

03.11.22

Dear AHS Families,

Today marks the end of the third quarter. This means Monday is the beginning of the 'home stretch' that is the fourth quarter.

'Be Real. Be Kind. Be Better.' is our school motto. We talk about how 'Be Better' really means that we should strive to better ourselves. In this spirit, as we begin the fourth quarter, we want our students and staff to finish strong to make this the best quarter of the school year!

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:

- **03/11/22 - 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 - Forest Hills 5K (see below)**
- **05/14/22 - Junior/Senior Prom (8:30 at the Phoenix) and After-Prom (following Prom at AHS)**
- **05/23/22 - Senior Last Day**
- **05/28/22 - Graduation, 3 PM at Cintas Center, Xavier University (more info to come soon)**

AROUND AHS:



AHS students volunteered to assist American Legion Post 318 with their Fish Fry!



A huge thank you to our amazing PTO for providing a great Spring Fling for our students!



Hard to believe spring sports have already started up!



Teacher Academy, one of our awesome Great Oaks satellite programs, had students sharing and competing at the state level this week!

FROM THE DISTRICT:

Welcome Back Volunteers!

Volunteers are a valuable asset to the students and staff of FHSD. As you know, for the past two years we have not been able to have them in our classrooms and they have been missed. In order to take advantage of one of our greatest partnerships, we would like to let you know that we will be gradually introducing volunteers back into our buildings. While there may be limited opportunities to volunteer at first, we want to make sure that if you choose to volunteer you have to have all of the proper documentation (background checks) needed.

I want to volunteer. What do I need to do?

- If you have volunteered in the past, please contact _____ (Building AA) to confirm your status and check whether your documentation is up to date.
 - **Reminder** - background checks are good for up to 5 years.
- I do not have a current (5 years) background check on file with the FHSD.
 - Please go to the [Forest Hills School District](#) website click
 - **“HOW DO I...”** tab and click **“Volunteer”**

The screenshot shows the Forest Hills School District website. At the top, there is a green navigation bar with links for 'ACTIVE CALENDAR | NEWS | (513) 231-3600' and social media icons. Below this, the main header includes 'Forest Hills School District' and 'WHY FOREST HILLS | DIRECTORY'. A dropdown menu is open under the 'HOW DO I...' tab, listing various services: 'Register a Student', 'Pay School Fees', 'Access Grades and Assignments', 'Find My Bus Stop', 'Add Money to a Lunch Account', 'Request A Transcript', 'Find My Child's School of', 'Volunteer', 'Apply for a Job', 'Rent FHSD Facilities', and 'Find Health and Wellness'. The 'Volunteer' option is highlighted with a red box. In the background, there is a photo of a marching band.

- Proceed to the RAPTOR background check link and complete the form.

- You will be notified when your background check has cleared.

VOLUNTEER / CHAPERONE / COACH (BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED):

- Volunteer/Chaperone (*Online Process*)
 - Any adult who will interact with any students other than their own child while assisting with school activities or working independently in a Forest Hills School District building. Example: room helper, reading to classes, making copies for teachers, organizing activities, assisting with productions, etc.
 - Any adult who will escort students on day field trips within or out of the Forest Hills School District.
 - **VOLUNTEER/CHAPERONES MUST COMPLETE THE A BACKGROUND CHECK USING THE RAPTOR SYSTEM LINK.**
- *Overnight Field Trips (Fingerprinting)*

Thank you for all you do for our students and staff. We value these opportunities to partner with parents, guardians and community members to provide enriching experiences for our students.

- **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

- **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 March 9th when our topic is Social Skills -Tips and Tricks for Building Relationships. For more information contact the FHSD Parent Resource Coordinator, [Alycia Champion](#).
- **FOREST HILLS BANDS ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER:**
<https://www.foresthills.edu/content/documents/FHBB-Spaghetti-Dinner-3-1-22.pdf>
The 59th Annual Spaghetti Dinner supporting Forest Hills Bands Boosters is Saturday, March 12! Please consider supporting our students as they perform throughout the evening at Nagel Middle School. Every school has students participating!
<https://spaghettdinner.weebly.com/>
- **SUMMER SCHOOL INFO:**
[CLICK HERE](#) for information about summer school.

- **Did you miss the Experienceship meeting earlier this month?** [CLICK HERE](#) to view the slideshow from the event.

- **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](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION: Contact [Cheryl Kemper](#) with any questions.

Graduation Recognition - Seniors with 100 community service hours must have them submitted on [my.innervue.org](#) by April 15, 2022 to be recognized at graduation.

Inspiring Service Awards: This is a yearly award open to 9-12 graders each year. To be considered for these awards you must have all of your hours logged by April 15, 2022.

All students should be checking their online service resumes and making sure service hours signed up for online are credited to their accounts' after completion of the service.

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](#)

- **2022 FH5K | We are Back In-Person** After two years of hosting the FH5K virtually, the Forest Hills Foundation for Education is proud to host our **2022 FH5K on Saturday, May 14.**

It's time for us all to **come together** and promote physical health, create awareness for mental health and have fun!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and we are excited to share mental health resources at the FH5K After-Party taking place at Nagel Middle School. The Forest Hills

Foundation serves as a member of the Anderson Mental Health Collaborative where several of these groups will be ready to share resources, tools and information with you and our families.

Will you help us reach our \$100,000 goal?

These funds will directly impact students as we continue to provide mental health support focused on these three areas, *based on student feedback*: resiliency, emotional regulation and social awareness.

Please join us as we “Take a Step to Stop the Stigma” and register for the FH5K today!

Not a runner/walker, you can still donate, fundraise and/or volunteer.

[Don't miss out on the fun](#) – Register Today, Create a Team, Check out the Race Details and After-Party.

FROM 9UNITED:

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.

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:

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 and searching for Anderson. More info on our website: www.AndersonTheatre.com

FROM FAD:

Get Spicy for Spring!

- Purchase Jose Madrid Salsa and benefit FAD!
- Choose from more than 25 different flavors of hand-crafted, gourmet salsas.
- Order online for either local pick-up or delivery to anywhere in the USA!
- A full 50% of your purchase comes to FAD! Visit the FAD page of our website for order form & links:

<https://www.andersontheatre.com/friends-of-anderson-drama-fad>

- ORDER DEADLINE is MARCH 20, 2022!



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:

- **Goat Yoga:** Need a quick break before Spring Break? Want to support AHS After Prom? Goat Yoga! Join us at Anderson High School on Thursday March 31st for Goat Yoga, proceeds to benefit AHS After Prom. A great chance to de-stress, stretch, and hang out

with some really cute goats (and AHS friends as well.) There will be 2 - 45 minute sessions at 4:30 pm and 5:45 pm in the AHS courtyard. Reserve your spot now as we sold out the last time we got stretchy with goats. Cost is \$ 25 per person, ages 12 and up please. BYOM (Bring Your Own Mat.)

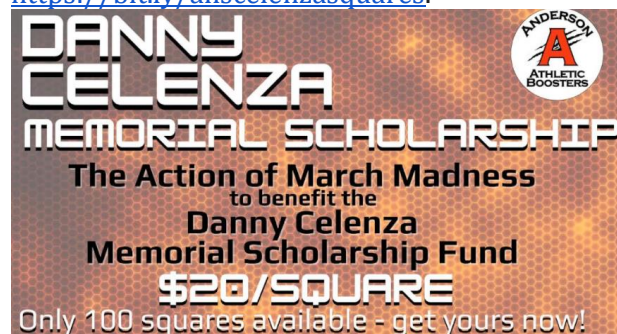
<https://sites.google.com/foresthills.edu/goat-yoga/home>

- **Sr. Graduate Yard Sign Pick Up:** Not sure if this is a mention in your email or just something you'll add to the Sr. Parent watch list. Mark your calendar for graduation yard sign pick up on Saturday April 30th. These are the really cool orange and black signs that sprout up each spring as graduation nears. Pick up at AHS on Saturday April 30th from 9:00 am - noon.
- 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!

FROM THE AHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS:

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 <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/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