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Dear AHS Families,

Those who know me well would likely describe me as a 'creature of habit'. I pick the same restaurants where I always order the same item, I watch the same TV shows, I like to stick to my same morning routine, etc.

This week, our amazing students at AHS have invited me to some opportunities to get out of my comfort zone. Last night, I went skiing for the first time with our Ski Club. I'm happy to report that I'm still in one piece; and I had a great time! (Shout-out to Mrs Dorsey and Mr Good for their instruction.) Tonight, during half time of the boys basketball game, I will be participating in the 'Teacher Dance' with our acclaimed dance team. Fair warning for those in attendance- I have not been blessed with the gift of rhythm, but I'll give it my best shot!

It's important to be aware that we ask our students to get out of their comfort zone every day- learning something new, speaking in front of class, taking challenging courses. After my experiences this week, I applaud our students for constantly rising to the challenge and reminding us adults that we can accomplish things that previously seemed out of reach.

Anderson Proud,
Kyle

P.S. February 18th is going to be a regular school day; we received a couple calls from folks unsure of that. For the most up to date school calendar, [CLICK HERE](#)

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **02/04/22 - 3rd Quarter Interim**
- **02/10/22 - Parent Teacher Conferences and Curriculum Night**
- **03/01/22 - State Funded ACT for All Juniors (class of 2023)**
- **03/01/22 - 6 PM College Credit Plus Informational Session ([CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#))**
- **03/01/22 - 7 PM Community Partnership Kick-Off (Experienceships)**
- **03/05/22 - Spring Fling Dance (Masquerade Theme)**
- **03/11/22 - End of 3rd Quarter**
- **05/28/22 - Graduation**

AROUND AHS:



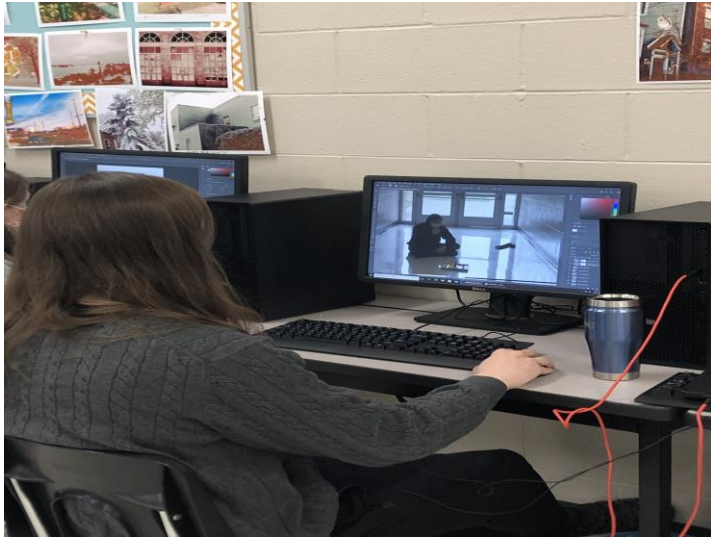
Hitting the slopes with Ski Club!



Our HOSA team had a successful competition. Lawi Worku, Tannishtha Ray, Haylee Giles, Audrey Baker, and Christina Johnson all qualified for the state competition in March!



Key Club recently visited their friends through the Adopt-A-Class Program



Our Photography students work hard at creating the magic!





Every month we have a Staff to Staff award- this month Miss O'Toole recognized Mrs Fouss for her leadership and mentorship! Mrs Geier and Mrs Hutchins recognized our paraprofessional team in the ESC classrooms for their hard work and dedication to our students!



Sophomores learned more about our district's Experienceship program this week! Grant Gazar (AHS '20) helped lead the presentation!



Our award-winning dance team have been excellent teachers for those of us performing tonight!

FROM THE DISTRICT:

- **FHSD is Hiring Substitute Teachers:**

In response to the national substitute teacher shortage, FHSD is taking proactive measures to ensure our classrooms are covered by qualified individuals who are compensated at a competitive rate. In November, our Board of Education approved an increase in the pay scale for substitutes in the district (Daily Sub - \$105/day; Building Sub - \$125/day; Long-Term Sub - \$130/day). In addition, the Board is taking advantage of a provision included in

Senate Bill 1, passed recently by Governor DeWine, that temporarily makes it possible for individuals with a high school diploma to apply to work as a substitute.

We are currently seeking interested and qualified candidates to work in Forest Hills as a substitute. If you (or someone you know) are interested, please follow the instructions below to begin the process to become a substitute teacher in the Forest Hills School District:

1. Go to www.subsolutions.org
2. Click the New Sub tab
3. Click the Teacher option
4. Click the red apply button to complete the application to get the process started
5. Sub Solutions will be in contact with you in the Recruit and Hire system to schedule orientation and a background check. Be sure to log in to check the status and read any communication necessary.

If you have questions please reach out to Sub Solutions at 513-674-4364 or you may email them at substitute@hcesc.org

- The Forest Hills School District is inviting motivated parents of current high school students to become involved in supporting and guiding the direction of community connections in relationship to the Experienceship Program. The program began with support from the Forest Hills Foundation and grew with the intent of promoting and providing community-based learning experiences outside of the school day. Within the experiences, students are provided with career exploration scenarios that help support their future decision-making post-graduation. The program has served over 350 students during the past 18 months and is fully supported by community partners (E.g: Mercy Hospital, FCC, and Tata Technologies) who are committed to enriching and providing career exploration learning opportunities. As we begin 2022, mitigate thru Covid, support new Ohio graduation requirements, it is essential to involve our parents in the work of future planning and share current efforts to enrich and expand the opportunities for our future students. Donna Lauver, part-time Community Partnership Advisory, is looking forward to working with parent volunteers and is actively seeking participants who would be willing to provide feedback and help create future planning for the Experienceship Program. The first meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2022, at FHSD Central Office, 7946 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45255. The session is scheduled from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Please use the QR code or link to register for the event.

[Parent Advisory Board Registration](#)



- **Village Connections - A FHSD Special Education Community**
Village Connections, an information sharing and support community, meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons at Nagel Middle School. Families are sharing experiences and advice, finding resources, and offering the emotional support we all need to raise our children with special needs.

Please Join us on January 12th when our topic is "Things I wish I knew -Best Advice I received from an Experienced Parent".

- The federal government has recently opened up www.covidtests.gov. Every household in the US will be eligible to request 4 rapid Covid tests that will be shipped to their home free of cost, upon request via the link. Shipping is estimated to take 7-12 days.
- **The Science and Innovation Expo** is right around the corner! We hope you can join us on Saturday, January 22nd, 2022 at Nagel Middle School from 9:00 am-12:00 pm for a wonderful morning of science and innovation projects from our students in grades K-12. These projects feature creations, findings, and study in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.). Currently we have over 250 students registered to present!

We are also in need of judges to join us in providing feedback to our students. Learn more about the event, and sign up to judge here: bit.ly/fhds-science-and-innovation

What: Science and Innovation Expo

When: Saturday, January 22nd, 2022

Where: Nagel Middle School (1500 Nagel Rd)

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Should you attend, there will be Joe's Mojo Coffee and Marty's Waffles food trucks as well! We hope to celebrate the wonderful work of our students with you!

- **Mental Health Resources**

If you, your student, or anyone else you know is in a **life-threatening mental health crisis**, **call 911**.

Please also be aware of **suicide hotline contact information: Phone - 1-800-273-TALK**

If your student is experiencing a **non-life threatening mental health crisis** and you need direction on next steps to stay safe, we urge you to **call the Psychiatric Intake Response Center (PIRC) at Cincinnati Children's Hospital**. The PIRC line is 513.636.4124. This line is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Text - Text "NAMI" to 741-741 for access to 24/7 mental health crisis counseling via text.

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 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you are seeking additional resources, we encourage you to start at the links below:

[MindPeace](#)

[Forest Hills Community Resource List](#)

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FROM THE FOREST HILLS FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION:

FROM 9UNITED:

Scheduling Information for the 2022-2023 School Year:

For parents of current 9th -11th grade students, the scheduling process is about to begin.

Please see [THIS FLYER](#) for some initial information regarding upcoming scheduling events, and keep posted here for more detailed instructions to be included later. Thanks!

Freshman through Juniors will also have a chance to experience a curriculum fair during their Advisories on February 2nd through February 4th. Ask them about what they saw and what they are interested in for their future years at AHS!

SENIORS- CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION:

Cap and Gown and Invitation orders were due to Graduate Services, Inc, by December 6th. Order online at [Graduate Service Inc](#) or at their Newtown office, 7022 Main St, Cincinnati, OH 45244. [\(513\) 272-5890](#)

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.

GREAT OAKS SPOTLIGHT:



Interested sophomores visited Live Oaks this afternoon to explore career tech programs!

ALSO: Live Oaks will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, January 26th from 4-7 pm! 5956 Buckwheat Road in Milford, OH 45150

ACT Bootcamp:

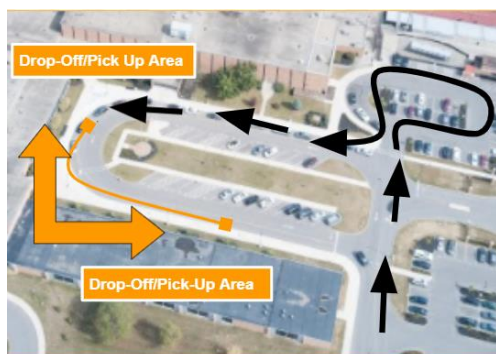
The Class of 2023 will be taking the State Funded ACT @ AHS on March 1st. This will be during the typical school day. If interested in an [ACT Boot Camp](#) prior to this assessment, please check out this opportunity from [Torchprep](#).

PARKING:

Students in Good Standing are eligible to purchase parking passes for the school year. This means students must have all their credits. If you would like to purchase a parking pass or have a question about student parking, please contact Mrs Stanyard, emilystanyard@foresthills.edu.

We are getting complaints from neighboring businesses about student parking on their property. Please be aware that they plan to start towing.

SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP INFORMATION:



If you are dropping off your student before school or picking up after school, this should happen in our south lot according to the diagram above. Pulling forward around the loop allows for better traffic flow on Forest Road.

There should be no pick-up or drop-off occurring in the parking lots of our neighboring businesses or our northern lot (Lot E).

PARENT SPOTLIGHT:

This month's parent spotlight is on Mrs Jenny Gavin. Jenny has volunteered with various organizations at AHS and has worn many different hats. From helping the Athletic Boosters to chairing committees for the PTO, she is a rock star! I am partial to the work she does for staff appreciation. When asked about why she chooses to volunteer, here is what she had to say: "I got involved with volunteering at school when my kids were little and then it just kind of took off from there. I have always enjoyed planning fun events for the kids, trying to help fundraise to support extra programming that they would not otherwise have, and showing appreciation to the staff since they do so much to take good care of our kids. The bonus has been meeting some absolutely amazing people that have become my very good friends. Working with such great people has made even some of the not so pleasant tasks fun."



FROM THE PTO:

Anderson's PTO encourages students to submit their nominations for the Good Egg Award. This award, given monthly to a staff member at Anderson, is selected solely on the nominations from students. Nominations are accepted from the 1st day of school to April 1 and can be submitted at <https://bit.ly/AHS-GoodEgg>. Don't limit your nominations to just teachers - we'd love to recognize coaches who teach at Anderson, counselors, our health office team, custodians, food service staff, etc. - anyone who makes a difference in your day at Anderson High School! **October's Good Egg:** Allison Perry. **November Good Egg:** Analise Petsche. **PTO's Good Egg recipient for January is**

Mr. Bill Pitts. There was a common theme among the student nominations: Mr. Pitts really cares about his students and their well-being. He makes learning fun and knows how to engage his students. Thank you Mr. Pitts for being an incredible teacher and giving students a learning experience they look forward to each day.

ROT n' GRUB:

Help support the AHS Theatre production of Rot n' Grub:



YEARBOOK SALES NOW OPEN:

The link to purchase the 2022 yearbook is open! Buy your 2022 yearbook, *Tradition Continues!* For any questions please email pampendery@foresthills.edu
<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/andersonhighschool>

YEARBOOK ADS:

Senior parents! The link provided gives you the opportunity to purchase a senior ad in the back of the yearbook. For any questions please email pampendery@foresthills.edu
<http://bit.ly/36jWXJw>

FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Students recently received graduation progress letters in Advisory. If interested, please view the links for the graduation requirements by class required by ODE:

[CLASS OF 2022 GRAD REQUIREMENTS](#)

[CLASS OF 2023 AND BEYOND GRAD REQUIREMENTS](#)

Questions? Contact Mrs Bamber, Assistant Principal of Assessment and Accountability