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Dear AHS Families,

You may recall from previous newsletters that I really enjoy seeing our students cultivate and explore their passions. Well, this was a great week in that regard! Battle of the Bands was such a highlight of the semester for me; those of us in attendance got to listen to four student bands and several staff performances. The smiles on the faces of the performers, students in attendance, and proud parents really warmed my heart.

In addition to Battle of the Bands, our winter sports season is now fully underway. Whether it's on the court, the mat, the pool, or with a buzzer in hand, it's always a pleasure to watch our student-athletes compete! As you can see below (and in previous newsletters), our orchestras' talent will be on full display in The Nutcracker tomorrow, I cannot wait!

Anderson Proud,
Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 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:



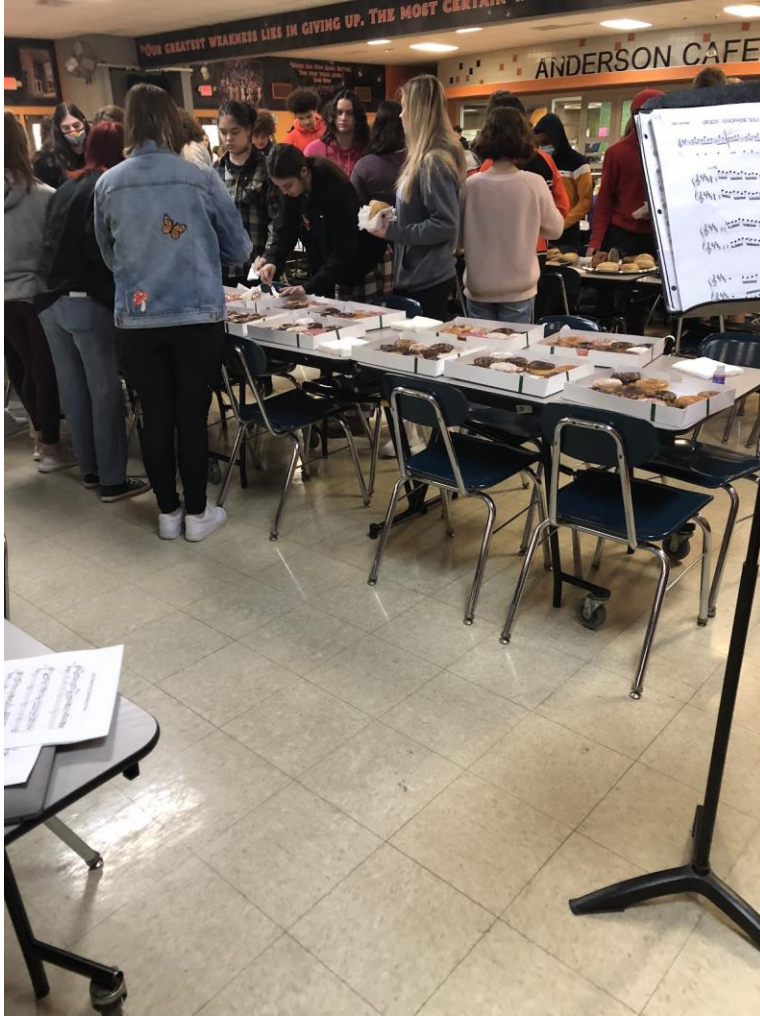
Ceramics students applying glaze to their projects!



Congrats to boys basketball on starting their season with a sweep!



Congrats to Moke and the Blokes on winning this year's Battle of the Bands!



Friday morning we celebrated our 400+ Anderson Achievers!

FROM THE DISTRICT:

• **FHSD is Hiring Substitute Teachers:**

In response to the national substitute teacher shortage, FHSD is taking proactive measures to ensure our classrooms are covered by qualified individuals who are compensated at a competitive rate. In November, our Board of Education approved an increase in the pay scale for substitutes in the district (Daily Sub - \$105/day; Building Sub - \$125/day; Long-Term Sub - \$130/day). In addition, the Board is taking advantage of a provision included in Senate Bill 1, passed recently by Governor DeWine, that temporarily makes it possible for individuals with a high school diploma to apply to work as a substitute.

We are currently seeking interested and qualified candidates to work in Forest Hills as a substitute. If you (or someone you know) are interested, please follow the instructions below to begin the process to become a substitute teacher in the Forest Hills School District:

1. Go to www.subsolutions.org
2. Click the New Sub tab

3. Click the Teacher option
4. Click the red apply button to complete the application to get the process started
5. Sub Solutions will be in contact with you in the Recruit and Hire system to schedule orientation and a background check. Be sure to log in to check the status and read any communication necessary.

If you have questions please reach out to Sub Solutions at 513-674-4364 or you may email them at substitute@hcesc.org

- **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 Shop & Share is a Huge Success!

Over the last few weeks, students and families in Forest Hills have led the way in serving their peers and those served by Jack's Closet, InterParish Ministries and Anderson Fire Department. Thank you for being a part of making the holidays brighter and fulfilling the needs of more than 1,200 students, families and people in our community and for supporting the efforts of 9United to grow student leadership and provide student-led service initiatives that give back where we live, learn, work and play! Learn more about 9United 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.



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.

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

FROM THE FRIENDS OF ANDERSON DRAMA:

FRIENDS OF ANDERSON DRAMA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
FROM 3 PM - 8 PM

Mention Friends of Anderson Drama
when ordering at our Beechmont location
and 20% of your order will be
donated back to the school

CITYBIRDTENDERS.COM

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.

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