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AHS Families,

We have so much at Anderson High School to be proud of! I really feel like I won the lottery, as far as being a principal is concerned; our students are such a joy to work with, our staff is so dedicated, and our families are incredibly supportive! I want to take a moment to highlight the work of our National Honors Society leaders. They came to me last spring with an idea to create a school supplies surplus store within AHS. Once I gave the thumbs up (easiest decision of my career), they went straight to work- finding the location in the building, painting the idea to look nice, collecting and organizing the resources, etc. We are so proud to now have the Raptor Resources corner!

Also, we hope all of our students and staff enjoyed a safe and fun snow day today!

Anderson Proud,
Kyle

P.S. Our [2024 Senior One Stop Stop](#) is still a work in progress, however we are sharing it now so families of seniors can begin looking ahead.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **01/24 - FHSD Parent Academy/CCP Meeting, 6 pm @ NMS**
- **01/25-31 - Scheduling Elective Presentations and Q&A Tables for Students**
- **02/02 - Third Quarter Interim**
- **02/02 - PBIS Survey for Students in Advisory**
- **02/08 - AHS Parent/Teacher Conferences, Curriculum Fair, 8th Grade Parent Meeting**
- **02/16 - No School for Students (Teacher PD)**
- **02/19 - No School (President's Day)**
- **02/27 - State Funded ACT for All Juniors (Junior Early Release)**
- **03/15 - End of Third Quarter (and Normal School Day)**
- **03/18-19 - No School for Students (Teacher PD)**
- **04/01-05 - No School (Spring Break)**
- **04/10-11 - ELA II State Graduation Test**
- **04/16-17 - Algebra I and Geometry State Graduation Test**
- **04/18 - Biology, US History, US Government State Graduation Test**
- **05/6-17 - AP Testing**
- **05/25 - Graduation at Cintas Center (3 pm)**

AHS UPDATES:

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COAT DRIVE

The AHS Student Government is hosting a Coat Drive from January 21st to February 16th. If you would like to donate a coat, please send it in with your student during that window of time.

GREAT OAKS APPLICATION:

The Great Oaks Application is OPEN! Apply [here](#). All 10th graders who are interested in attending one of their Career Tech campuses during their junior/senior year should apply before February 7th. If you have questions, please reach out to your child's counselor.

Want to see the Campus? Attend an upcoming Open House!

Live Oaks

Thursday, February 1 5-7pm

5956 Buckwheat Road Milford, Ohio 45150
Scarlet Oaks
Wednesday, January 24 4-6pm
110 Great Oaks Dr. (at 3254 E. Kemper Road)

FHSD CCP MEETING INFO

The Forest Hills School District is holding its annual College Credit Plus informational night at our next Parent Academy night, **January 24th, 2024**. The Ohio College Credit Plus (CCP) program is available to all students in grades 7-12 who qualify. The program allows students to take college courses while enrolled in the Forest Hills Schools at no cost to the student and parent/guardian. Please attend this informational meeting to learn more about this opportunity.

When: Wednesday, January 24th, 2024, 6:35 - 7:35

Where: Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45255 in the Cafetorium

Who: All who are interested in learning more about the College Credit Plus opportunity, with an emphasis on students who have the organization, drive, and ability to take college-level coursework.

Additional Information:

- Anderson and Turpin High School counselors will be on hand to answer questions
- Representatives from local colleges will also be on hand to answer questions

SCHEDULING UPDATE FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Believe it or not, we are starting our scheduling process for the 2024-2025 school year in a few short weeks. Please take a minute to review this [document](#) with your students and reach out at any time with additional questions.

STATE FUNDED ACT

- **All Juniors will be taking the ACT at Anderson High School on February 27th. This includes students who attend the Oaks and students who are enrolled in CCP courses.** Students must be in their testing location no later than 8AM. Juniors can begin to arrive at their testing location at 7:30AM. The testing will start first thing in the morning and conclude around noon. **Junior students will be dismissed after testing.** There will be no bussing until the normal building dismissal time. All Juniors who stay after testing has concluded, will follow their normal daily schedule. All other students will attend school as normal on this day. Makeup testing will be communicated to those students who are not present on the 27th.

2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

For list of students earning honor status for last quarter: [CLICK HERE](#) Congratulations to all of these students!

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Students have a 25 minute advisory period everyday in their schedule. We encourage students to work with teachers during this time if they need help in any classes. Additionally, teachers have regular office hours before school (7:10-7:55) a few days a week to provide assistance to students.

NATIONAL TESTING INFORMATION (ACT/SAT)

Why Take The ACT?

Taking the ACT test can increase your chances of earning new or better scholarships. Colleges use ACT scores to place you in the right classes at the right level. And, your ACT score can help you

place out of remedial coursework rather than sitting for additional placement tests on campus — saving time and money!

Why Take The SAT?

Most colleges—including those that are test optional—still accept SAT test scores. Together with high school grades, the SAT can show your potential to succeed in college or a certain career field. Taking the SAT is strong evidence that you're ready for college and have what colleges are looking for. Plus, you can choose to only send your best scores to colleges.

ACT Test Dates	ACT Registration Deadline	SAT Test Dates	SAT Registration Deadline
2/27/24 (State Funded at AHS)	N/A	3/9/24	2/23/24
4/13/24	3/8/24	5/4/24	4/49/24
6/8/24	5/3/24	6/1/24	5/16/24
7/13/24	6/7/24		

[ACT Website](#)

[SAT Website](#)

SHOUT OUT AN ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER!

We are blessed to have one of the best staffs to work with day in and day out at Anderson High School. We praise them everyday for all the amazing things they do for our kids and our community! We want to give you a chance to do the same! If you would like to give a shout out to any staff member, please fill out this [form](#) so we can celebrate them!

2023-2024 YEARBOOK ORDERING

Yearbooks are \$60, and sales go from now through the end of May.

<http://buy2024andersonraptorsyearbook.com/>

YEARBOOK SENIOR AD ORDER INFO

Interested in ordering an ad in the 2023-2024 yearbook? [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about how to do so. To get your message in the yearbook, the application and materials must be submitted by January 26th.

AHS AT A GLANCE

To help any family that may be new to AHS and create a one-stop-shop for common questions even for our returning families, we have created this document: [2023-2024 AHS At A Glance](#).

DISTRICT UPDATES:

Wellness and Behavior Parent/Guardian Surveys

FHSD is committed to supporting the mental health and well-being of all students, and we would appreciate feedback from parents and guardians to help inform those efforts. Please take a few moments to complete the anonymous surveys linked below. The deadline to submit survey responses is February 2.

- **MindPeace Survey on School-Based Mental Health Treatments**

- FHSD partners with [MindPeace](#) to help improve access to school-based mental health treatment. School-based therapy is the same treatment that can also be provided in outpatient offices, but school-based therapy can decrease barriers for families and can result in better outcomes for students because of the team approach to care. Your confidential input will be invaluable, so thank you for taking this short survey.
- Parent/Guardian Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XX7H8QK>
- Students in grades 9-12 will also be asked to complete a similar, anonymous survey during the week of January 29. [You can review the full list of questions here](#). Should you have questions, concerns or would like to opt your child out of this anonymous survey, please email Assistant Superintendent Kim Tinsley (kimtinsley@foresthills.edu) by January 26.
- **District Survey on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**
 - FHSD is incredibly proud of our efforts to implement PBIS across the school district. All nine schools received individual recognition this school year for PBIS excellence, and FHSD is one of only 17 districts to be recognized in the state of Ohio. The following survey is a way for us to gather input on our school-wide behavior planning. Your feedback will help us to improve this system in the future. To find out more about PBIS, please visit the [Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's website](#) or www.pbis.org. The following link is specific to our school building!
 - Anderson High School PBIS Survey Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Calendar Update: Student Days Off Change for March

All families should have received an email from Superintendent Hook with an update on the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar. Due to the presidential primary election on March 19, which we anticipate may bring in a large number of outside visitors to schools that serve as polling locations, the district has adjusted the calendar to reflect that students will not have school on Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19 (staff will report for professional development). K-12 students will now report for school on Friday, March 15 (which was previously a non-school day). Preschool students will now report for school on Thursday, March 21, which was previously a non-school day in FHSD Preschool only. [Please see this news article for additional details](#). You can download a PDF of the updated academic calendar [here](#).

Informational Tax Bill Update from FHSD

Treasurer Alana Cropper presented information on how school taxes are calculated and helpful resources for homeowners to find data specific to their property at January's Board of Education meeting. [You can click here to read a detailed news article](#), including links to watch the presentation and view the slides. It's important to remember that although existing properties do not produce any additional revenue on voted school levies, changing property values can have an impact on the amount of taxes charged to individual homeowners as the total amount is divided across all property in the school district.

LAST CHANCE: Register NOW for FHSD Parent Academy on Jan. 24

The next Parent Academy session will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Nagel Middle School! Thanks to generous support from the [Forest Hills Foundation for Education](#), we are able to offer light food and childcare for families interested in attending. You can find a [list of sessions/topics and a link to register for the event here](#). The featured speakers for this event are:

- ***Dr. Devorah Heitner - Growing Up In Public:*** Dr. Heitner will offer practical, timely, non-judgmental advice about technology and parenting in the digital age.

- ***Kerry Brown - Parenting Through Transitions and Big Emotions:*** This session from the Beech Acres Parent Center will provide helpful tips and tools to find joy in parenting and lighten the load of every day challenges both big and small. Join us to learn effective strategies to ease these life changes.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Calling all Parents & Students | [PTA/PTO Community Grant Application Available Now](#)

Due Friday, February 9

The Forest Hills Foundation raises funds to support the **needs of Forest Hills students today**. We are proud to provide grants to the district and teachers, but know it is also important to hear from our key stakeholders: **students & parents**. As a parent, you can apply for a PTA/PTO Community Grant today with all applications due on Friday, February 9.

We encourage you to work with your PTA/PTO as you see specific student needs that are currently not being met. In the past two years over \$40,000 has been awarded to support The Turpin Outdoor Learning Space, Nagel Recess Equipment, Mercer Instructional Garden & ESC Playground Equipment, along with a pilot program of the Boys & Girls Club After-School Program.

Thanks to our loyal donors, we are proud to offer the [PTA/PTO Community Grants](#) and look forward to receiving many more applications.

For questions about the grants, please contact Jen Zimmerman, Chair of the Foundation Grant Committee at jennifer.c.zimmerman@gmail.com.

Secondary Hearing and Vision Screenings Notice

FHSD is partnering with Xavier University to administer vision screenings for all students in grades seven, nine and eleven this semester. Hearing screenings will be conducted in grades nine and eleven. Anderson High School will have vision/hearing screenings on 1/16 and 1/23. These screenings are required by law. For more information about the screenings, including how to opt a student out, [please click here](#).

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the following items:

- [UC DAAP Saturday Art Program \(Grades K-12\)](#)
- [Anderson Middies Girls Lacrosse Registration](#)
- [Anderson Township Little League Registration](#)
- [Anderson Fastpitch Softball Registration](#)

EMERGENCY AND SUPPORT RESOURCES

- If you, your student, or anyone else you know is in a life-threatening health crisis or emergency, call 911.
- If you, your student, or anyone else you know is in emotional distress or experiencing suicidal crisis, call or text 988, available 24/7.
- If you have concerns about threats to student safety, we urge you to call or text the Safer Ohio School Tip Line at 844-SaferOH. This line is staffed 24/7.
- If you are seeking additional resources, we encourage you to start at the links below:
 - [MindPeace](#)
 - [FHSD Family Resource List 22-23](#)

FROM OUR BOOSTER GROUPS:

- **PTO**

Can you volunteer on Jan. 16 or Jan. 23?

Adult volunteers are needed to help with the annual vision and hearing screenings.! Parents will be getting students lined up and the professionals will be doing the screenings.

If you have time on Tuesday, January 16 or Tuesday, January 23 to volunteer a few hours, [please sign up here](#).

PTO Meeting - January 22

Please come to the PTO Meeting on Monday, Jan. 22.

7 p.m. in the Media Center.

Hear what's happening around AHS and how you can be involved.

- **AFTER-PROM**
- **FRIENDS OF ANDERSON DRAMA (FAD)**

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about FAD membership!

- **AHS Athletic Boosters**

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about AHS Athletic Booster Memberships!

- **FH BAND BOOSTERS**

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