## 03.22.24

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# PTO Meeting

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- Engage with a speaker from Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- Discuss open PTO positions next school year (view here)
- Learn about the new Composting Club
- *Get involved with senior events in April & May*

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All families should have received an email from Superintendent Hook on March 17 informing you of the district's decision to close school on April 8 in response to safety and staffing concerns related to the upcoming solar eclipse. With many other schools in the area deciding to close, it creates a ripple effect that contributed to this decision. You can find additional information on the <a href="FHSD">FHSD</a> website here.

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Join us in celebrating Opening Day for the Cincinnati Reds!

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The Anderson Mental Health Collaborative, Forest Hills School District and Anderson Township are collaborating on a special evening to discuss this topic. Denise Meine-Graham, from Postvention Consulting, and Dr. Jennifer Wright-Berryman, an associate professor at UC's College of Allied Health Sciences and an expert in suicidology, will share about how becoming a community of hope for those bereaved by suicide is a powerful resource in preventing suicide.

This event, on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Anderson Center (7850 Five Mile Road), is free and open to the public. Please note the topic of suicide will be discussed, including the loss of a child to suicide. <u>Click here to register now</u>.

## **Forest Hills Foundation for Education**

Join us for the 15th FH5K on Saturday, May 11 as we "Celebrate Every Victory."

Register and Get Involved today!

\*register by April 1st and you could be the lucky winner of a FREE massage!

**Interested in serving as a Race Ambassador?** Contact Turpin student <u>Kerry Fleming</u> so you can get signed up today.

Thanks to all of our 2024 Race Ambassadors - check them out!

**Can't attend** – you can still support the FH students with a donation.

Be sure you register under your student's school team OR create your own fundraising page.

Help us reach our goal of \$125,000 to support student wellness!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

FH5K Pre-Race Party at Wandering Monsters

Thursday, April 18

Let's kick-off the celebration as a community and come meet Gary, FCC mascot! 10% of all sales will go back to the FH students

# <u>Inventure Entrepreneurship Academy | Applications Open April 1</u>

Inventure Entrepreneurship Academy is an immersive experience for high school students interested in entrepreneurship. This one-week program not only teaches valuable leadership skills and provides connections to local business founders, regional experts, and universities but also functions as an ideation sprint. This sprint is designed to teach participants the foundation of generating a business model from an idea, equipping them with the critical skills to transform innovative concepts into viable business plans. Learn more here.

At the conclusion of the program, participating teams will pitch their ideas for prize funding for their venture.

- When: June 24-28, 2024
- Where: 1819 Innovation Hub University of Cincinnati (2900 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45206)
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#### **Dart Wars**

Over the last several years, many students at Anderson, Turpin and schools across SW Ohio have participated in a game called Dart Wars. This can go on for multiple weeks as teams compete with either Nerf darts or homemade devices to earn points by hitting members of opposing teams. FHSD wants to make sure that the parent community understands that this is NOT a school-sponsored or supported activity. The game is not allowed to be played on any district property and it is not allowed to interfere with learning during the school day. This includes communication that is verbal or through social media that could interfere with the educational environment.

We encourage families to speak with their students about this activity and consider the potential risks associated with a game like this being played in different parts of our community. Again, the district does not support or encourage this game to be played, and it is prohibited from school

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Come ALL to this BAND-tastic event Saturday, March 16: FHBands/LaRosas Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser! There will be Larosa's spaghetti for dine in or take-out, concerts, and so many must-have auction items. Bid on LEGOS, Gaming Table, Lotto baskets, Solo Stove and more. Tickets sold at the door starting at 3:30 p.m. at Nagel Middle School. Check <a href="mailto:spaghettidinner.weeblv.com">spaghettidinner.weeblv.com</a> for more information!

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This original motion picture is entirely produced by Anderson and Turpin students! *Head Case* is written and directed by Anderson HS senior Chrisanthi Burch and scored by Turpin HS junior Joshua Yamaguchi. It tells the story of employees of a run down movie theater who have to decide what to do with a mysterious briefcase. Exploring various ways mental health challenges and is handled by the current generation, Head Case turns the lens of the camera on those of us who struggle with our own mental health and how we help or hinder those around us. Please consider the topics addressed when deciding whether to bring young students to the premiere. Learn more about the show <a href="here">here</a>. Tickets can be purchased through the <a href="here">Anderson Film website here</a>.

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# 03.01.24

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Mock Interview Workshop for High School Students | Feb. 28

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# 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

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#### SCHEDULING UPDATE FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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#### District Survey on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

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Calling all Parents & Students | PTA/PTO Community Grant Application Available Now

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- Mental Wellness Resources for People of All Ages (Anderson Mental Health Collaborative)
- Understanding College Affordability
- Village Connections: <u>Ask the Experts from Hamilton County Department of Developmental</u> Disabilities

## In the News: Superintendent Hook Discusses School Funding

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Hear what's happening around AHS and how you can be involved.

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Want to see the Campus? Attend an upcoming Open House!

Live Oaks

Thursday, February 1 5-7pm

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110 Great Oaks Dr. (at 3254 E. Kemper Road)

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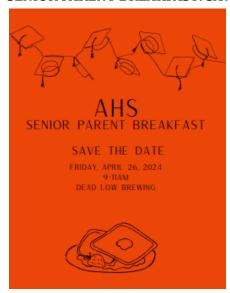
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# 12.01.23

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We also have a limited number of 22 inch wreaths available for last minute purchase. If you would like one, please email Kate Gearding at AndersonAfterprom@gmail.com or Terri Elliff @ TKElliff@outlook.com

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#### 11.10.23

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Rep the A- group 1

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<u>Honor Roll</u> for 1st quarter has been posted. Congratulations to all of our students who worked hard and received this well earned recognition!

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Learn more about 9United and the impact of Shop & Share at <a href="www.9united.org/shop--share">www.9united.org/shop--share</a> and <a href="mailto:check out a flyer here">check out a flyer here</a>. The event begins Nov. 9 and culminates on Dec. 6 with the annual Community Shopping Night at Target! Coin Wars at the elementary and middle schools will be Nov. 13-21.

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Go Raptors!

Anderson Proud. Kyle

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Because of your support, over \$80,000 in Teacher Grants were awarded last week and we want to further support our front-line educators, our Forest Hills teachers and staff, along with specific student grants later this year.

For every gift made, it will be matched thanks to the following alumni members:

Bruce Hellman, Turpin,1978

Michael Brandy, Anderson, 1974

If we reach our goal of \$15,000 – Bruce and Michael will match and get us to \$30,000 (half of the salary for a Child Focus Therapist). <u>Let's Go!</u>

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## 2023 Distinguished Alumni Recipients

Help us honor and recognize the 2023 Distinguished Alumni and Forest Hills School District Staff. <u>Tickets are still available</u> for the recognition luncheon on Friday, October 13 at Ivy Hills Country Club.

Phyllis Ferrel | Turpin, 1990

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Brian Reid | Turpin, 1989

Mindy Smith Murphy | Anderson, 1986

Miriam Sturm | Anderson, 1976

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Calling FCC & sports fans?!?!

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Anderson Proud, Kyle

P.S.

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Additionally- we are so excited for Elementary Night at our home football game tonight! It's a great opportunity for our high school students in attendance to act as role models for our district's younger students. As a reminder- our concession stands are cash only- please help spread the word.

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- Thursday, October 12, 2023
- Thursday, November 30, 2023
- Wednesday, January 24, 2024
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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# Nominate an Outstanding Alum or Staff Member!

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Submit your nominations for Distinguished Alumni or Staff by Monday, August 28!

- Nominate a Distinguished Alumni
- Nominate a Distinguished FHSD Staff Member

All recipients will be honored on October 13 during the Forest Hills Foundation's Distinguished Alumni Luncheon at Ivy Hills and at the Anderson vs Turpin football game that evening at Turpin High School. Check out all of the <u>previous award recipients</u> – who will join this prestigious group in 2023?

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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).

# PICTURE DAY (8/23)

All students in grades 9-12 will take their school picture on 8/23 during their English class. Families may order online through mylifetouch.com using the school code EVTHP3XXS.

#### **SLIDES FROM NEW PARENT ORIENTATION:**

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to access the slides that were presented at New Parent Orientation on 8/15/23.

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- Parking Pass cost, \$125, cash or check
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# **Every Moment Matters - FHSD Culture Blueprint**

You may have noticed new signs and displays in all of our buildings that reflect FHSD's Culture Blueprint. You can learn more about the Culture Blueprint and the process to create it <a href="here">here</a>. The driving force behind this is the belief that **Every Moment Matters**. By emphasizing the core values of Connections, Ownership and Growth, we make it possible to foster positive relationships, to accept responsibility with passion and purpose, and to create a better today. You'll notice a strong focus on leadership and culture all year long (and into the future) as we begin working with staff to understand and live out these values and behaviors.

# **Back-to-School Reminders**

Here are some helpful links that families often look for at the beginning of the school year! You can also check out <u>this article</u> with some additional information and visit <u>foresthills.edu</u> to find much more!

- Event Calendars (separated by school)
- Academic Calendar
- Food Menus & Food Service Department
- Fees/Payment Information
- <u>Transportation Department</u>
- School Supply Lists
- Final Forms

# **Update on Lunch/Fee Payments**

With more people opting to pay school fees and lunch balances with cash/checks this year, we've received some questions around that process. **All payments should be brought to your student's school office and lunch balance payments should be SEPARATE from school fees.** This is required because the money is deposited into different accounts. School lunch payments should be made out to the School Name + Food Service or Cafeteria. The cash/check will need to include the child's name (first and last) as well as their student ID number. If there are to be multiple students

for one check they will need to indicate each student's name and student ID number with the amount for each student's account. Information about online payment options can be found here.

## **Food Allergy Information**

Please review the Guidelines for Medical and Food Related Conditions (2023-2024) and related FAQ for Food Allergies and Guidelines. These guidelines safeguard students from life-threatening (peanut or other) food-related allergies as well as extreme medically-related conditions. We want families to be informed of the processes we have in place to ensure a safe environment for all students.

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  - FHSD Family Resource List 22-23

# FROM OUR BOOSTER GROUPS:

PTO

Check out the PTO Newsletter:

https://andersonhspto.ptboard.com/annlist

The PTO is looking for volunteers to sign up to:

- Help with Picture Day on August 23
- Donates cookies & drinks for the staff Open House on August 23 Join the PTO!
  - FRIENDS OF ANDERSON DRAMA (FAD)

**CLICK HERE** for information about FAD membership!

• AHS Athletic Boosters

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• FH BAND BOOSTERS

Booster Home - FH BANDS Be a "Booster" = encourage, support, volunteer and raise money for the FHSD Band and Guard Programs grades 5 - 12!

Please join us today, and let's do great things for our musical kids!

Online Membership form and "Donate" button here



This is an organization of volunteers, and we appreciate you!

#### 08.11.23

AHS Families,

As a former athlete and coach, I am no stranger to pre-game excitement and butterflies in my stomach. Every year of my career, that's the exact feeling I get the weekend before the start of the school year. It is so exciting to think of the possibilities that this year will bring! I'm excited knowing that we will get to watch our students grow and learn new and challenging topics. I'm already looking forward to watching students perform on Titus stage and in marching competitions. And, I cannot wait to see our athletes compete!

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Anderson Proud, Kyle

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# New Student FHSD device pickup

Where: Learning Commons @ Anderson High School

Dates and Times:

Tuesday	August 15, 2023	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday	August 16, 2023	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Or contact bettyfeller@foresthills.edu to schedule an appointment.

Students should bring login information (FH password, username and FH email address) that sent via email to student and parent/guardian. Students will be asked to log on to the device when they pick it up.

# **STUDENT SCHEDULES**

All schedules are live for students to view at this time. Schedules can be found in students' Progress Book accounts. If your student has a question about their schedule, please have them reach out to their counselor.

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- AHS Parking Pass Application (Must be accessed by the student's FH account)
- Next Parking pick up date: August 14 th, 12-2 pm

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People who wish to avoid additional charges while paying academic/school fees are always welcome to pay by cash or check, and they can send their payment directly to their student's school. You can learn about online payment options and find instructions on how to use PaySchools Central <a href="here">here</a>.

## First Day of School

Thursday, August 17 is the first day of school for K-12 students with last names A-L. Friday, August 18 is the first day of school for K-12 students with last names M-Z. Preschool families have received separate details about when they should report to school on either August 21 or 22.

# **Please Update Final Forms**

All returning families need to log in to <u>Final Forms</u> to confirm the emergency contact and medical information for their students is up to date and accurate. **This is required every school year for all families.** 

#### **Back-to-School Reminders**

Keep an eye on your mailbox for a back-to-school postcard! It includes a QR code link to <u>this article</u> that has a variety of important information. Additionally, please take note of the following resources and documents that we want all families to know about and understand.

- 7-12 Student-Parent Handbook
- FHSD Resource Page (7-8 Link) (9-12 Link)
- <u>Safety Information</u> (Emergency communications, bullying policy and more)

## **Bus Route Information**

Families should have received information about their student's bus route earlier this week! Please check for an email from the Transportation Department. You can also find instructions on how to locate bus route information on the district website here.

# **Food Service Updates**

<u>Guidelines for Medical and Food Related Conditions</u> (2023-2024)

FAO for Food Allergies and Guidelines

<u>Click here</u> for more information about menus, meal prices and free/reduced price meal applications. FHSD is introducing a brand-new, digital menu system this school year that will make it easier for families to see nutrition and allergen information!

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## 08.04.23

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Our custodians have been working extremely hard ALL summer to get the building ready for the school year, our counselors dove right in with both feet to make sure student schedules are ready, our administrative assistants are grinding away to make sure our building systems are ready to go for day one, and the administrative team has spent time focusing on cultivating our leadership skills and ability to respond to events and improve outcomes thanks to our partnership with Focus 3.

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#### 07.24.23

We hope you all are having a fun and safe summer! The AHS office team has been hard at work gearing up for the 2023-2024 school year; we are sending a 'mid-summer' newsletter home to relay a few important dates/events (see below).

There are also lots of fun and exciting things happening around the AHS campus during the summer with all the camps and activities! Whether it's academics, arts, or athletics- there is no substitute for the authentic learning experience that accompanies those experiences. During the summer, I have made it a point to get out every morning and see what our students are up to- such a blast!

I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all families who are new to AHS f9/4 - No School (Labor Day)

• 9/13 - ACT Readiness Day

- 9/15- Quarter 1 Interim
- 9/22 Homecoming Tailgate, Parade, and Game
- 9/23 Homecoming Dance (info below)
- 10/20 End of First Quarter
- 10/24 PSAT/ACT Prep Day (info to come)

or the upcoming school year! To help with the transition 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>. This document was shared with families earlier in the summer, but it never hurts to bring it to the top of the inbox!

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Parking space raffle for students is open now until August 1. This is a great opportunity for a student-driver to pick their spot before everyone else! PLUS it's a fundraiser for the PTO! <u>CLICK HERE</u>

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