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AHS Families,

How is it already December?! This school year seems to be flying by. I want to make mention that we only have 10 school days left until the end of the second quarter, and thus the first semester. Please work with your student(s) and their teachers as you are reviewing their academic progress on ProgressBook- let's finish the semester strong!!

Anderson Proud,
Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 12/4 - FHSD 'Team up for Wellness' Day (Jersey Day)
- 12/4-8 - Semester 1 EOC State Testing
- 12/12-15 - [Semester 1 Exams](#)
- 12/15 - End of Quarter 2
- 12/18/23 - 01/01/24 - No School (Winter Break)
- 01/02 - No School for Students (Teacher Work Day)
- 01/03 - First Day of Second Semester for Students!
- 01/12 - NHS Blood Drive
- 01/15 - No School (MLK Jr Day)
- 01/16 - FHSD Wellness Spirit Day, 'Wear a Hat' Day
- 01/24 - FHSD CCP Meeting, 6 pm @ NMS
- 02/16 - No School for Students (Teacher PD)
- 02/19 - No School (MLK Jr Day)
- 02/27 - State Funded ACT for All Juniors (Info to Come)

AHS UPDATES:

SENIOR CAP AND GOWN DEADLINE APPROACHING

SENIORS! The DECEMBER 4TH deadline is fast approaching for Cap and Gown orders! Call Graduate Services with any questions 513.272-5890 or order online graduateserviceinc.com. All orders received after Dec 4th are subject to a \$20 late fee.

AHS ORNAMENTS



These awesome ornaments are available at Mercantile on Main in Newtown, on sassacrass.com, and in the concession stand in Titus lobby during games. Not only do they look great, purchasing also benefits the AHS After Prom!! S/O Mrs Newberry!

SKI CLUB INFO

Good news! The deadline to sign up for Ski Club has been extended through Friday, December 15th. Act now (Dec 1st) and receive a 20% discount on your pass OR receive a 10% discount beginning December 2nd-15th. We welcome all levels of experience. A free lesson is offered for the first visit. Contact Lisa Dean (lisadean@foresthills.edu) or Adrienne Black (adrienneblack@foresthills.edu) if you have any questions. Students can pick up a Ski Packet in the Counseling Office or click on the link below.

GREAT OAKS APPLICATION INFORMATION:

The Great Oaks Application is OFFICIALLY OPEN! All 10th graders participated in the presentation (included below) on November 8th where they learned about the many opportunities that Great Oaks Career Centers has to offer! Students who apply and are accepted attend during their junior and senior year - still graduate as Raptors, participate in sports and clubs, and come back for big events! If you have questions about Great Oaks please reach out to your child's counselor!

[Great Oaks Presentation 23-24](#)

[Great Oaks Website](#)

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS

Please take a minute to review [important information](#) and logistics regarding our upcoming first semester exams.

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 fhorchestras.org. 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!

FHSD CCP MEETING INFO

The mandatory FHSD College Credit Plus (CCP) meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00pm at Nagel. Students who are considering taking CCP courses must attend the meeting with a parent or guardian. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's counselor.

PSAT/NMSQT Scores

Scores are available for students that took the PSAT in October to access through their online College Board accounts. For information to assist understanding scores please access the following document ([Understanding Scores For Students and Families](#)).

Key Club's Adopt-a-Class Gift Drive!

Adopt-a-Class is a Key Club program where club members volunteer and mentor first-grade students at Riverview East Academy. For the holidays, Key Club provides a "Christmas Shopping" experience for their first graders. The students pick out gifts for their family members, which are then wrapped and tagged by Key Club members.

Please consider donating any lightly used or new holiday gifts, trinkets, and “stocking stuffers” you can find at home. We are accepting gifts for all age groups since the children will be shopping for their families. Items will be collected during advisory from November 27 - December 8 and items can be brought to room 211, 135 or the Learning Commons. The advisory that brings the most items will receive a Donut Party!

Example of some items: small toys, new mittens or hats, boardgames, small craft kits, mugs, “re-gifts”, jewelry, scarves, accessories, stationery supplies, trinkets, books, and bookmarks, non breakable ornaments and such. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

JACK'S CLOSET

Students at AHS are collecting donated holiday/Christmas gifts for Jack's Closet during Advisory.

Questions? Contact [Mrs Broxterman](#)

- 9th Grade: Legos, Nail Polish (box set of different colors)
- 10th Grade: Board Games, Card Games
- 11th: Art Supplies, Coloring Books, Reading Books
- 12th Grade: Tea Sets, Remote Control Toys
- Faculty: Newborn/Toddler Gifts

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
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.](#)

YEARBOOK SENIOR AD ORDER INFO

Interested in ordering an ad in the 2023-2024 yearbook? [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about how to do so. To get your message in the yearbook, the application and materials must be submitted by January 26th.

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:

District-Wide Spirit Day - Team Up for Wellness on Dec. 4

All students and staff members are encouraged to wear jerseys, shirts or colors representing their favorite sports teams! Join us as we come together as a school district to have fun and celebrate our passions!

Mark Your Calendar: 9United's Community Shopping is Dec. 6!

Join us to shop! 9United invites you to Community Shopping Night at Target on Beechmont Ave, where the money raised during school coin collections will be put to good use supporting 9United's local partners, Jack's Closet and IPM! The event runs from 4-7 p.m. on Dec. 6. It's more than a shopping night - it's a celebration of all nine Forest Hills schools and our community being #UnitedInGenerosity to make an impact where we live, learn, work & play! Learn more about 9United and how you can get involved at www.9united.org.

JUDGES NEEDED!

Do you have an affinity for science and engineering? Are you looking for a way to give back to our community? Please consider serving as a judge at the Forest Hills School District Science Fair! You need not be an expert in any field, rather, just have a willingness to help our great kids! To register as a judge, [please sign up HERE](#). The event takes place on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Nagel Middle School.

Thank you for your consideration! Our goal is to get each student at least 3 visits from judges, so your participation is critical to helping our students. Questions? Please email Shane Hartley, Secondary Director of Teaching & Learning: shanehartley@foresthills.edu

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including registration information for [FREE after school programs through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati!](#) You can also find a [flyer for the upcoming AHS Orchestras performance of Nutcracker](#) happening THIS SATURDAY and information about [Anderson Fastpitch Softball signups](#). Click [here](#) to register now! T-Ball is available for 6U! Questions? Email andersonfastpitchsoftball@gmail.com

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

Contribute to Staff Holiday Gifts

This Holiday Season, with your help, the PTO wants to give all 150 AHS staff members a present! The December Treat Trolley will include \$5 gift cards and every staff member will get to choose one!

There are 2 ways you can contribute to the gifts:

- Venmo money to the PTO so we can buy \$5 gift cards:
 - @Anderson-PTO-1 (last 4 digits 3900)
- Purchase a \$5 gift card and turn it in to the front office

PTO Fundraiser at Mercantile on Main St.

- December 7, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., 10% of the days sales will be donated back to AHS PTO
- **AFTER-PROM**

Update - Thank you for supporting the AHS Holiday Wreath Sale.

Thank you so much for supporting Anderson's After Prom and our third annual Holiday Wreath Sale!

Wreath pick up will take place **TOMORROW Saturday December 2nd from 9:00 am - Noon** at the AHS Garage next to the entrance to Titus Stadium. If that time doesn't work for you, please try to have a child or friend pick-up for you. If not, let us know and we can make alternate pick-up arrangements.

We also have a limited number of 22 inch wreaths available for last minute purchase. If you would like one, please email Kate Gearding at AndersonAfterprom@gmail.com or Terri Elliff @ TKelliff@outlook.com. We will take cash or check at pick up as well

Thank you again for supporting AHS After Prom.

- **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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