02.16.24

AHS Families.

We had an excellent Professional Development day with our staff today- focusing highly effective instructional strategies!

We have several extracurricular events tonight and tomorrow, please be safe with the incoming weather!

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:

- 02/19 No School (President's Day)
- 02/27 State Funded ACT for All Juniors (Info Below)
- 03/15 End of Third Quarter (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
- 05/04 Prom and After Prom
- 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.

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

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. 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>.

Friendly Reminder

It's important to adhere to campus rules, especially during closed hours. Unauthorized access, such as playing basketball when the school is closed, is strictly prohibited for safety reasons. Remember, students are only allowed on campus when supervised. Note that failure to comply may result in law enforcement involvement and potential criminal trespassing charges. Please review these guidelines with your child to make sure they understand the expectation to ensure a safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

DISTRICT UPDATES:

DON'T MISS OUT! 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 final Parent Academy of the school year will be held on March 18! The featured speakers for our February 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.

SAVE THE DATE: Hilinski's Hope Community Event on Mental Health | March 4

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.

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.

Calendar Update Reminder: Student Days Off Change for March

All families should have received an email from Superintendent Hook with an update on the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar. Due to the presidential primary election on March 19, which we

anticipate may bring in a large number of outside visitors to schools that serve as polling locations, the district has adjusted the calendar to reflect that students will not have school on Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19 (staff will report for professional development). K-12 students will now report for school on Friday, March 15 (which was previously a non-school day). Preschool students will now report for school on Thursday, March 21, which was previously a non-school day in FHSD Preschool only. Please see this news article for additional details. You can download a PDF of the updated academic calendar here.

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:

- <u>Summer Camps at University of Notre Dame DNA Learning Center (In-Person & Virtual) for</u> 7th-10th Grade
- Girls Who Code Summer Programs
- Xavier Leadership Center Summer Reading Skills Programs for Grades K-10
- <u>Mental Health Webinar Series directed to parents from the Hamilton County ESC</u>. 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:
 - MindPeace
 - 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

MAY 4th AFTER PROM -- planning is well underway! DONATE TODAY!

Juniors & Seniors (and their guests) will have an unforgettable night through a Vegas-themed After Prom experience on May 4th! You DO NOT have to attend Prom to attend After Prom. We anticipate 500 students spending their early morning post-prom hours having fun in our safe, alcohol and drug-free environment. We will have a two-room casino, unlimited food and drinks, laser tag, glow golf, animals, mechanical bull, raffle prizes and more!!!

To help more kids be able to attend the event, we are actually **lowering** the price this year! We rely on generous donations to cover the remaining costs. We can't do it without your support! Click this link to donate: http://bit.lv/donate-ahs-ap24

• FRIENDS OF ANDERSON DRAMA (FAD)

CLICK HERE for information about FAD membership!

• AHS Athletic Boosters



• FH BAND BOOSTERS
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