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AHS Families,

We had a blast today with the In School Wrestling Dual! I also want to make special mention of a MAJOR accomplishment in our Film program. Last year's student film, The Whisper House, won a National Emmy this week for Best Film, Fiction-Long Form! We are so, so proud of these students and directors!

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:

- **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 [here](#).

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 [document](#) with your students. All 9-11 grade students took part in a Scheduling Presentation during Advisory this week. The presentation and important links can be found [here](#). Don't hesitate to reach out to your child's counselor or [Mrs Bamber](#) with questions.

THIRD QUARTER INTERIM

Today, Friday, February 2nd, marks the third quarter interim marking period. This is a good time to check your child's academic progress on Progress Book. As always, if you have concerns or questions regarding your son/daughter's grades, please reach out to their teacher for information and possible ways to support your child's academic success from home.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (CCP) NOTICE

In order to be eligible to participate in College Credit Plus, a student and the student's guardian must attend the district's CCP presentation. While this year's meeting already occurred, our make up CCP meeting is **Tuesday February 27th at 6:30** in Titus Auditorium at AHS. That is the last CCP meeting that the district is offering this year.

SCHOOL FEES

Course fees and general fees were posted to Payschools Central in October and payment is now due. Please log on to Payschools Central to view your student's fees and make payment. **The preferred method of payment would be by credit card on [Payschools Central](#).**

Payments may also be made by cash (exact change please), 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.

Explanation of Fees

All Anderson High School students are charged school fees which include:

- General fees - printing, postage and other general expenses
- Course fees- for workbooks, print materials, lab materials and other classroom supplies
- Testing fees - include PSAT, Pre-ACT, ACT and AP Exam Fees
- Technology Fee - more information about FHSD Technology program can be found [here](#)

All fees must be paid prior to the end of the school year. If you have been charged AP Exam fees, these must be paid by April 1, 2024, so that we may order the correct number of tests.

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.

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.

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.

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](#)

Anderson Theatre offers "The Glass Menagerie" and "The Mousetrap" in February

Two master playwrights, two groundbreaking plays, one amazing weekend. *The Glass Menagerie* is a semi-autobiographical masterpiece by Tennessee Williams, a lyric and emotional ‘memory play’ that reflects on family dysfunction and the difficulty of accepting reality. *The Mousetrap* is the iconic murder mystery by Agatha Christie, a tale of suspense and murder that stands at the world’s longest-running play. Anderson Theatre is presenting both of these plays in a single weekend in February, giving audiences alternating nights of some of the best theater in history.

The Glass Menagerie will run February 15 & 17, and *The Mousetrap* will run February 16 & 18. Purchase tickets using the attached form or by visiting our website (www.AndersonTheatre.com) where you can access the special \$10 Senior/Student ticket price. Adult tickets, and ALL tickets sold at the door, are \$15.

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/>

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:

FHSD District-Wide Spirit Day - Feb. 13

Join us as we wear shirts with kind messages to celebrate World Kindness Day on Tuesday, February 13! Let's lift each other's spirits and set a positive example to those around us by practicing kindness, decency and understanding.

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. Thank you to those who have already submitted a survey response. We invite anyone else to 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](#)

Interest Meetings for Upcoming International Travel Opportunities

Germany and Switzerland: Sustainable Living – Summer of 2025

This is a STEM focused trip! Students who have completed high school Biology by 6/1/2024 and are in good standing, received a grade of B or better are invited to attend the meeting to learn more and register for the trip. The trip is designed for students currently enrolled in grades nine and ten. Come and learn more about this opportunity to put science and travel together! Register for an interest meeting here: <https://rsvp.eftours.com/jhwx2z7>

The Alps and Mediterranean Coast: Renaissance, Geography, History - Spring of 2025

Come explore with us on a four country jump, from Zurich to Barcelona, in the spring of 2025. Students who are currently in 8th grade through 11th are eligible with proof of good academic/behavior standings, completion of your history courses with a B or better. Register for the interest meeting here: <https://rsvp.eftours.com/nd729t4>

Both meetings are Monday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nagel Learning Commons.

Informational Tax Bill Update from FHSD

In response to some questions the district has received regarding last year's school levy, property reappraisals and what impact those might have on 2024 tax bills, we have compiled a variety of resources in [this article on the FHSD website](#).

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.

Community Events

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

- [Xavier Leadership Center Summer Reading Skills Programs for Grades K-10](#)
- [All In Golf Student Discount](#)
- [UC DAAP Saturday Art Program \(Grades K-12\)](#)
- [i9 Sports Youth Programs Spring 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](#)

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 [CLICK HERE to Sign Up](#) 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)**

[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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