02.09.24

AHS Families,

Tonight is the night of the AHS Dance Team's 'Teacher Dance' during half-time of the varsity boys basketball game. Let the record show, I am NOT a good dancer! (I know this; and am often reminded by my wife at weddings.) However, I look forward to this every year for two main reasons:

One- our dancers always seem to make great teachers. They are patient with us, encourage us when we mess up, and seem to genuinely enjoy seeing our (limited) growth as dancers. Two- it is important for us, as adults, to model to our students that it's OK to get out of our comfort zones and not be afraid to fail.

Here's to giving it my best!

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:

- 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:

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.

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.

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

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

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.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

PTA/PTO Grants DUE TODAY | February 9

Parents and/or students can apply for a grant from the Foundation – over the past 2 years, more than \$40,000 has been awarded.

Show Your Love Campaign | February 7-14

It's that time of year when we celebrate love and why not shop and dine local, all while supporting the students of Forest Hills.

Now - February 14

LaRosa's Pizza (Anderson & Mt. Lookout) and Biggby Coffee are donating 15% back to the Forest Hills students through the Foundation.

*Just mention the Foundation when you place your order in-person or via delivery.

Saturday, February 10

Looking for something to give your special someone (or yourself) – shop & dine local. Chic & Honey Boutique: gift card specials and free earrings/studs with every purchase Mercantile on Main: sips, shop and even a kid's Valentine's table Big Ash Brewery: grab drinks/food with friends or your special someone

Sunday, February 11

Watching the Super Bowl and/or hosting a party?

Order LaRosa's Pizza (Anderson or Mt. Washington locations) and mention the Forest Hills Foundation.

15% back to support Forest Hills students.

Make Valentine's Day <u>"extra sweet" with a gift</u> between now and February 14. Our partner, the McLane Foundation will match every gift up to \$10,000. Let's "Show Our Love" and support the kids in our community

Register NOW for FHSD Parent Academy on Feb. 28

The next Parent Academy session will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Nagel Middle School! Thanks to generous support from the <u>Forest Hills Foundation for Education</u>, we are able to offer light food and childcare for families interested in attending. You can find a <u>list of sessions/topics and a link to register for the event here</u>. The featured speakers for this event are:

- Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC/SLP from Cognitive Connections, LLP provides practical strategies that work to improve executive function skills.
- Step Up Anderson Township Screenagers under the Influence: Vaping Drugs, & Alcohol in the Digital Age.

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.

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:

- Girls Who Code Summer Programs Early Registration by Feb. 14
- 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
- Mental Health Webinar Series directed to parents from the Hamilton County ESC. The next event is Feb. 27 and discusses establishing healthy boundaries.

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>
 - o FHSD Family Resource List

FROM OUR BOOSTER GROUPS:

PTO

Please consider switching your Kroger Rewards to "Anderson High School PTO."

The PTO only has a couple income opportunities and the Kroger Rewards Program is the easiest way to support the AHS PTO.

<u>Click here for easy steps to designate AHS PTO as your Kroger Rewards recipient.</u> It only takes a minute!

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

CLICK HERE for information about FAD membership!

• AHS Athletic Boosters



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