

11.23.21

Dear AHS Families,

After spending time in classrooms, at performances and games, chatting with students and staff in the halls and cafeteria, at the risk of sounding cliché, I am so thankful to be a part of the Anderson Family. We wish you all a great, fun, and safe Thanksgiving! We all have that one item that we're really looking forward to. My uncle makes the world's best apple pie, and I cannot wait to get a slice (or two)! Life is short, so whatever your special item is, make sure to get seconds.

Anderson Proud,
Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **11/24 - 26 - No School** (Thanksgiving Break)
- **12/6 - 12/10 - State Graduation Testing** (semester 1 US Government and retakes)
- **12/17 - End of Second Quarter**
- **03/05/22 - Spring Fling Dance**
- **05/28/22 - Graduation**

AROUND AHS:



Lilly Biggs and Andrew Kaepfner showing off their OINK Film Festival awards!



Thank you to the cast, crew and directors of Spelling Bee for amazing performances and letting me be a part of the Saturday night show!



Lady Raptors basketball is off to a great start!



Professional Learning Community (PLC) Teacher Leaders meeting to discuss best practices!



Lawi Worku and Tannishtha Ray were announced as semi-finalists in the Coca-Cola Scholarship Program!

FROM THE DISTRICT:

- **Village Connections - A FHSD Special Education Community**

Families of students with special needs know that information and support come from many sources. Many of us depend on those who have a child with similar needs for support and many families will seek information from others who are further along on the path we are traveling.

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. December 8th's "Finding Balance with a Child with Special Needs" will focus on the things families can do to manage the stress of the holiday season as well as

throughout the year. Visit the Parent Resource Coordinator Page to find resources from past Village Connections!

FROM THE FOREST HILLS FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION:

FROM 9UNITED:

9United's annual holiday district wide service project is underway! In its 14th year, Shop & Share allows our students and families to make an incredible impact in our community now and throughout the year! K-8 students, through in-school collections, have joined our community to fulfill the needs & wish lists of more than 550 Forest Hills students and families. Our high school students have been hard at work collecting items for 8-18 year olds, served by our community partner, Jack's Closet and will be a big part of making our Target shopping night on Dec 1 a success! Learn more about Shop & Share, request a family wish list to fill, or make a donation at <http://bit.ly/9Unitedshop-share>. We're grateful for your generosity in the efforts of our students and families to support our Forest Hills Schools families!



Shop & Share efforts will fulfill the needs & wishes of 1,200 Forest Hills students, families & those served by our community partners!

Request your list or donate to fulfill one at www.9United.org.

STUDENT DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT:

Student government will be hosting a dodgeball tournament for students in good standing. Students should form teams of 10 students at a cost of \$5 per player. Teams will compete during advisory during the week of December 6th with the semifinals and final being played on Friday December 10th. Students that are also in good standing that would like to observe can attend the semi final and final games during advisory on Friday with a ticket signed by their advisory teacher confirming they are passing all classes. The winning team will receive a monetary prize!

AHS ORCHESTRAS- NUTCRACKER

The Anderson Orchestras are *very* excited to be bringing back their family-friendly holiday hit, *The Nutcracker*, on December 4. Each show opens with holiday classics like *The Polar Express* and features an abridged version of the ballet with choreography from Just-Off-Broadway Dance Studios. There will be hot cocoa, cookies, candy, fresh popcorn... and kid oriented activities like photo-ops with the Nutcracker characters, a string instrument "petting zoo", and a musical holiday gift shop! This is a GREAT way to introduce little ones to the magic of music and dance together. Details and tickets at www.fhorchestras.org/xmas.



SCHOOL FEES INFORMATION:

School fees have now been posted to SPS EZpay and payment is now due.

All Forest Hills School District students are charged school fees that include general fees (handbooks, copier/paper supplies, etc.), and course fees (workbooks or expendable supplies, AP Exams, etc.).

AP exam fees have been assessed for all AP courses. Students who are enrolled in one or more AP courses are strongly encouraged to take the AP Exam for those courses in the spring. If a student wishes to opt out of taking a particular AP test, they must have completed [THIS FORM](#) and turned it in to their teacher no later than November 5th for full year or semester 1 AP courses; March 15th for semester 2 AP courses. Reversing an opt out decision after this deadline will result in an additional \$40 fee from the College Board. **PLEASE NOTE: In order for a student to take an AP Exam, all AP exam fees must be paid by April 4, 2022.**

Please log on to SPS EZpay to view your student's fees and make payment. **The preferred method of payment would be by credit card on SPS EZpay:**

SPS EZPAY

Payments may also be made by 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 the building cashier's office.

In accordance with state law, final report cards, diplomas and transcripts are 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 fees, payment plans or fee waivers, please contact Eileen Birk at 513-232-2772, extension 2904, or at eileenbirk@foresthills.edu.

SENIORS- CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION:

Cap and Gown and Invitation orders due to Graduate Services, Inc, by December 6th.

Order online at [Graduate Service Inc](#) or at their Newtown office, 7022 Main St, Cincinnati, OH 45244. [\(513\) 272-5890](tel:5132725890)

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM INFORMATION:

Exam week- December 14th-17th [CLICK HERE for more 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:

TorchPrep:

TorchPrep is offering training boot camps for the March 1st, 2022 ACT. If interested, please access this [link](#) for information on registration.

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 by December 1st.

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY:

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. Questions? Contact Mrs Cook, jennifercook@foresthills.edu

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.

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:

December still needed

Parents of Sophomore Students:

We are currently accepting applications for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program to be held next June at Marietta College. Only one sophomore and one alternate can be selected. This is the information that was shared with students this week - [HOBY Application Info](#)

Scholarship money through The American Legion Oratorical Competition:

The American Legion sponsors an Oratorical Contest every year that students can participate in to potentially win scholarship money. This is information we shared with the students:

Students in any grade 9-12 with an interest in US History and Government may participate. You may enter the contest every year you are in high school. Prizes begin at \$50 and increase with each win. The national winner will receive \$18,000 in scholarship money.

What is Oratorical? Click here: [here: About the Oratorical Contest](#)

For more info check here: [here: American Legion Oratorical Contest](#)

Students who are interested in participating, should email Mr. Kammerer at davidkammerer@foresthills.edu. We will be scheduling an informational session for interested students soon.

FROM THE PTO:

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.

HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT:

Our **school wide holiday service project** this year is once again **Jack's Closet**. Students will be encouraged to bring gifts for ages 8-18. Jack's closet supports families in Anderson Township who have taken children into their homes. Our gifts ensure that these children have Christmas gifts.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY:

As was mentioned in previous communication, we will not be hosting Grandparents' Day this fall.

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