01.26.24 AHS Families,

Yesterday we hosted our quarterly 'Rep the A' Breakfast- one of my favorite events each quarter! This is always a great opportunity for our staff to recognize particular students for living out our school motto: Be Real. Be Kind. Be Better. We are incredibly proud of these students and loved having their families come in to help celebrate!

Anderson Proud, Kyle

P.S. Our<u>2024 Senior One Stop Stop</u> is still a work in progress, however we are sharing it now so families of seniors can begin looking ahead.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 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:

CONFERENCES

Conferences will be taking place the evening of February 8th, from 4:00-7:30. This evening will also include a New Parent Meeting in Titus Auditorium from 6:00-6:30, as well as a self-guided tour and curriculum fair in the cafeteria from 6:30-7:30. Information on how to sign up for conferences can be found <u>here</u>.

Great Oaks:

Great Oaks has moved the Priority Deadline to Tuesday, February 6th. This is a change from the original date of February 7th. If your child plans to attend Great Oaks, please complete your application before the 6th! Counselors are happy to help with any questions you may have so please reach out!

Great Oaks Application

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.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY- RAPTOR RESOURCES

"Take what you need; leave what you don't." The NHS Officers recently completed a project called Raptor Resources! Raptor Resources will be a place students can freely and discreetly take supplies that they need for school and/or leave supplies for which they no longer have a use.

Here's where you come in: Do you have extra school supplies in your home that you don't currently need or want? Things like paper, pencils, binders, spiral notebooks, folders, colored pencils and markers would be great but anything from your student's back-to-school supply list is appreciated! We will use your extra supplies to help initially stock our Raptor Resources' shelves.

If so, please have your students place items in the convenient "Drop Off" box located by the Raptor Resources shelves. Thank you in advance! Fingers crossed, this will become a simple but helpful resource for our students. Contact JenniferCook@foresthills.edu with questions!

REP THE A BREAKFAST VIDEOS (2nd QUARTER)

Congratulations to all these students for being recognized for representing the school motto of Be Real. Be Kind. Be Better!

2nd quarter -Rep the A - group 1 2nd quarter- Rep the A- group 2 2nd quarter- Rep the A- group 3 2nd quarter- Rep the A- group 4 2nd quarter- Rep the A- group 5

SCHEDULING UPDATE FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Believe it or not, we are already into our scheduling process for the 2024-2025 school year. Please take a minute to review this <u>document</u> with your students. All freshmen and sophomores took part in an elective presentation during Advisory this week. The presentation and important links can be found <u>here</u>. Don't hesitate to reach out to your child's counselor or <u>Mrs Bamber</u> with 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.

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 <u>form</u> so we can celebrate them!

2023-2024 YEARBOOK ORDERING

Yearbooks are \$60, and sales go from now through the end of May. <u>http://buy2024andersonraptorsyearbook.com/</u>

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: <u>2023-2024 AHS At A Glance</u>.

DISTRICT UPDATES:

REMINDER: 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 <u>MindPeace</u> 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: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XX7H8QK</u>
 - 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

<u>here</u>. Should you have questions, concerns or would like to opt your child out of this anonymous survey, please email Assistant Superintendent Kim Tinsley (<u>kimtinsley@foresthills.edu</u>) 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 <u>Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's website</u> or <u>www.pbis.org</u>. The following link is specific to our school building!
 - School Name PBIS Survey Link: {each building inserts their own link here}

Hilinski's Hope Community Event on Mental Health

We hope you will consider joining us for an informative and engaging conversation about mental health, student wellness and suicide prevention on Monday, March 4. Thanks to support from the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, Anderson High School is hosting the Hilinski's Hope Foundation to lead a community presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Titus Auditorium. You can learn more about the event and find a link to RSVP in our news article 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.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Calling all Parents & Students | <u>PTA/PTO Community Grant Application Available Now</u> 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 <u>PTA/PTO Community Grants</u> 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.

Community Events

You can also visit our <u>flyers webpage here</u> 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:
 - o <u>MindPeace</u>
 - FHSD Family Resource List

FROM OUR BOOSTER GROUPS:

• **PTO**

Donations for Conference Dinner

The PTO is prepping to provide dinner for Staff during Conference Night on FEBRUARY 8. CONDADO will be supporting our staff to help provide a Nacho Bar and we are hopeful families will donate the drinks, sides and desserts.

Please <u>CLICK HERE to Sign Up</u> if you are able to donate items for the Conferences. ** Or make a monetary donation and we will shop for you. Venmo @Anderson-PTO-1



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

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for information about FAD membership!

• AHS Athletic Boosters

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for information about AHS Athletic Booster Memberships!

