

**03.25.22**

Dear AHS Families,

You wouldn't know it with the weather outside this weekend, but spring is here! The ball is rolling in the fourth academic quarter, spring sports are ramping up, our spring musical is taking shape; it's an exciting time at Anderson High School!

I think back to my days as an athlete (believe it or not) and I remember coaches always talking about sprinting through the finish line, leaving it all on the field/court and playing until the final whistle. Let's finish the school year strong and make it the best one yet!

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.

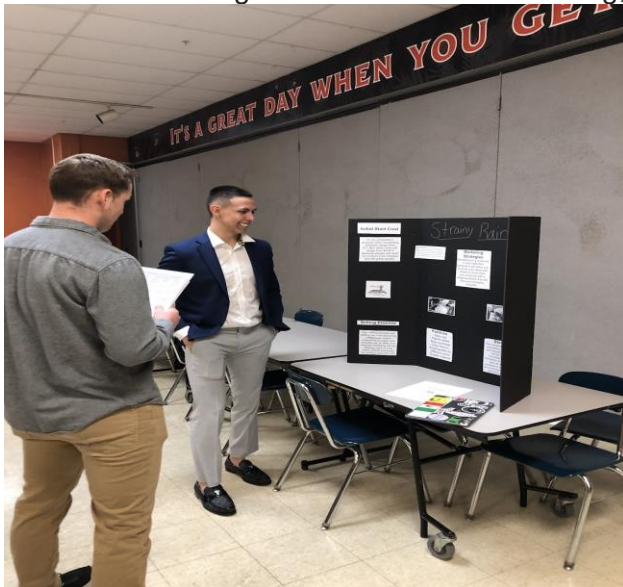
**UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:**

- **03/31/22 & 04/01/22 - [State Graduation Test for English 10](#) (2 hour delay for non-testers, buses run on normal schedule)**
- **04/06/22 - Evening for the Arts (7-9 pm in the Varsity Gym)**
- **04/11/22 - 04/15/22 - SPRING BREAK**
- **04/20/22 & 04/21/22 - State Graduation Test for Algebra I and Geometry (2 hour delay for non-testers, buses run on normal schedule)**
- **04/22/22 - [State Graduation Test for Biology, US History, US Government](#) (2 hour delay for non-testers, buses run on normal schedule)**
- **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:**



The AHS Mainstage Film Festival was amazing, great job by all students involved!



Our Future Business Leaders of America students were in the 'Shark Tank' this week presenting their business concepts to local business owners and alumni!



I love walking by our Art Department display cases- our students are so talented!



There's something about the sound of the bat hitting that ball that just screams, "Spring!"

### **FROM THE DISTRICT:**

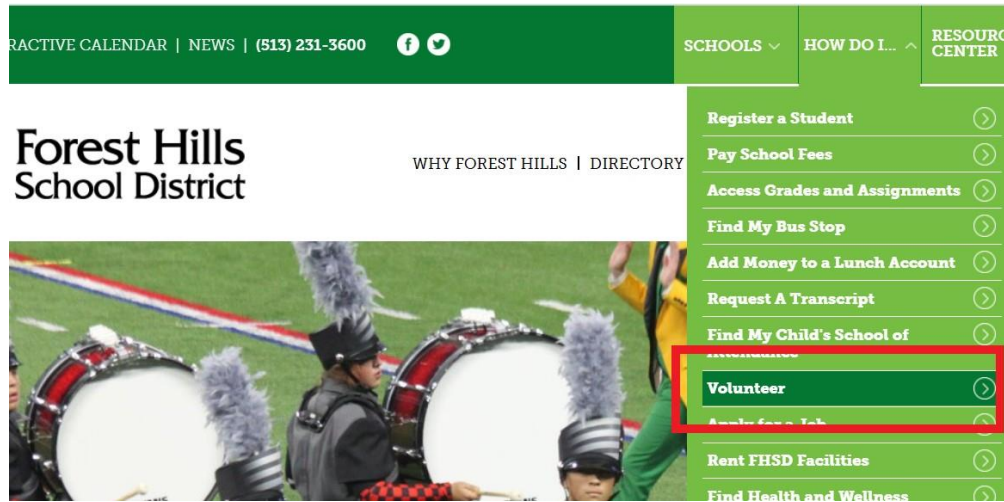
Welcome Back Volunteers!

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.

- o **Reminder** - background checks are good for up to 5 years.
- I do not have a current (5 years) background check on file with the FHDS.
  - o Please go to the [Forest Hills School District](#) website click
  - o “HOW DO I...” tab and click “Volunteer”



- o Proceed to the RAPTOR background check link and complete the form.
- o You will be notified when your background check has cleared.

**VOLUNTEER / CHAPERONE / COACH (BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED):**

- Volunteer/Chaperone (*Online Process*)
  - o 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.
  - o Any adult who will escort students on day field trips within or out of the Forest Hills School District.
  - o **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](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@hcsc.org](mailto:substitute@hcsc.org)

- **Community Mental Health Presentation**

The FHSD Wellness Team was joined by two crucial community partners who shared their insights and expertise related to mental health and suicide prevention this week. You can learn more about what was discussed [here](#). The full presentation is available to watch [here](#).

- **Anderson Township Youth Summit**

Step Up Anderson Township is hosting a summit focused on building resiliency and connection.

Open to grades 7-12.

April 3, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

More info can be found in the flyer [here](#).

- **Special Education Parent Survey**

The Ohio Department of Education has selected FHSD families to participate in a survey about special education services. The goal is to collect information that will help ODE improve services for students with disabilities across Ohio. If you have a child with an educational disability, please click [here](#) to take the survey.

- **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](#).

- **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](#)

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:** Local scholarship applications will be available for interested seniors beginning Friday, March 25th. Due to generous donations from school, parent, and community organizations, a substantial list of scholarships will be available for seniors this year. Last year we awarded 44 scholarships for a total amount of \$28,500.00. In order to be eligible, seniors must have a 3.5 weighted grade point average (GPA) or higher and complete an online application (link below). The deadline for applying for these scholarships is Monday, April 18th when the online application will close. Scholarship winners will be notified by mail. [2022 Local Scholarship Application](#)

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

**Graduation Recognition** - Seniors with 100 community service hours must have them submitted on [my.innerview.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):**

- **Let's Come Together as a Community**

Join the Forest Hills Foundation for Education and get involved in the 2022 FH5K on Saturday, May 14 – what a great way to **come together as a community and HAVE FUN!** Register for the race, donate, volunteer and/or attend the After-Party – let's promote physical health and create awareness for mental health.

Will Anderson High School have the **most** students participating and win a **free SNOWIE** before the end of the school year?

Let's all *Take a Step to Stop the Stigma* and get involved in the [2022 FH5K on Saturday, May 14!](#) Be sure to follow the Foundation on social media – hear from FH5K Ambassadors, Students and Community Partners.

- 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](#)

- **2002 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 **2002 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:**

### **FROM THE ANDERSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND URBAN FARM:**

YOUTH battle of the bands and artisan vendor sale. For information, view the [digital flyer](#).

### **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).

### **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:**

Is your 10th grader still interested in applying to The Oaks for their Junior & Senior year?

There are some great Career Tech Programs that still have some availability! Please email your child's counselor for more information about program openings and how to apply!

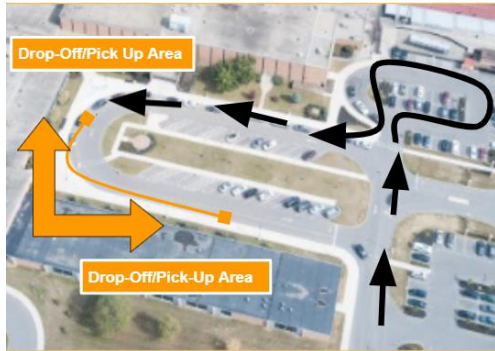
### **PARKING:**

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 'Parent Spotlight' comes from the realm of the performing arts this month. James and Kelly Chandler are proud supporters of our theatre and film programs at Anderson High School, pictured here with senior Ella, sophomore Samuel and Jack ('20). When asked why they choose to volunteer at AHS, they said "We volunteer because we've seen firsthand the positive impact theater and film has had on ALL of our kids' lives. We want to do everything we can to ensure that this program thrives and as many kids as well as their families can experience the same level of joy and fulfillment as ours." We are so thankful to have involved families, like the Chandlers!

### **FROM THE PTO:**



- **Goat Yoga After Prom Fundraiser:** Need a quick break before Spring Break? Want to support AHS After Prom? Join us for goat yoga! Suzanne Berry has generously agreed to lead the yoga and there will be lots of adorable little goats in on the fun. Bring your sense of adventure, a towel or your mat, a set of extra clothes (just in case), and meet us in the Courtyard! No previous experience (yoga or goat related) required! Parents, students, staff and the community are all invited to participate (ages 12 and up please). Each session is limited to 50 people and we are expecting spots will go fast - sign up now! Thursday March 31st, Anderson Courtyard - Enter by the baseball field  
Session 1: 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm (50 spots)  
Session 2: 5:45 pm - 6:40 pm (50 spots)  
Cost \$ 25 <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 30<sup>th</sup> 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! **March's Good Egg:** Jeff Granger!

#### **FROM THE AHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS:**

Anderson High School Athletic Boosters Hall of Fame Committee will be holding its **Athletic Hall of Fame induction and dinner** on Saturday, April 23 at 6 p.m.

We will honor the following individuals: Dan Albers, Greg Ellis, Dan Bartholomew, Daniel Rod, Madison Temple, and Sue Vogel.

Information and Ticketing: [Hall of Fame Induction Form](#)

We look forward to a fantastic evening; we hope you can join the fun!

AHS Boosters Summer Sports Camp registration will begin soon. Check your email for updates from Boosters or follow them on Twitter (@Boosters\_AHS) for more details.

Submit your nomination for PTO's April Good Egg Award! This is the last Good Egg awarded for this school year. Nominate teachers/staff members/coaches at <https://bit.ly/AHS-GoodEgg>.

#### **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