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Dear AHS Families,

Every quarter the administrative team meets with a group of student leaders, known as the Anderson Ambassadors. This is a group of 2-3 students from each of our various student leadership groups. Without a doubt, the most important voice in a school community is the student voice. I don't often look forward to meetings, but this is one that I highlight on my calendar! (And not just because there's pizza and cookies.) I was blown away by the maturity and insightfulness that these students brought to the table and look forward to putting some of the ideas discussed into action.

We also had the opportunity to celebrate our second quarter 'Rep the A' students this morning! Each staff member selects a student that they feel has gone above and beyond during the previous quarter in terms of representing our school motto of "Be Real. Be Kind. Be Better." It's always fun to celebrate students for doing good work!

We capped the week off by hosting an In-School Dual where our wrestling team was able to compete in front of their peers against Indian Hill High School during 9th and 10th period. Our team gave an awesome showing, earning a convincing team win! Our cheerleading and dance teams were able to perform in front of the student body! Senior Jenna Calhoun sang the National Anthem (beautifully) and freshmen Ben Hartong did a great job announcing the entire event! All money collected from ticket sales will be donated to charity.

All together, this was an amazing week to be a Raptor!

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, <u>CLICK HERE</u>

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 02/04/22 3rd Quarter Interim
- 02/10/22 Parent Teacher Conferences and Curriculum Night (info below)
- 03/01/22 State Funded ACT for All Juniors (class of 2023)
- 03/01/22 6 PM College Credit Plus Informational Session (<u>CLICK HERE FOR</u> <u>DETAILS</u>)
- 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
- 03/12/22 Raptor Rally Athletics Boosters Fundraiser
- 05/14/22 Junior/Senior Prom and After-Prom (info to come)
- 05/28/22 Graduation

AROUND AHS:



I found the Raptor Academic Quiz Team preparing for competition!



I rolled over to Cherry Grove Lanes to cheer on our Bowling teams!



AP chem students celebrating Le Chatelier's principle!



Major shout-out to all our amazing students who presented at the FHSD Science and Innovation Expo!



Moments before the Raptor wrestling team took to the mat!

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.

• 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:



Our 9th Grade English PLC (Mrs Pendery, Mr Bissinger, and Mrs Olson) was awarded a FHFE grant to purchase more choice reading materials for their students!



Mr Weddle was awarded an FHFE grant for the Film and Theater Department towards a recording studio!

FROM 9UNITED:

HONOR ROLL- 2ND QUARTER:

Please take a moment to view our first quarter honor roll student roster (please note honor roll is based on quarter grades and therefore is reflective of unweighted GPA): <u>See the Honor Roll Here</u>

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on February 10th from 4:00pm-7:30pm Please see <u>THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION</u> regarding conference night. The website for scheduling teacher conferences will be available beginning on Thursday, February 3rd.

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 <u>THIS FLYER</u> 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!

INFORMATION ABOUT NCAA ELIGIBILITY:

The NCAA recently shared helpful resources for students considering playing their sport at the next level, and their families. If interested, view THIS INFORMATION

SENIORS- CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION:

Cap and Gown and Invitation orders were due to Graduate Services, Inc, by December 6th. Order online at <u>Graduate Service Inc</u> 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:

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 <u>ACT Boot Camp</u> prior to this assessment, please check out this opportunity from <u>Torchprep</u>.

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:

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:



YEARBOOK:

• 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

- 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/36jWX]w
- Senior parents: Senior baby ads are due at the end of January. We will keep the window open for a week. Please get your ads in. Senior baby ad

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