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AHS Families,

We have a lot of exciting news, fundraisers, etc in the sections below; so, I'll keep my narrative brief. I just want to say based on what I see day in and day out from our students and staff, I am so proud of our Anderson Family!

Anderson Proud,
Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **11/7 - No School for Students- Teacher PD**
- **11/9 - FHSD Spark Night (at THS)**
- **11/17 - Second Quarter Interim**
- **11/21 - Grandparents' Day (AM) (info below)**
- **11/22-24 - Thanksgiving Break (no school)**
- **11/30 - FHSD Parent Academy #2 (@ NMS)**
- **12/4-8 - Semester 1 EOC State Testing**
- **12/12-15 - Semester 1 Exams**
- **12/15 - End of Quarter 2**

AHS UPDATES:

SKI CLUB IS BACK!!

Better late than never:) In order to participate in Ski Club this winter season please review and complete the following forms and turn them in Mrs. Black in the Counseling Office by December 1st [Anderson High School Ski Club Packet](#)

Students who have their own transportation do not need to sign up for bussing. Students that need to ride the bus will need to complete all of their paperwork and pay an additional bus fee as soon as possible. There are a total of 40 spots to fill on the bus. Once it is full, we will not be able to accept any more bus riders to the club, even if it is before the deadline.

NOTE: The 30% discount for passes ends this Sunday, November 5th. Beginning Monday, November 6th there will be a 20% discount until December 1st.

Anderson and Turpin High Schools Collaborate on “The Drowsy Chaperone”

Anderson and Turpin High Schools are working together to present “The Drowsy Chaperone,” a musical comedy that celebrates Jazz age Broadway musicals. Led by Directors from both high schools, the students in the cast and crew also come from both schools and showcase a remarkable array of vocal and acting talent.

Winner of five Tony Awards, “The Drowsy Chaperone” is a loving send-up of the Golden Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. The show runs November 17 through 19 at Anderson High school.

Audiences will meet the Man in Chair, an enthusiastic lover of classic theatre who is eager to share his very favorite musical, the fictional “The Drowsy Chaperone,” with them. As he plays an LP cast recording of the show, the characters and story come to hilarious life around him. His wry and witty commentary on the show, and on theatre in general, is as much fun to hear as the show itself.

“The Drowsy Chaperone” is the second in a series of collaborations between the two Anderson Township high schools. The first is a play adaptation of the classic novel “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald, which runs November 3-5 at Turpin High School. The schools have also combined forces to shoot the 2024 Mainstage Film, “Head Case,” which will premiere in March 2024.

"The Great Gatsby" is a new adaptation of an American classic, which follows Jay Gatsby's quest to win back his long-lost love by faking a successful life, depicting the struggles around love, relationships, societal standing, and consumerism of people in the roaring 1920s. Come see students from both Turpin and Anderson Theatre bring to life this classic! Performances are November 3-5

Tickets for both shows are on sale now. Information about all of these projects, including how to purchase tickets, is available on AndersonTheatre.com or TurpinTheatre.com.

Grandparents' Day Details

Grandparents' Day will be held on Tuesday, November 21st. Please RSVP using [this link](#) or one of the flyers around the building. Grandparents can arrive via the shuttle bus that runs from Clough United Methodist Church or get dropped off at AHS at the Performing Arts entrance. Grandparents and students will meet in the gym from 9:30-10:45. There will be light refreshments and student artwork on display, Lifetouch will be taking photos, and the Rapstore will be open to sell spirit wear. From 10:45 to 11:45, everyone will be in Titus Auditorium to watch musical performances. If you'd like to leave before the musical performances, we will have a shuttle bus taking people back to Clough United Methodist Church at 10:45.

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.

National Honor Society Info (Juniors)

Juniors interested in being inducted into National Honor Society must have a 3.75+ GPA and 30+ hours of community service *logged into Innerview.org* 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.

FEES

Course fees and general fees are posted to Payschools Central and payment is now due. Please log on to Payschools Central to view your student's fees and make payment. The preferred method of payment would be by credit card on [Payschools Central](#).

Payments may also be made by cash (exact change please), check, or money order made payable to Anderson High School, 7560 Forest Road, Cincinnati, OH 45255, Attention: Eileen Birk. If you need to set up a payment plan, please contact Eileen Birk at 513-232-2772, extension 2904, or at eileenbirk@foresthills.edu.

All Anderson High School students are charged school fees which include:

- General fees - printing, postage and other general expenses
- Course fees- for workbooks, print materials, lab materials and other classroom supplies
- Testing Fees including PSAT, Pre-ACT, ACT and AP Exam Fees

All fees must be paid prior to the end of the school year. If you have been charged AP Exam fees, these must be paid by April 1, 2024, so that we may order the correct number of tests.

Final report cards, diplomas and transcripts will be held until all financial obligations are met. Notice: FHSD will waive fees for persons who are unable to afford them in accordance with its policy. For information concerning a fee waiver, please contact Eileen Birk at 513-232-2772, extension 2904, or at eileenbirk@foresthills.edu.

END OF COURSE EXAMS (EOCs)

We have about 200 students scheduled to test the week of December 4th. This includes students who need to retake a test, students who are new to the district, and all students enrolled in 1st semester US Government and AP US Government. A master list will be shared with students via Schoology the week of November 27th. Mrs. Stanyard will also send out a notice to parents the day/evening before. Please make sure testing students get a good night sleep, eat breakfast, and report to school first thing in the morning with their fully charged school issued device.

NATIONAL TESTING INFORMATION (ACT/SAT)

Why Take The ACT?

Taking the ACT test can increase your chances of earning new or better scholarships. Colleges use ACT scores to place you in the right classes at the right level. And, your ACT score can help you place out of remedial coursework rather than sitting for additional placement tests on campus — saving time and money!

Why Take The SAT?

Most colleges—including those that are test optional—still accept SAT test scores. Together with high school grades, the SAT can show your potential to succeed in college or a certain career field. Taking the SAT is strong evidence that you're ready for college and have what colleges are looking for. Plus, you can choose to only send your best scores to colleges.

ACT Test Dates	ACT Registration Deadline	SAT Test Dates	SAT Registration Deadline
12/9/23	11/3/23	12/2/23	11/17/23
2/10/24	1/5/24	3/9/24	2/23/24
2/27/24 (State Funded at AHS)	N/A	5/4/24	4/49/24
4/13/24	3/8/24	6/1/24	5/16/24
6/8/24	5/3/24		
7/13/24	6/7/24		

[ACT Website](#)

[SAT Website](#)

ACT TorchPrep Tutoring

TorchPrep has partnered with Anderson High School for many years to provide ACT® Test Prep to AHS students. With many universities enacting "Test Optional" admissions policies, students and families often believe that the ACT® doesn't matter! BUT, the data consistently shows that students who submit an ACT® score when applying to college have a significant advantage over those that don't. The ACT® matters! Starting January 23, 2024, we will be offering sessions here at AHS. There will be a total of 8 sessions, and they will take place on Tuesdays from 6pm-9pm. They will also be scheduled on Saturdays from 10am-2pm. TorchPrep's ACT® Boot Camp at Anderson High School can give you the edge you need when applying to college and competing for scholarships. [Sign up today!](#) If you have any questions, please contact Will Amburgey at willamburgey@foresthills.edu.

SHOUT OUT AN ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER!

We are blessed to have one of the best staffs to work with day in and day out at Anderson High School. We praise them everyday for all the amazing things they do for our kids and our community! We want to give you a chance to do the same! If you would like to give a shout out to any staff member, please fill out this [form](#) so we can celebrate them!

SENIOR PORTRAITS

All seniors interested in having their picture in the yearbook must schedule an appointment with McIntire Photography. All students were given a brochure about this in the spring 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. Senior Portraits should be scheduled no later than Thanksgiving Break. Questions? Contact Mrs Renard, kathleenrenard@foresthills.edu

2023-2023 YEARBOOK ORDERING

Yearbooks are \$60, and sales go from now through the end of May. [Here's the link.](#)

AHS AT A GLANCE

To help any family that may be new to AHS and create a one-stop-shop for common questions even for our returning families, we have created this document: [2023-2024 AHS At A Glance.](#)

DISTRICT UPDATES:

Friendly Attendance Reminders

Attendance is an incredibly important piece of our efforts to educate students. Even missing a few days a month can have a lasting impact on learning. ***Did you know that students who have never been chronically absent are 9 times more likely to graduate from high school on time and 6.7 times more likely to read on grade level by the end of third grade?*** Here are some important reminders regarding FHSD attendance policies and procedures.

- A parent/guardian phone call received by the attendance office, on each day of the student's absence, for any of the [Board-approved reasons](#), is sufficient to excuse the child's absence ***up to the tenth absence yearly.***
- Subsequently, after the tenth absence, the parent/guardian ***must provide written documentation from a treating physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or relevant third party***, stating the day(s) absent and the reason for such absence.
- Student absence events (full day, tardy, early dismissal) in excess of ten, will be recorded as unexcused unless a doctor's note or third-party documentation ([Board-approved reasons](#)) is presented to attendance officials for each additional absence. Without a doctor's note or third-party documentation, truancy charges can be brought and charged to the parent and/or student.

School Safety Month in Ohio: Responding to Traumatic Events

FHSD shared information and tips all through the month of October to raise awareness of School Safety Month in Ohio and the district's efforts to keep students, staff and visitors safe. The district recently shared information about how schools respond to traumatic events or crises in order to support students and staff. FHSD utilizes an approach known as a Traumatic Event Crisis Intervention Plan or TECIP and you can learn more about the process [in this article](#). Although School Safety Month has ended, keep an eye on the district website and social media channels throughout the school year for regular updates on safety efforts!

'Tis the Season for Shop & Share!

[9United's](#) Shop & Share is in its 16th year! Since 2008, the project has offered students and families the opportunity to support our Forest Hills schools students during the holidays and throughout the year, along with making their student-led service initiatives possible. 9United's efforts to fulfill immediate needs of Forest Hills students and families include student grants, Chalk the Walks for the first day of each new school year to welcome students and staff back, providing birthday cakes to Forest Hills students through Birthday Bundles, and promoting the importance of service in our community. These programs are only possible with our community's generosity during Shop & Share.

Learn more about 9United and the impact of Shop & Share at www.9united.org/shop--share and [check out a flyer here](#). 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.

SAVE THE DATE: FHSD Parent Academy on Nov. 30

The next Parent Academy session will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Nagel Middle School! Thanks to generous support from the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, we are able to offer light food and childcare for families interested in attending. You can find a [general overview of the Parent Academy series here](#). Information about November's topics/speakers and how to register will be shared soon. We hope to see you there!

Anderson Mental Health Collaborative Speaker's Series on Nov. 6

[Check out this flyer](#) for an upcoming event hosted by the Anderson Mental Health Collaborative, of which FHSD is a proud member. The event is happening at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6 at Anderson Center! This is a no-cost, no-registration educational seminar on how to recognize the signs of PTSD and find hope in the effectiveness of PTSD treatment through Cincinnati Police Officer Chris Perry's story. It will be geared toward a broad audience of community members and parents and is of course relevant to first responders and veterans. The content topic of PTSD was chosen to honor our local veterans for Veterans Day.

Project SEARCH Open Houses

On Nov. 8, Project SEARCH is hosting open houses for families to learn more about their transition to work program for students with disabilities. The immersive workplace training program combines classroom instruction, career exploration and hands-on learning through actual business partner worksite rotations. Project SEARCH also provides students with disabilities real-life work experience, employability training and skills needed for a successful transition to adult life. Learn more and [view the event flyer by clicking here](#).

District-Wide Spirit Day | Wear Flannel on Nov. 9

Warm Your Heart and Others by Wearing Flannel is the next district-wide spirit day! We encourage students to wear flannel to celebrate the fall season and share a sense of unity as we work to bring encouragement to ourselves and others!

EMERGENCY AND SUPPORT RESOURCES

- If you, your student, or anyone else you know is in a life-threatening health crisis or emergency, call 911.
- If you, your student, or anyone else you know is in emotional distress or experiencing suicidal crisis, call or text 988, available 24/7.
- 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 24/7.
- If you are seeking additional resources, we encourage you to start at the links below:
 - [MindPeace](#)
 - [FHSD Family Resource List 22-23](#)

FROM OUR BOOSTER GROUPS:

- **PTO**

Grandparents Day is November 21 and we need a lot of help to make this a successful event. [Click here to see if you are able to help with one of these needs.](#)

- **AFTER-PROM**

Third Annual Holiday Wreath Sale to Support Anderson HS After Prom!

Order now! Orders must be place by end of day Sunday November 5th!

Anderson HS After Prom is selling holiday wreaths and garland again this year. All proceeds go to After Prom providing a FUN, SAFE, and AFFORDABLE experience for all students.

For local pick up, we are offering decorated Noble Fir and mixed evergreen wreaths in 2 sizes and garlands. The 22 inch wreaths are similar to last year with no price increase, selling for \$36. We're bringing back the larger 28 inch wreath for \$42 and the 10 foot garland for \$30. Wreaths will be available for pick up at AHS on Saturday December 2nd, just in time for holiday decorating.

New this year, you can also have wreaths delivered directly to out of town family or friends. Direct delivery items will be shipped individually and arrival is guaranteed no later than 2 weeks after Thanksgiving.

Use this link to purchase your wreath on-line. Please share with family and friends! <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/AndersonAfterProm>

We appreciate your support!

- **FRIENDS OF ANDERSON DRAMA (FAD)**

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about FAD membership!

- **AHS Athletic Boosters**

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about AHS Athletic Booster Memberships!

- **FH BAND BOOSTERS**

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