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Dear AHS Families,

No matter how busy things get in the AHS office, I always try to make it to at least one lunch period during the day. It's such a bucket filler for me to shoot the breeze with our students. One group of young ladies likes to talk with me about their favorite ICE sparkling water flavors (mine is kiwi strawberry), a particular group of young men likes to engage in debate around which fast food restaurant has the best french fries (they don't agree with my selection of Wendy's), and sometimes I dust the rust off my old math teaching skills and help students with their Algebra or Geometry homework.

As I make my rounds, my favorite thing to ask tables of freshmen is, "How do you like being at Anderson?" And I encourage them to be honest. The consensus has been really positive. There's some independence, they have teachers they really like, and they are starting to find ways to get involved (teams, clubs, groups, etc).

Have a great weekend, everybody!

Anderson Proud, Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 9/17 First Quarter Interim (see information below)
- 10/1 Homecoming Parade, Tailgate, and Football Game
- **10/2 Homecoming Dance** (Details on how to purchase the \$25 tickets will be coming next week. Students in good standing are permitted to attend.)
- **10/8 Teacher Professional Day** (no school for students)
- **10/11 No School** (Fall Break)
- 10/13 PSAT and Freshmen Day of Service (see information below)
- 10/15 End of First Quarter
- 10/21 Picture Retakes

AROUND AHS:



Why are our performing arts so good? They practice really hard!



Special shoutout to our newest inductees into the Cum Laude Society! (please note that this is a separate distinction from our Cum Laude graduation honors)



Huge congratulations to Andrew Kaeppner on earning National Merit Semi-Finalist status!



Tonight (9/17) is our Military Appreciation Night!

FROM THE DISTRICT:

• HOMEARAMA:

Forest Hills families are invited to attend HOMEARAMA 2021 for a day of fun, viewing upscale luxury homes while raising money for the Forest Hills School District! Guests will have an opportunity to tour five fully decorated and beautifully landscaped houses at Parkside Estates at Coldstream in a variety of architectural styles. FHSD families receive discounted tickets. (\$3 off per adult, children 12 and under are FREE!)

- o Visit <u>Cincyhomearama.com</u>
- Click on BUY TICKETS
- Select Tickets
- Enter number of tickets
- Highlight the online ticket option at 18.00
- Buy tickets Enter name, email, address, etc. (Children 12 and under are FREE with a parent)
- o Enter the ENTER COUPON CODE which is FHSD2021
- Click on APPLY DISCOUNT CODE and it will give the purchaser \$3 off of the gate price of \$19 or \$16 per ticket
- At the end of HOMEARAMA, FHSD will be presented with a check in the amount of \$3 per tickets purchased with code

• MEET THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

All community members are invited to learn more about the candidates running for the Forest Hills School Board.

Meet the Candidates Night is September 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Nagel Middle School Cafetorium. It will also be live-streamed on FHSD YouTube channel.

The Forest Hills Council PTA/PTO is hosting the event and an outside moderator will be running the evening.

Questions can be submitted in advance <u>online</u> for the moderator to consider asking all the candidates.

More details about each candidate can be found on the Meet the Candidates <u>website</u>. Please share this <u>flyer</u> with your friends and neighbors.

• DANGEROUS/DISRUPTIVE TIK TOK CHALLENGES

o Parents/Caregivers.

We are asking for your help! As you may know, a recent TikTok trend is challenging students to steal items from schools, specifically soap dispensers. For more information, here is a link to a story from WLWT Channel 5 that provides more details.

Unfortunately, some of our buildings are already facing added costs and time spent replacing the damage that this "challenge" is causing in our buildings. At this point in time, we have already had to replace 11 soap dispensers across the three secondary buildings. While we are working with our maintenance department to help find ways to limit the damage and still ensure proper access to sanitation, we are also working on identifying the students who are causing damage. Those students will be issued disciplinary consequences and/or charged for damages.

In order to help us avoid having any additional damage and disciplinary actions, we ask that you please take a couple of minutes to talk to your child about keeping our buildings a safe, sanitized, and respectful learning environment.

VOLLEY FOR A CAUSE MATCHES

Saturday (9/18) is the Anderson High School Volleyball program's *Volley for a Cause* match. They will be selling baked goods and accepting donations to support the Ben Kimble Foundation.

Tuesday (9/21) is the Turpin High School Volleyball program's *Volley for a Cause* match. They are hosting a bake sale and food drive (non-perishable items) to benefit Inter Parish Ministries.

FIRST QUARTER INTERIM (9/17):

ProgressBook/Schoology

Friday, September 17th (today) marks our halfway point for the first quarter marking period. This is a good time to check your child's academic progress on ProgressBook. As always, if you have concerns or questions regarding your son/daughter's grades, please reach out to their teacher for information and possible ways to support your child's academic success from home.

CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION (9/20 and 9/21):

Beginning on Monday, students in grade 9-11 will receive their district-owned Chromebooks as part of the FHSD transition from the BYOD program to a one-on-one program. This information will be shared with students when they receive their device: <u>LINK</u>

More Information about the one-to-one program may be found <u>HERE</u>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cheryl Kemper(cherylkemper@foresthills.edu) or Betty Feller (bettyfeller@foresthills.edu) in the Learning Commons.

GREAT OAKS SPOTLIGHT:

This is Linda DesJardins. She is a senior at Live Oaks and is enrolled in the Culinary Program. She is truly enjoying her experience and is surprised by how many great new friends she has made with many common interests. Be on the lookout for Linda as she believes she has perfected her cookie recipe and may be looking for connoisseurs to back her claim.



TorchPrep:

<u>Torchprep</u> is offering <u>ACT Boot Camps</u> for students planning to take the ACT in October. Please visit their website for locations and additional 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.

AHS WARRIOR RUN Team

Live & Virtual ~ 5K Race October 2, @ 5:30 PM Dogwood Park, Mariemont

Join Hope Squad in raising funds to promote mental health awareness. Together we can STOP THE STIGMA. You can get involved by joining the event / virtual event or by donating. Every donation made will come directly back to AHS for Mental Health Programming!

Click Here to Donate / Join our Team

Check out this video!

FRESHMEN DAY OF SERVICE/ALL-INFOOD DRIVE (10/13):

We need your help!

The Forest Hills Foundation ALL IN Food Drive is on!

Please bring in items to be donated to the IPM Food Pantry.

All donations will be used to create Power Packs which are distributed to families in our local area. To see the list of items needed, click this link:

Food Drive List of Items

You can get a service hour for shopping and donating items!

Video - How to record your Service Hour for Donating Food Items

Commonly Asked Questions About Community Service at AHS

District busing will operate on it's normal schedule on October 13th. Students not leaving after their day of service will attend study hall in the cafeteria until 2:40.

Questions? Contact Cheryl Kemper, cherylkemper@foresthills.edu

PSAT (10/13):

- All 10th graders will take the PSAT/NMSQT on **October 13th, 2021.** Testing will begin promptly @ 8am and should conclude around 11:45am.
- Juniors who signed up prior to September 15th, 2021 will also take part in PSAT/NMSQT testing on this day. They will also be dismissed around 11:45. If you are unsure if you signed your Junior child up for testing, please contact Emily Bamber.
- District busing will operate on it's normal schedule on October 13th. Students not leaving after their testing is complete will attend study hall in the cafeteria until 2:40.
- Lunch will be available to all testing students @ 11:45am.

SCHOOL PICTURES:

New Picture Day images and data for Anderson High School are now available on the Lifetouch Portal.

To download the images and data:

- 1. Log in to the Lifetouch Portal.
- 2. Go to Image & Data Management.
- 3. Select the information you want to view and download.
- 4. Click the Download button.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact your Lifetouch representative or call the local Lifetouch office. You can also contact Lifetouch Technical Support at 1-800-598-2466 or lnssfieldops@lifetouch.com.

Picture Retakes will be 10/21.

SENIOR PORTRAITS

All seniors interested in having their picture in the yearbook must schedule an appointment with McIntire Photography. All students were mailed a brochure about this last spring near the end of May and announcements have been made in school to remind seniors. Please contact McIntire Photography at 513-528-5888 or at https://www.mcintirephotography.com to make an appointment.

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY:

Juniors interested in being inducted into National Honor Society must have a 3.75+ GPA and 30+ hours of community service <u>logged into Innerview.org</u> by the end of 1st semester of the junior year to be considered. The students will be notified of their admittance in late February and the induction ceremony will be held early March. Questions? Contact Mrs Cook, <u>jennifercook@foresthills.edu</u>

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.

PARENT SPOTLIGHT: (once a month)

WORKOUTS FOR OFF-SEASON STUDENT ATHLETES:

Off-Season workouts are currently being held for all Boys and Girls Winter and Spring athletes. Workouts are on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3-4:30 pm. The following links are the calendar and workout links for the entire fall.

Fall Training Calendar

Fall Workout Layouts

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Szabo at adamszabo@foresthills.edu.

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