Dear AHS Families,

The saying is true: "We are Forest Hills" - but tonight (aside from our INCREDIBLE halftime band performance) WE ARE ANDERSON!

Looking forward to a GREAT GAME tonight and hope to see you there!! :)

Have a GREAT weekend!!

Rob

P.S. It was great seeing so many at Parent-Teacher Conferences and the class meetings. If you were unable to attend, here are links to the meetings led by Counselors on Thursday night:
- Freshman/Sophomore Parent Meeting
- Junior Parent Meeting

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:
- Click HERE for upcoming College Representatives visiting AHS!
- 10/28 - FHSD Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm at Nagel MS
- 10/31 - HALLOWEEN (and SENIOR PARADE!!) - more info to follow for seniors!
- 11/4 - AHS PTO Meeting, 7 pm in Learning Commons
- 11/5 - Election Day, No School!
- 11/25 - FHSD Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm at Nagel MS
- 11/26 - Grandparents' Day, 9:30-11:30 (Shuttle running at Nagel from 9-11:30)
- 12/12 - US Government End-of-Course Exam - Students currently enrolled in US Government will take Ohio's End-of-Course Exam (graduation test) on this date.
- 12/16 - Final Exam, Period 1 (full school day)
  - FHSD Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm at Nagle MS
- 12/17 - Final Exam, Periods 2 & 3 - Students released at 11:35
- 12/18 - Final Exam, Periods 4/5/6 & 6/7/8 - Students released at 11:35
- 12/19 - Final Exam, Periods 9 & 10 - Students released at 11:35
  - End of Quarter 2/Semester 1
- 12/20 - 1/5 - Winter Break, No School!

MOMENTS OF THE WEEK:
This week we had visits from Ohio State, Miami, and Ohio University!! Great showing at each!!
Look closely and you’ll see YOGA happening...but also some GOATs taking part!! What a hilarious event sponsored by the PTO for the benefit of After-Prom!!
There's nothing quite like getting your picture on the FRONT PAGE of the Chieftain!! How about THIS smile!!! :)}
We had just the weather for some golf practice during PE in the middle of school on a beautiful fall afternoon!!
Our AHS Orchestra welcomed the NKU Corbett Trio to their class this afternoon!! Great kids learning from great musicians!!

FROM THE DISTRICT:
The Forest Hills Board of Education has placed a 4.7-mill operating levy on the November 5 ballot. This levy is essential to provide necessary funding for classroom instruction including staff, textbooks, technology and supplies.

How much will it cost me? The levy would cost $164.50 annually per $100,000 of home market value.

Why now? Forest Hills School District stretched the 2012 operating levy to last four years longer than promised to district residents. The district has maximized its resources but we are now at a time This is not a spending issue; it’s a revenue issue. House Bill 920 prohibits inflationary increases in revenues collected in voted levies.

Early voting has begun. If you’re registered to vote, you can cast your ballot in-person at the Hamilton County Board of Elections Office or by absentee ballot. Click here for more information.

Do you have questions about the financial state of the district, the transportation center, or construction? Please take a moment to watch our videos.

- Finance
- Operations Center/Facilities

We’d like to share more information with you. Visit our website to learn more about the operating levy request.

VOLUNTARY SURVEY INFORMATION:
Between November 4-26, Forest Hills will participate in the FHSD School Connection survey to help Forest Hills prepare students for the future by providing information on topics beyond standard measures, such as student engagement, connection to school and student views on their futures.

The survey, which will be taken during school hours, will take an average of 20 minutes. The survey is voluntary. There are no consequences or penalties if a student does not participate. To request that your student NOT participate in the survey and to learn more, visit Voluntary Survey Opt-Out Form

STUDENT FEE INFORMATION:
We have fielded several inquiries regarding school fees and payments and hope this helps clarify the matter for our parents. All Anderson High School students are charged school fees consisting of general fees, course fees (for things like workbooks or supplies), or device rental fees. This year, AP Exam fees have been assessed for all AP courses. Students who wanted to opt out were to have completed THIS FORM and returned by October 4th. Any changes in testing status after October 4th will result in an additional $40 fee from College Board. PLEASE NOTE: AP exam fees are due April 3, 2020.

Fees have now been posted to SPS EZpay and payment is now due. Please log on to SPS EZpay to view your student's fees and make payment. The preferred method of payment would be by credit card on SPS EZpay. https://www.spsezpay.com/SPSEZpay/NT/Login.aspx?EC=68

Payments may also be made by check or money order made payable to Anderson High School, 7560 Forest Road, Cincinnati, OH 45255, Attention: Eileen Birk. If you need to set up a payment plan, please contact Eileen Birk at 513-232-2772, extension 2904, or at Eileenbirk@foresthills.edu.
Final report cards, diplomas and transcripts will be held until all financial obligations are met. Notice: FHSD will waive fees for persons who are unable to afford them in accordance with its policy. For information concerning a fee waiver, please contact Eileen Birk at 513-232-2772, extension 2904, or at eileenbirk@foresthills.edu.

REPORT CARDS NOW AVAILABLE ON PROGRESS BOOK:
You may access these report cards on Progress Book by clicking on Report Card in the left hand navigation panel, then View Paper History in the upper right corner. This will take you to a list of available report cards for you to select. The report card will open in a PDF file and is printable should you choose to do so. Click here to see instructions.
If you do not have internet service or a working computer and require a printed version of your report card, please contact Eileen Birk in the cashier's office at 232-2772 or eileenbirk@foresthills.edu and a printed copy will be mailed to you. If you have difficulty viewing your report card on Progress Book, please email parenthelp@foresthills.edu.
NOTE: 4th quarter report cards are not released until all financial obligations are met.

9UNITED's ANNUAL SHOP & SHARE INFORMATION:
As the season of celebrations and holidays approaches, Anderson is partnering with 9United, a local service organization, to provide students with opportunities to benefit local families. If Anderson or 9United would be able to provide assistance to your family, through clothing, gifts, or family needs, please contact me, Rob Fellows, or your child's school counselor to have a confidential conversation about how we can assist you.

SOPHOMORE STUDENTS - 2020 HOBY LEADERSHIP STATE SEMINAR: HOBY Promo
Each year, one Sophomore student is selected to attend the HOBY State Leadership Seminar. This 3-day event provides opportunities for fun, interactive leadership training, opportunities to meet state leaders, experiencing university dorm life, and making new friends and connections from the Southwest Ohio region. Registration is paid by Anderson High School.

The 2020 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar will be held at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio from June 25 through 28. If you are interested in being our HOBY Ambassador, you will need to create two Google Docs with the information listed below and share them with Mr. Kammerer by Friday, November 1, 2019.

1. A resume' or list of school and community activities that you have been involved with, including any leadership roles that you may have assumed within those activities.
2. An essay of 100 words or less describing “the most rewarding and challenging aspect of being a leader in your school and community”.

Please include your name in the title of both documents. Only one student can be selected to attend. An alternate student will be selected in the event the primary student is unable to attend. Selections will be made prior to the December 6th guaranteed registration deadline. Alternate students are sometimes able to attend, at the student's own expense, if registrations do not fill up. To find out more about HOBY go to www.HOBY.org

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS:
The American Legion sponsors an Oratorical Contest every year that students can participate in to potentially win scholarship money. This is information we shared with the students: Students in any grade 9-12 with an interest in US History and Government may participate. You may enter the contest every year you are in high school. Prizes begin at $50 and increase with each win. The national winner will receive $18,000 in scholarship money.

• What is Oratorical? Click here: here: About the Oratorical Contest
Students who are interested in participating, should email Mr. Kammerer at davidkammerer@foreshills.edu. We will be scheduling an informational session for interested students in early November.

**TEACHER ACADEMY & DECA FUNDRAISER INFORMATION:**
The Anderson High School Teacher Academy and DECA classes will be hosting their 9th Annual Mattress Sale on Saturday, October 19. Need a mattress or know someone who does? Stop by the Anderson High School cafeteria on Saturday, October 19 between 10am-5pm. Brand new, name brand mattress sets with a full manufacturer warranty. All sizes, price ranges, delivery and interest free financing will be available. The mattresses are high quality for the price and proceeds from every sale benefit the Anderson Teacher Academy and DECA programs.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASSES OF 2023 & BEYOND:**
Please watch this brief video regarding updates from the Ohio Department of Education: [Graduation Information - Classes of 2023 and Beyond](#)
Links referenced in the video can be found here:
[ODE Handout - Classes of 2023 and Beyond](#)
[ODE Handout - Classes of 2021 and 2022](#)
[ODE Information - Requirements for the Class of 2020](#)

**STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION:** (Questions? Contact Assistant Principal Kyle Fender)
**ALL AP STUDENTS AND FAMILIES:**
AP exam fees have been added to your student’s school fees in order to allow for incremental payments throughout the school year. All AP exam fees must be paid by APRIL 3, 2020.

**NATIONAL SAT AND ACT TESTING:**
Students can register for national SAT and ACT testing dates. [SAT/ACT Information for 2019-2020](#)

**Upcoming AHS Testing Events:**
- 9th Grade
  - *Timely Information:* Student and Family Reports from the PreACT will be sent home with students on October 30th
  - *Looking Ahead:*
    - **Biology Ohio’s State End of Course Test** - April 16th and 17th
    - **Algebra I/Math II Ohio’s State End of Course Test** - April 20th and 21st
    - **AP Exams** - May 4th-15th, only applicable if enrolled in an AP course, AP exams are administered at specific dates/times based on course
- 10th Grade
  - *Timely Information:* Student and Family Reports from the PreACT will be sent home with students on October 30th. **PSAT** results- TBD
  - *Looking Ahead:*
    - **US History Ohio’s State End of Course Test** - April 16th
    - **Algebra I/Math II Ohio’s State End of Course Test** - April 20th and 21st
    - **AP Exams** - May 4th-15th, only applicable if enrolled in an AP course, AP exams are administered at specific dates/times based on course
- 11th Grade
  - *Timely Information:*
Students should have received their practice ACT results directly from TorchPrep on October 15th. Please contact rachel@torchprep.com with any questions about the Practice ACT from September 24th. Visit https://www.torchprep.com/ for high quality test prep opportunities.

- PSAT results- TBD
  - Looking Ahead:
    - Semester 1 US Government Ohio’s State End of Course Test- December 12th
    - State-Funded ACT for Juniors- February 25th
    - Semester 2 US Government Ohio’s State End of Course Test- April 17th
    - Math II Ohio’s State End of Course Test- April 20th and 21st
    - AP Exams- May 4th-15th, only applicable if enrolled in an AP course, AP exams are administered at specific dates/times based on course

- 12th Grade
  - Timely Information- no AHS senior testing events in the upcoming weeks.
  - Looking Ahead:
    - Semester 1 US Government Ohio’s State End of Course Test- December 12th
    - Semester 2 US Government Ohio’s State End of Course Test- April 17th
    - Math II Ohio’s State End of Course Test- April 20th and 21st
    - AP Exams- May 4th-15th, only applicable if enrolled in an AP course, AP exams are administered at specific dates/times based on course

**STAY IN TOUCH WITH REMIND:**
If you are interested in receiving text messages that are “class specific”, please consider joining the appropriate class on Remind by following the instructions below. I typically only use this for last minute reminders and the messages are directed at STUDENTS, rather than parents. To join, text the appropriate code below to the number 81010:

- Class of 2023 (Freshmen) - @ekg7kk2
- Class of 2022 (Sophomores) - @ggf74b
- Class of 2021 (Juniors) - @76g7c7
- Class of 2020 (Seniors) - @36k9k