11.10.23 AHS Families,

At Anderson High School we strive for excellence in Academics, Arts, and Athletics. We were recently recognized as an AP Honor Roll- Gold Distinction school. We also wrapped up a first academic quarter that yielded one of our highest course passage rates. The Arts are on a roll with the success of the marching band season, amazing concerts, and the upcoming 'The Drowsy Chaperone'. The Athletic Department hosted their fall awards ceremony, celebrating the many accomplishments of our fall sports teams. Our fall season continues tonight as our football team continues their historic run.

While we always strive to 'Be Better', it is important to take stock and celebrate the milestones along the journey. We are very proud of our students, staff, and families! Have a great weekend!

Anderson Proud, Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 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 <u>Semester 1 Exams</u>
- 12/15 End of Quarter 2

AHS UPDATES:

REP THE A BREAKFAST

This morning we had our quarterly Rep the A breakfast to celebrate our staff's 1st quarter selected students! These students were chosen by a staff member as someone who exemplifies our school motto or Be Real. Be Kind. Be Better.

Rep the A- group 1 Rep the A- group 2 Rep the A- group 3 Rep the A- group 4 Rep the A- group 5

HONOR ROLL

<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!

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.

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

"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 theater 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 theater 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. Tickets for the show are on sale now. Information about all of these projects, including how to purchase tickets, is available on <u>AndersonTheatre.com</u> or <u>TurpinTheatre.com</u>.

AHS ORCHESTRAS PRESENT: THE NUTCRACKER

AHS Orchestras, in collaboration with Just off Broadway Dance Studio, presents our fifth annual production of The Nutcracker on Saturday, December 2, 2023. Tickets at <u>fhorchestras.org</u>. Raffles and refreshments start 30 minutes prior to each show along with Anderson's Full Symphony Orchestra pre-show in the gym. This is a family friendly event and a great way to support our fantastic student musicians!

Grandparents' Day Details

Grandparents' Day will be held on Tuesday, November 21st. Please RSVP using <u>this link</u> 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.

AHS IS HIRING!

Want to work with an amazing team and phenomenal students? The Anderson High School team is looking for interested candidates for an ongoing, extra support paraprofessional position. If you are interested in learning more, please apply <u>HERE</u> and/or call Jamie Roth, Special Education Coordinator, at 513-231-3600, ext 2965.

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 1_{\pm} 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.

PICTURE RETAKE INFO

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

To download the images and data:

- 1. Log in to the <u>Lifetouch Portal</u>.
- 2. Go to Image & Data Management.
- 3. Select the retake 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 https://www.instieldops@lifetouch.com.

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 <u>willamburgey@foresthills.edu</u>.

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 <u>form</u> 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. <u>Here's the link.</u>

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: <u>2023-2024 AHS At A Glance</u>.

DISTRICT UPDATES:

Great Oaks YouTube Livestream Q&A on Nov. 14

Check out <u>this flyer for The Great Oaks Advantage: Building Your Future Success</u>. Families interested in learning more about high school career programs through Great Oaks can tune in at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14! This is a great opportunity for parents and students interested in applying to Great Oaks for next school year.

Don't Miss Out on FHSD Parent Academy | 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 <u>Forest Hills Foundation for Education</u>, we are

able to offer light food and childcare for families interested in attending. You can find <u>a list of</u> <u>sessions/topics and a link to register for the event here</u>. Some highlights include:

- Superintendent Larry Hook discussing the R Factor as the evening's featured speaker!
- Training on phonological awareness and phonics skills for parents of grades PK-2
- Navigating the college admissions process
- Village Connections: The Hamilton County Developmental Disability Services discusses the different types of waivers and how they can be used for students with special needs.
- QPR suicide prevention training

Sign Up Now for the Science Fair and Innovation Expo!

The deadline to register for the Science Fair or Innovation Expo is December 1! Both events take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Nagel Middle School. All students in grades K-12 are welcome to register for the Innovation Expo and grades 5-12 may register for the Science Fair. This is a great opportunity for students to put their scientific skills and passions on display! Click on this article for more information and a link sign up: <u>FHSD Science Fair and Innovation Expo 2024</u>: Everything You Need to Know

Community Events

You can also visit our <u>flyers webpage here</u> that has updates on other fun events and activities, including registration information for <u>FREE after school programs through the Boys and Girls Clubs</u> <u>of Greater Cincinnati</u>! You can also find a <u>flyer for the upcoming AHS Orchestras performance of</u> <u>Nutcracker</u>!

Nominate an Outstanding Teacher!

The annual **Gold Star Teacher** contest is accepting nominations up until December 19! If you know of a teacher who goes above & beyond for students, demonstrates courage & integrity, has a clear passion for teaching, or otherwise makes a difference in your student(s)' lives, please consider submitting them to this contest.

- Nominate them here: <u>www.goldstarchili.com/goldstarteacher</u>
- Gold Star will announce the Top 10 Finalists in February and based on the votes cast by the community, they will award a superior teacher over \$4000 in grants & experiences for their classroom & school.

'Tis the Season for Shop & Share!

<u>9United's</u> 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 <u>www.9united.org/shop--share</u> and <u>check out a flyer here</u>. 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.

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:
 - o <u>MindPeace</u>
 - 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. <u>Click</u> <u>here to see if you are able to help with one of these needs.</u>

- AFTER-PROM
- FRIENDS OF ANDERSON DRAMA (FAD)

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for information about FAD membership!

- AHS Athletic Boosters
- **<u>CLICK HERE</u>** for information about AHS Athletic Booster Memberships!
 - FH BAND BOOSTERS

Booster Home - FH BANDS