currently available for view at riversidehighschool.org/graduation, and if you haven't watched it yet, I hope you find time to do so! It was such a special moment in the story of Riverside High School.



Lastly, while I am so proud of and grateful for the efforts of our entire community this year, I am eager to return to normal. We anticipate having all students in the building five days a week in the fall. I ask all families to take steps to ensure your students are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by the start of school on August 11th as recommended by the CDC and our local health department. This is the best way to ensure a safe, consistent school year without interruptions for quarantines or illness. There are many [walk-in vaccine clinics](#) now available for individuals 12 and older. If you have any questions about vaccinations, please reach out to nurse@riversidehighschool.org. We would love to put you in touch with the pediatrician team that oversees our health partnership to answer your questions and walk through next steps.

I am grateful for our Argonaut scholars and families, and I wish you all a healthy and safe summer.

Best,

Katie Dorsey – Head of School

Upcoming Calendar Highlights

June

June 1-4

Final Exams

June 7

Exam Make-up Day

June 14 – June 30

Summer Academy Session I

July

July 14 – July 30

Summer Academy Session II

Free Summer Meals at Riverside and Herron

Beginning the week of June 7, free meals will be available for drive-through pick up at both Riverside and Herron. All ICS students are eligible to receive free meals once a week from either campus. New families with students accepted to Riverside, Herron or Herron Prep are also eligible and encouraged to pick up free meals. Students will receive 10 meals at each weekly pick up.

Families of all ICS students and future students will receive an email asking them to sign up for their pick-up day so that we can be prepared for the number of meals each week.

Days and times of pick up are below. Families will be able to drive through and receive the meals at the doors.

Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Herron High School Fesler Door #8

Thursday, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Riverside High School Rotunda Door #1

If you do not receive a sign-up email, please contact your head of school or Dr. Deborah Cooney, dcooney@herronhighschool.org to be placed on the sign-up list.

Coming Soon: Virtual Jazz Bands Performance

The jazz ensembles have been working hard all year to continue to learn about jazz and their instruments. They have been working on putting together a virtual ensemble performance and it should be complete next week. Watch out for a link to a YouTube video late this week or in the next newsletter. Email Mr. Burgeson at eburgeson@herronhighschool.org with any questions.

Riverside High School's *The Art of Healing* Video

Scholars, faculty and our community perform and talk about the arts at Riverside High School. Watch the video here: <https://www.riversidehighschool.org/fine-arts/>.



Riverside Yearbook!

We will be receiving the 2020-2021 Riverside Yearbook in the coming days and are excited to see what the finished product looks like! When they arrive, if you have ordered a yearbook, you will be contacted by Mr. Lawson to let you know when and where you can pick it up. There may be a few extra if you did not order one, but they are on a first come, first serve basis and only after the pre-

orders have been handed out. Reach out to Mr. Lawson if you have questions at alawson@riversidehighschool.org

Susan E. Hansen Robotics Fund

The Susan E. Hansen Robotics Fund honors the life of Susan E. Hansen, mother of physics teacher and robotics coach John Hansen. Her memorial service was last week. Susan was a dedicated supporter of Mr. Hansen's work at Riverside, and it is fitting that we continue that support as a memorial and gesture of thanksgiving for her life. Donations will support the Riverside High School Robotics team, both for the purchase of materials to build robots and to help defray the costs of robotics competitions. Checks can be made out to Riverside High School. Please put "Susan Hansen Robotics Fund" in the memo line. Also, cash/checks can be dropped off at the Student Services desk. Credit card payment can be made on the Riverside website at <https://www.riversidehighschool.org/give/>. Put "Susan E Hansen Robotics Fund" in the blank description box on the second page.

College Readiness Academy

Community and School Partnerships (CSP) and the IU Bloomington 21st Century Scholars Program, units of the Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs, offer a wide variety of programming options to assist college-bound students and their families as they prepare for the demands of a post-secondary education.

The College Readiness Academy offers inspiration, information, and support to help you understand the resources available for your student's college readiness planning. Grouped by grade-level, the College Readiness Academy provides information sessions and hands-on workshops to assist you as you navigate the college-going process at critical, time-sensitive points along your journey. Explore each of our programs below!

- The Middle School Crew program is designed to help families explore college prep together. We know that planning for college can be overwhelming. We've created and pulled together a series of resources to ease those worries and make college prep fun! Sign up today at: <https://go.iu.edu/makecollegeaffordable>
- High School Explorers is an immersive summer experience where high school juniors and seniors explore their academic interests and spark their potential career paths. Students also get a sneak peek of college life—including interacting with IU faculty and current IU students! Registration can be found at: <https://go.iu.edu/HighSchoolExplorers>
- The Pre-College Trailblazers program provides incoming first-year college students with vital information regarding mentorship, academic advising, tutoring, and other skills-building sessions to aid in a rising freshman's transition to college. Additionally, the program provides opportunities for practicing and learning about resources associated with math and writing skills to ensure that students are able to meet college-level expectations. Interested students can sign up at: <https://go.iu.edu/PrecollegeTrailblazers>

There are **no costs to participate**, and the deadline to apply for this year's programs is **Tuesday, June 8, 2021**. Those unable to attend webinars live are encouraged to go ahead and complete the registration form for the program of their choice, indicating their interest in receiving corresponding materials and further information.

INDIANAPOLIS MAYOR'S YOUTH LEADER APPLICATIONS OPEN

Attention current 10th & 11th grade students!! Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett's applications are now



College Readiness Academy
Helping students and families prepare for the next step in the journey

	MIDDLE SCHOOL CREW June 12, 2021
	PRE-COLLEGE TRAILBLAZERS June 14-July 15, 2021
	HIGH SCHOOL EXPLORERS June 18-20, 2021 & July 9-12, 2021

Programming will be held virtually
Price: **FREE**
Sign up today at collegeready.indiana.edu



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

being accepted for the 2021-22 Mayor's Youth Leadership Council (MYLC) to amplify youth voice and perspective in this city. Applications are open now until June 18, 2021 and are in partnership with Leadership Indianapolis, the Marion County Commission on Youth (MCCOY), and the City of Indianapolis, with support provided by the Lilly Endowment. Application link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-fp-yUcq6gx_7GHOcdPMddUVYij3Ur1G2XsTSSNjvNHfwg/viewform

NEW FROM THE IU RICHARD M. FAIRBANKS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH: Vaccine Survey

The IU Fairbanks School of Public Health, in partnership with the Indiana Department of Health, is gathering information from parents regarding attitudes and COVID-19 vaccine intentions for school age children. The survey is anonymous and will gather valuable information that will assist in planning efforts for the upcoming school year. The survey will take 5-10 minutes and is intended to be completed by parents or adult primary caregivers of school-aged children. There are no consequences if you decide not to participate. You can skip any question that you do not want to answer.

While you may not have any personal benefit from participating, this is a good opportunity to help influence the Indiana Department of Health as they plan for a safe fall semester. Click [here](#) for the survey.

Build, Learn, Grow scholarship initiative

The State of Indiana has recently launched a new Build, Learn, Grow scholarship initiative designed to cover up to 80% of tuition for children ages 0-12 who are enrolled in early care and education, summer learning and before- and after-school care programs from now until October, 2021.

This includes a sliding scale discount for families who work for essential businesses like IPS. As many as 50K scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and to apply, go to the website: <https://brighterfuturesindiana.org/build-learn-grow>

Riverside High School Virtual Museum

Visit the RHS Virtual Museum at <https://sites.google.com/riversidehighschool.org/rhs-fine-arts/home?authuser=2>. This site is a collection of current 2020-2021 Art students work at Riverside High School. The site will continue to be updated throughout the year as we create new artwork together.



Guest Teachers

ICS is always on the lookout for great Guest teachers! Our best guest teachers are often ICS family members! If you or someone in your community is interested in learning more about the criteria and role, please reach out to Cheri West at cwest@herronhighschool.org.

Looking for a summer enrichment program for your middle or high school student?



Enroll them in the Foundations in Science and Mathematics (FSM) program at Indiana University!



What is FSM?

FSM is a two week hands-on summer science and mathematics program.

Improve grades or learn about a new subject!

Classes

Biology
Brain Science
Intro and advanced
Chemistry
Mathematics
Physics
Programming



When and Where?

Session 1: June 7-18

Session 2: July 12-23

Each two hour class is held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on Zoom

Only \$25 for each course!



Learn More!

For details on FSM classes and how to register:

Visit www.indiana.edu/~fsm

E-mail fsm@indiana.edu



Follow Herron Prep on Social Media

To stay connected with what's happening at our newest school, follow us on these social media apps:

FB - <https://www.facebook.com/HerronPrep>

Instagram - @herronprep

Twitter - Herron Preparatory Academy @AcademyHerron

Virtual Info Sessions for Prospective Families

Tell your family and friends to join us every Thursday at 7 p.m. to learn more about Riverside High School. Sign up at <https://www.riversidehighschool.org/enroll/open-house-events/>

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 complete [this form](#) or email the new information to studentservices@riversidehighschool.org.

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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) - <https://sites.google.com/herronhighschool.org/rhsadvising/home>
- [Family resources](https://www.riversidehighschool.org/families/) - <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/) - <https://www.riversidehighschool.org/e-learning/>
- [News + Announcements](https://www.riversidehighschool.org/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

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.indianapolisclassicalschoools.org/give>

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



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.

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