

**02.25.22**

Dear AHS Families,

As I was walking through our English hall today, I noticed that some students were working in small groups in the hallway. I stopped to ask what they were working on and they told me they were preparing for their persuasive argument presentations. Naturally, I had to know what topics they chose. One young man chose to present on why NCAA student-athletes should not be paid; then I learned that his friend, who was helping him practice his presentation, had taken the exact opposite stance! I asked them why they were helping each other when they had diametrically opposed viewpoints on this issue. They both responded that even if they disagreed on this topic, they were still friends and wanted the other to do well. This really warmed my heart.

It really was a highlight of my week to spend a few minutes with these dozen or so students to learn what topics each student was passionate enough about to choose for their project. I was so impressed with how well thought-out each of their arguments were!

Anderson Proud,  
Kyle

P.S. We will continue to update the [Senior Class of 2022 'One-Stop-Shop'](#) document as we approach the end of the school year as a means to make tracking the information needed for seniors and their parents a little easier. Some important info has been added to the document to get things started.

**UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:**

- **03/01/22 - State Funded ACT for All Juniors (class of 2023)**
- **03/01/22 - 6 PM College Credit Plus Informational Session ([CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#))**
- **03/01/22 - 7 PM Community Partnership Kick-Off (Experienceships)**
- **03/05/22 - Spring Fling Dance (Masquerade Theme, must be a Student in Good Standing to attend, info and link to purchase tickets below)**
- **03/11/22 - End of 3rd Quarter**
- **03/12/22 - Raptor Rally Athletics Boosters Fundraiser**
- **3/18/22 - 3rd Quarter Report Cards Published**
- **03/31/22 & 04/01/22 - State Graduation Test for English 10**
- **04/11/22-04/15/22 - SPRING BREAK**
- **04/20/22 & 04/21/22 - State Graduation Test for Algebra I and Geometry**
- **04/22/22 - State Graduation Test for Biology, US History, US Government**
- **05/02/22-05/13/22 - [AP Testing Weeks](#)**
- **05/14/22 - Junior/Senior Prom and After-Prom (info to come)**
- **05/23/22 - Senior Last Day**
- **05/28/22 - Graduation, 3 PM at Cintas Center, Xavier University (more info to come soon)**

**AROUND AHS:**



Worm dissections in AP Biology!



AHS Orchestras sounded great as they prepared for the OMEA competition!



Boys basketball capped off their season with a great performance!



AHS FBLA Students did a great job competing in state competition this week!



Members of the AHS SALT (Audrey Baker, Sam Mizukawa, Payton Santorelli) learning at the West Point Leadership Conference!

### **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](http://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](mailto:substitute@hcesc.org)

- **VILLAGE CONNECTIONS- A FHSD Special Education Community**
- **SUMMER SCHOOL INFO:**  
[CLICK HERE](#) for information about summer school.
- **Mental Health Resources:**

Did you know?

Stress is the body's reaction due to pressure from an event, situation, or thoughts. Common stressors for students can include but are not limited to challenges with relationships, academics, family discord, or significant life changes. Students may struggle with verbalizing their stressors and instead might demonstrate irritability, changes in behavior, difficulty sleeping/sleeping too much, neglecting responsibilities, or showing signs of physical illness. To help students with stress levels it's important to help them utilize different management techniques. Stress management can look different for everyone, but encouraging students to get enough rest, exercise, make time for fun, and communicate about their needs can help set them up for success.

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](#)

#### **FROM THE FOREST HILLS FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION (FH5K):**

The 2022 FH5k Race is back and IN PERSON on May 14, 2022. In honor of mental health month, the focus of the race is mental health and wellness. Together we can change the narrative surrounding mental health. Join the AHS RAPTOR TEAM and *TAKE A STEP TO STOP THE*

*STIGMA.* #AHSisFAMILY #RaptorStrong

[Sign up here to donate and/or participate](#)

#### **FROM 9UNITED:**

#### **STUDENT SCHEDULING INFORMATION:**

Here is a [SCHEDULING ONE STOP SHOP](#) document with copies of student information video and other pertinent resources.

#### **STUDENT FEES REMINDER:**

This is a courtesy reminder that your student may have fees that are unpaid. Please note that all AP Exam fees must be paid by March 15, 2022. We are unable to release final report cards, diplomas and transcripts until all financial obligations are met. If your student is on a special plan with your school please disregard this notice. The preferred method of payment is by credit card via

[SPSEZPay](#). Payments may also be made by cash or money order, payable to AHS. If you have questions regarding any outstanding fees, please contact Eileen Birk at [eileenbirk@foresthills.edu](mailto:eileenbirk@foresthills.edu).

**For Sophomore and Junior Parents**

The FHSD Experienceship Program Kick Off for the 22-23 school year will be held March 1st at Anderson High School in Titus Auditorium.

Please complete [THIS FORM](#) if you and your student plan to attend.



**COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (CCP) INFORMATION:**

College Credit Plus Information Night for 22-23 School Year

March 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m., AHS Cafeteria

CCP is an opportunity for students in grades 7-12 to earn both high school and college credit. An annual meeting is the required first step in learning the details of the program, as well as obtaining the proper Forest Hills paperwork. Both students and parent/guardian are expected to attend. College reps from UC, Cincinnati State, Miami Hamilton, Chatfield and Sinclair will be in attendance to answer your questions after the presentation.

The Experienceship Kickoff follows at 7:00 p.m. in Titus Auditorium.

Please contact your HS counselor if you have questions. Intent to Enroll forms are due by March 31.

**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](#)

**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:**

**Upcoming ACT:**

The Ohio Department of Education is funding the administration of the ACT for all Juniors in the state. Anderson High School will be administering the ACT to all Juniors on March 1, 2022.

- Parents and students do not need to register for the exam
- The testing session will begin at 8:00 am and is estimated to end by 12:15 pm.
- Juniors will be expected to report to their testing location no later than 8am.
- Due to the importance of the ACT, and time required for testing, all Juniors will be dismissed for the day after completion of the exam. If students are unable to find transportation they may report to their typical classes for the remainder of the day.
- Lunch will be provided for any Junior at 12:37.

Please contact your student's counselor if you have any questions.

Sample ACT test resources are available on the Ohio Department of Education website and at the following link.

- [ACT Practice Test and Answer Key](#)

### **Anderson Holds their Fourth Mainstage Film Festival on March 18 & 19!**



An alien living among us. A teen struggling with guilt and grief. A man whose life will be changed by his next coffee order. These are the seeds for the short films that will make up Anderson Film's 2022 Film Festival. This year each film will be directed and edited by their student writers, working with a team of student technicians and actors. The stories they tell are heartfelt and vivid, comic and tragic, and a remarkable look into the imaginations of our youth.

With original music written by a group of AHS musical students and performed LIVE by the AHS Symphony Orchestra, these films will showcase all the amazing skills of both the Anderson Film and Orchestra students. All of the films from 2020's Film Festival were nominated for Student Emmy Awards by The Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, and this year is lining up to be even better. Make time this March to witness the future of filmmaking, right in our home town.

The Films are: Almost Human, Written & Directed by Will Clayton, Fraying, Written & Directed by Lily Biggs, and Clock-Watcher, Written & Directed by Andrew Kaepfner. Tickets are available using the attached order form or by visiting [www.Showtix4u.com](http://www.Showtix4u.com) and searching for Anderson. More info on our website: [www.AndersonTheatre.com](http://www.AndersonTheatre.com)

**FROM FAD:**

Please view [THIS LINK](#) to learn more about a fun way to support the Friends of Anderson Drama/Theatre & Film programs by March 20th.

**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](mailto: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:**



Our February parent spotlight is Mrs Amy Miller! Amy is pictured with husband Ron and sons Coleman ('23) and Jackson ('21). Amy contributes her time, knowledge, and impressive work ethic on multiple fronts at AHS- including PTO and Athletic Boosters. When asked about why she chooses to volunteer at AHS, here is what she had to say, "Volunteering, giving back to our teachers, schools and community, and trying to support students in a variety of ways is something I'm so grateful to

be able to do. I didn't have the best school experience and it took a toll on my mental health; a serious toll on my mental health. Getting involved in our schools gives me an opportunity to be a part of our boys' education, to show our boys the importance of being an active part of your community, and to support students and staff members in a way that helps them become the best they can be. None of us ever really knows what is going on in another person's life and if being involved at Anderson makes someone's day better, I'll take that as a win. Whether it's myself, our family or Anderson High School students and staff, I'm hoping I leave people and places better than I found them; there is no shortage of ways to do that at Anderson. Being a part of our school community is both amazing and exhausting, has given me some of the best friendships I've ever had, allowed me to become an advocate for mental health, and made me a better wife and Mama. High school has been different but definitely better the second time around." We appreciate ALL that Amy does for us at AHS!

### **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! **January's Good Egg:** Bill Pitts! **February's Good Egg:** Troy Spitzmueller!
- In Jan. the PTO put together a TREAT TROLLEY for all AHS staff members. The PTO hopes to pull out the trolley twice a month. The PTO will cover the costs of the first few rounds, but we hope with a little extra help from AHS family members we can continue this fun treat for the rest of the school year. If you would like to make a donation please use the following link. [Cognito Forms](#)
- PTO membership link [Cognito Forms](#)
- Spring Fling Volunteer link [Anderson Volunteers: Spring Fling Volunteers 2020 \(signupgenius.com\)](#)



### **Spring Fling Volunteers 2022**

Thanks so much for helping out with the Spring Fling! We need volunteers during the dance for food/drink serving and a little heavy lifting help unloading the DJ's equipment. You won't be in charge of chaperoning the actual dance but it is so much fun to catch quick glimpses of the kids all dressed up and having a blast! Thank you for helping make this night possible for all of Anderson's fantastic students!!

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

- Next week is the Spring Fling Dance and the theme is Masquerade! SPIRIT WEEK themes:



- Monday (Feb 28) - Jersey Day, Tues (Mar 1) - Hawaiian/Tropical, Wednesday (Mar 2) - Hippie, Thursday (Mar 3) - Western, Friday - Day Off School! Saturday - March 5<sup>th</sup> - Masquerade Ball!
- You must be a student in good standing to attend and remember. *“Good Standing”, meaning they are passing all classes, have exhibited good attendance and have not had serious disciplinary issues, will be permitted to purchase tickets and attend the dance.* Partial masks are allowed and encouraged. Think eye mask. No full face masks will be permitted. Tickets for the Masquerade Ball are \$12 and can be purchased through midnight on THURSDAY, March 3rd. ***Get your tickets now and be sure to prepare for Spirit Week this weekend! [Buy tickets here!](#) Ticket sales will end at Midnight on Thursday, March 3rd.***

**FROM THE AHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS:**

Celebrate March Madness with Anderson Athletic Boosters!

**Raptor Rally** is March 12th at Ivy Hills! The action of March Madness, raffles, auctions, food, drinks & a great night to show your support for Anderson Raptors students, athletes and teams!

Get tickets at

<https://bit.ly/AHSrallytickets>. Coaches can contact Boosters for their discount code.



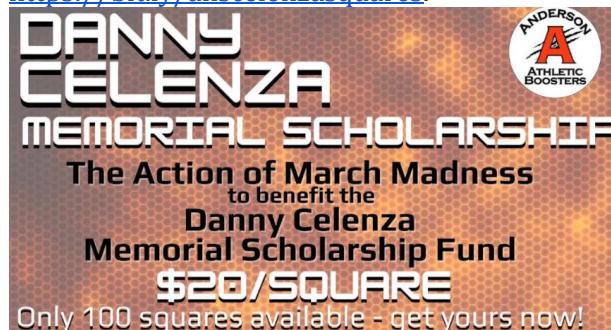
If you are interested in donor or sponsor opportunities, email

[andersonathleticboosters@gmail.com](mailto:andersonathleticboosters@gmail.com).

In 2020, Boosters established the **Danny Celenza Memorial Scholarship** as a way to honor the legacy of Coach Celenza and to celebrate students who show the leadership, integrity, respect and sense of community that Coach Celenza exemplified.

Claim your NCAA squares now to help grow the scholarship fund! More details/purchase at

<https://bit.ly/ahscelenzasquares>.



**MULCH SALE FUNDRAISER:**

Interested in buying mulch to support the Raptors Touchdown Club? [CLICK HERE](#) for the order form

**YEARBOOK:**

- The link to purchase the 2022 yearbook is open! Buy your 2022 yearbook, *Tradition Continues!* For any questions please email [pampendery@foresthills.edu](mailto: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](mailto:pampendery@foresthills.edu)  
<http://bit.ly/36jWXjw>
- 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