



January 25, 2023

Good afternoon Eagle Families,

Happy 2023! We hope that your new year is off to a fantastic start. At Heritage, we have begun classes for the second semester and summer will be here before you know it. One of the things I have always been the proudest of here at HHS is our positive culture and sense of community. However, recent events have caused us some concern about some students' care for our community. Parents, we are asking for your partnership in addressing some increases in detrimental behavior we are experiencing at HHS. These behaviors impact the safety, security, and culture of HHS. Our administrative team has addressed all 9th and 10th grade Advisory classes to increase their awareness about our expectations for maintaining a positive culture and climate for all of our Eagles. Some of the issues we addressed include:

1. Study areas (all areas with furniture) are quiet spaces.
2. No sitting in the halls/blocking hallways, unless it is an area with furniture
3. During your off hours, you can not just wander the halls. Find a place to be, go to the Library, quietly study, or go outside if you want to hang out with friends.
4. No food in the study areas.
5. If you want to talk, play music, or make noise you should be in the Student Center or outside.
6. You are only allowed to sit in the stands of the gyms during class periods, students cannot be on the floor, or playing around - this includes the Rock Climbing Gym. You cannot be in there if there is a class. No food in gyms.
7. At Heritage we support every single student. Name calling and slurs will not be tolerated and will result in discipline.
8. School Phone Policy (Individual teacher directed)
 - a. 1st time it gets brought to the office - student can come get it at the end of the day
 - b. 2nd time - parent has to come get the phone
 - c. 3rd time - meeting with parent, student and administrator
9. Locker rooms are not hang out areas.
10. Trash is a problem all over the building, please pick up after yourself.
11. One person in the bathroom stalls at a time, not designed for art projects or group meeting places.
12. Overall respect - listening in assemblies, treating other people with decency and respect

I am also reaching out today to inform parents that we have closed some of the restrooms on the 1st and 2nd floors due to inappropriate behaviors in restrooms, vandalism, and graffiti. Students will have access to monitored restrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors. These restrooms will be monitored by our security and administrative personnel. We are saddened that we have had to resort to making these decisions, but we do not have the personnel to monitor these areas in order to prevent this from happening and we do not have the money or resources to clean and repair the damage being done. Our hope is that by partnering with parents and providing expectations, we will be able to help our students become positive contributing members of our Heritage Community. Please know we will do all we can to reopen these spaces when we can feel assured that the spaces will be treated respectfully by our student community.

Students and parents, we are asking for your help in restoring the culture of Heritage to one of respect and care for all of our community members. Please feel free to reach out to your child's administrator if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your support of Heritage High School. Go Eagles!

Take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacey Riendeau".

Stacey Riendeau

Principal