### 09.22.23

AHS Families,

We just wrapped up a GREAT Pep Rally with our students this afternoon and we are looking forward to an amazing weekend with all the Homecoming Festivities! We hope to see you all at the parade, tailgate, and game tonight-remember to wear your ORANGE!

Anderson Proud, Kyle

### **UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:**

- 9/22 Homecoming Tailgate, Parade, and Game
- 9/23 Homecoming Dance, 8-11 pm (info below)
- 9/25 FHSD Bengals Spirit Dey
- 10/4 FHSD FC Cincinnati Spirit Day
- 10/5 Parent Teacher Conferences (info below)
- 10/6 No School for Students (Teacher Professional Development)
- **10/9 No School** (Fall Break)
- 10/12 FHSD Parent Academy (@ Nagel Middle School)
- 10/20 End of First Quarter
- 10/24 PSAT/ACT Prep Day (info below)

### **AHS UPDATES:**

# **HOMECOMING WEEKEND!**

AHS will have a **parade and tailgate before the Homecoming football game tonight**. Parade will start promptly @ 5pm, with the Tailgate to follow until game time @ 7pm. We would love to see you there!

Homecoming Dance will take place at Anderson High School Saturday evening, 9/23, from 8-11. Students must have a pre-purchased ticket to attend. Students are not permitted to enter after 9:30pm and may not leave any earlier than 10pm.

### **PSAT**

- All 10th graders, and interested 11th graders, will take the PSAT/NMSQT on October 24th,
   2023. Additional details, as well as the schedule of the day will be available in coming weeks.
- **10th Grade-** Sophomores are pre-registered for this assessment and have already submitted payment through their student fees.
- **11th Grade-** Juniors who would like to take the PSAT can now sign-up and pay at this link: <u>JUNIOR PSAT REGISTRATION</u>. The **deadline to register is October 5, 2023**. If you do not want to pay the service fee through the ticket office, you can pay with a check. Make checks payable to "AHS".
- All 12th grade students may use this day as an additional opportunity to job shadow or visit colleges/universities.
- Freshman will participate in the Freshman Day of Service on this date. More details to come.

## **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.

## **CELEBRATING & ENCOURAGING STELLAR ATTENDANCE**

During the remainder of the first quarter we will be having a friendly competition to see which Advisory in each grade level has the best attendance rate (not counting excused absences)! Individuals with stellar attendance will also be entered into a raffle for potential prizes!

### **HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES**

First semester conferences will be held on Thursday, October 5th. Sign up information can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Conferences will be held in person this year. If you have additional questions about conferences, please contact Emily Bamber at <a href="mailybamber@foresthills.edu">emilybamber@foresthills.edu</a>.

## **FHSD COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR**

The Forest Hills College and Career Fair is on October 16 at Nagel. Representatives from over 120 colleges and career programs will be present to speak with students and families. This is a fantastic opportunity to make connections and gather valuable information. The Fair runs from 6:30-8:00. Parents and students can also attend special informational sessions on college admissions, financial aid, career planning, and NCAA eligibility. More details can be found on the event flyer. The up-to-date list of colleges attending can be found at this link.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE - ALL-IN FOOD DRIVE:**

The All-In Food Drive is ramping up! Anderson High School has a special role in this event, as we have a month-long collection of food items, which culminates with the packing of thousands of Power Packs during our Freshman Day of Service on October 24.

As has been done in the past, student volunteers will be stationed at the Anderson Kroger all day on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning on September 30, to collect groceries and monetary donations. The students will have a specific shopping list for customers to use while purchasing items, and then will collect those items as customers leave the store.

Back by popular demand this year - Parents can donate items from the IPM wish list for our Power Packs by simply clicking on Amazon and having the items shipped directly to AHS! Use the Amazon.com Wish List for easy, one-click donations for this important cause.

There is a significant and growing need for food in our community. Any support that you can give to this cause is appreciated, valued, and necessary.

### **FROM LIFETOUCH:**

Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures

ENJOY 10% OFF your order! CODE: F2023100FF

Redeem Now

EXPIRES: May 1, 2024

# **ACT TorchPrep Tutoring**

Test prep for the ACT is now available. This link will take you to the TorchPrep website where you can view all the test prep courses in the Cincinnati area. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Will Amburgey at <a href="willamburgey@foresthills.edu">willamburgey@foresthills.edu</a>.

# **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 <a href="https://www.mcintirephotography.com">https://www.mcintirephotography.com</a> to make an appointment. Senior Portraits should be scheduled no later than October 31st. Questions? Contact Mrs Renard, <a href="https://www.mcintirephotography.com">kathleenrenard@foresthills.edu</a>

### **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:**

# FHSD Celebrate Five-Star Overall Rating on Ohio School Report Card

Forest Hills School District is thrilled to announce key improvements in the 2023 Ohio School Report Cards. The district earned the highest possible overall rating of five stars and also received that rating for Achievement, Early Literacy, Graduation Rates and Gap Closing.

Only 95 of 608 school districts received the five-star overall rating. Learn more in this article.

# OrthoCincy Open House at New Beechmont Location

OrthoCincy Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine recently opened a new location at 7910 Beechmont Avenue and is inviting the community to tour the facility during an open house from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 24! OrthoCincy is a valuable partner for FHSD, supporting student athletes with sports medicine services and offering other internship opportunities for students interested in the medical field.

## **Topics Announced for October 12 Parent Academy Night**

The second-annual Parent Academy series returns on Thursday, October 12! The featured speaker will be Stephen Smith from A Wired Family, LLC. His presentation is titled: THE SILENT EXPERIMENT. Social Media & AI: Their Impact On Teens & Tweens. The evening will offer a variety of other topics that families with students of all ages will find relevant! Check out the full list and find registration information here. Thank you to the Forest Hills Foundation for Education for sponsoring this year's series, which will enable FHSD to offer light food and childcare along with engaging featured speakers!

## FHSD Spirit Day | October 4: Gooooooooal for Wellness

All students and staff are encouraged to wear orange and blue to support FC Cincinnati on Wednesday, October 4! Join us as we prepare to root for FCC as they take on the New York Red Bulls that evening!

## **REMINDER: FHSD School Connection Survey**

Between September 22-October 6, all Forest Hills students will have the opportunity to participate in our FHSD School Connection Survey. Student feedback from this survey will help our teachers, counselors, and administrators gain insight into the 'student experience' with the goal of

addressing present needs, while planning for our students' future success. Our hope is that feedback will be used by educators to help better inform classroom instruction, allocate student support services, and identify other school-based needs. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes, is completely voluntary, and will be administered during school hours. Additionally, there are no consequences for students who do not participate, and no information obtained will be stored on a third-party server. **To request that your student NOT participate** in the survey and to learn more, visit the <u>Student Connection Survey Opt Out Form</u>.

## Sept. 29 and 30—Help Build Hope 2023 House Build!

FHSD is inviting everyone in the community to build wall frames for two Habitat for Humanity Homes in Cincinnati! Help Build Hope 2023 will be held at **Nagel Middle School on September 30 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.** People are also welcome to help pre cut the lumber for the wall frames on Friday, September 29 from 4 - 7 p.m.

We hope you will consider joining us in this effort to give back to the community.

Registration Link - <a href="http://www.helpbuildhope.com/nagelcb">http://www.helpbuildhope.com/nagelcb</a>

### Save the Date: All In Collection Drive October 16-20

The annual All In Collection Drive will be taking place at all FHSD schools from October 16-20. Look out for additional information in the coming weeks about what items are being requested! Thank you to the community for your continued support of IPM Food Pantry.

# Forest Hills Foundation for Education—15 years FACT

In 2011 the Foundation funded its first program, Nagel 24/7, an after-school kitchen-table tutoring concept that still continues today. This was a need identified by district administration. The Foundation continues to fund Nagel 24/7 along with Nagel After-School Clubs with bus transportation home that alleviates parent/guardian pick-up and more ways for students to find ways to connect.

Because of our donors, **\$185,000 since 2011**, has been <u>provided for this program</u> and 100's of students benefit each year.

\*Stay tuned for our 15 year, \$15,000 in 15 days that will launch on October 1 – your support directly impacts all Forest Hills students.

## **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>
  - o FHSD Family Resource List 22-23

# **FROM OUR BOOSTER GROUPS:**

PTO

**PTO Meeting** - Monday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Join us! Check out AHS Staff Favorite Things & Amazon Wish Lists

• FRIENDS OF ANDERSON DRAMA (FAD)

**CLICK HERE** for information about FAD membership!

## • AHS Athletic Boosters

**CLICK HERE** for information about AHS Athletic Booster Memberships! **Boosters Golf Outing is Oct 8th** - 11:30AM Shotgun Start! Register at <a href="https://bit.ly/AHSboostersouting">https://bit.ly/AHSboostersouting</a>. Email andersonathleticboosters@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities.

# • FH BAND BOOSTERS

**Booster Home - FH BANDS** Be a "Booster" = encourage, support, volunteer and raise money for the FHSD Band and Guard Programs grades 5 - 12!

Please join us today, and let's do great things for our musical kids!

Online Membership form and "Donate" button here

This is an organization of volunteers, and we appreciate you!