

12.08.23

AHS Families,

As we prepare for the last week of the semester and exams, we want to bring some levity for our staff and students with a bonus spirit week:

Monday: Holiday socks

Tuesday: Ugly sweater/shirt

Wednesday: Holiday headgear (Santa hat, headband, etc)

Thursday: Holiday PJ Day!

Friday: Festive sweater/shirt

Anderson Proud,

Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 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!
- 01/15 - No School (MLK Jr Day)
- 01/16 - FHSD Wellness Spirit Day, 'Wear a Hat' Day
- 01/24 - FHSD Parent Academy/CCP Meeting, 6 pm @ NMS
- 02/08 - AHS Parent/Teacher Academy
- 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:

LOST AND FOUND CLEANOUT

We are encouraging students to go through our lost and found by the end of this week before we empty it.

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.

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](#)).

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.

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!

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:

PLEASE READ: Inclement Weather Reminders for 2023-2024

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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 [a visit from Santa at the newly opened Peach Cobbler Factory in Anderson Towne Center!](#) You can also find information about [Anderson Fastpitch Softball signups](#). Click [here](#) to register now! T-Ball is available for 6U! Questions? Email andersonfastpitchsoftball@gmail.com

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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**

Thank you amazing families. Your generous donations allowed us purchase gift cards for the entire staff!

We distributed the gift cards today with the Treat Trolley (drinks and snacks). The staff was so thankful and really appreciated the generosity from our AHS families!

If your student would like to give a special staff member a holiday gift next week, check out [this list of their Favorite Things!](#)

Happy Holidays from your 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**

[Booster Home - FH BANDS](#)