

10.06.23

AHS Families,

While we missed all of our Raptors today, our staff had an incredible professional development day! We focused our conversation on research-based, high impact instructional strategies. I am thoroughly impressed with our staff!

Hopefully the long weekend will provide some much needed rest for our students and staff as we begin the approach to the end of the first academic quarter.

Anderson Proud,

Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **10/9 - No School** (Fall Break)
- **10/12 - FHSD Parent Academy** (@ Nagel Middle School)
- **10/16 - FHSD College/Career Fair** (info below)
- **10/20 - End of First Quarter**
- **10/24 - PSAT/ACT Prep Day** (info below)
- **10/24 - Freshmen Day of Service**
- **10/31 - Senior Halloween Parade** (info below)
- **11/7 - No School for Students- Teacher PD**

AHS UPDATES:

PSAT

- All 10th graders, and interested 11th graders, will take the PSAT/NMSQT on **October 24th, 2023**.
- **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: [JUNIOR PSAT REGISTRATION](#). The **deadline to register was 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".
- 11th grade students not testing will report to their ACT prep classroom in the Science Hallway.
- 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. They will report to the Main Gym.
- Testing and the other activities will begin promptly at 8am on this date. **STUDENTS MUST BE ON TIME.**
- **ALL STUDENTS TESTING MUST USE THEIR FULLY CHARGED AHS DEVICE.**
- Freshman thru Juniors will be dismissed around 11.
- Lunch will be available for Freshman thru Juniors from 11:00-11:30 if they stay in the building after dismissal. Busing will also be provided at the typical time of day. Students who need to remain on campus will utilize the cafeteria for a study hall.

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.

FEES

Course fees and general fees have now been posted to Payschools Central and payment is now due. Please log on to Payschools Central to view your student's fees and make payment. The preferred method of payment would be by credit card on [Payschools Central](#).

Payments may also be made by cash (exact change please), 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 Eileen Birk at 513-232-2772, extension 2904, or at eileenbirk@foresthills.edu.

All Anderson High School students are charged school fees which include:

- General fees - printing, postage and other general expenses
- Course fees- for workbooks, print materials, lab materials and other classroom supplies
- Testing Fees including PSAT, Pre-ACT, ACT and AP Exam Fees

All fees must be paid prior to the end of the school year. If you have been charged AP Exam fees, these must be paid by April 1, 2024, so that we may order the correct number of tests.

Final report cards, diplomas and transcripts will be 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 a fee waiver, please contact Eileen Birk at 513-232-2772, extension 2904, or at eileenbirk@foresthills.edu.

END OF QUARTER 1

Friday, October 20th marks the end of the first quarter of the school year. Report cards will be posted on Wednesday, October 27th. Watch for more info to follow.

SENIOR HALLOWEEN PARADE

This event is for Seniors however all students and staff will be able to celebrate them and vote on their costumes. Please review this [flyer](#) for more information.

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.

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 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 October 31st. Questions? Contact Mrs Renard, kathleenrenard@foresthills.edu

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:

Loss of THS Student - Resources Available

With the terrible news of the death of a Turpin High School student this week, FHSD is reminding families of some resources that may be helpful as you and your student navigate this situation. We shared some resources in a letter to families and staff on Wednesday, which [you can find here](#), which also details the response of the district to support anyone who might be in need during this time.

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:
 - [FHSD Family Resource List 22-23](#)
 - [MindPeace](#)

- MindPeace works together with community partners to continue the development and implementation of a seamless system of mental health support for children and adolescents, with a focus on school-based, stakeholder-selected partnerships.

In addition to those resources above, if your student is experiencing a non-life threatening mental health crisis and you need direction on next steps to stay safe, we urge you to call the **Psychiatric Intake Response Center (PIRC) at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The PIRC line is (513) 636-4124.** This line is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Additional Resources

- ["How to Help a Grieving Child"](#) from [Fernside Center for Grieving Children](#), (513) 246-9140
 - Fernside provides grief support services, outreach and education to the community and families. An affiliate of Hospice of Cincinnati, Fernside services complement Hospice of Cincinnati's comprehensive bereavement program by addressing the unique needs of children.
- [Companions on a Journey Grief Support, Inc.](#), (513) 870-9108
 - Sheila Munafo-Kanoza, Founder and Executive Director, sheila@companionsonajourney.org
 - Companions on a Journey Grief Support (COJ) is open to anyone who grieves the death of a loved one. COJ provides over 35 grief specific support groups assisting every type of loss including.
- [Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center](#), (513) 636-0069
 - The Bereavement Services department of Cincinnati Children's provides bereavement support to families who experience the death of a child or young adult. Bereavement services are provided through StarShine Hospice, our pediatric hospice program, integrated into the Palliative Care Team and part of the overall services provided throughout the medical center.

REGISTER NOW: Parent Academy Night on October 12

Registration closes on October 9!

The second-annual Parent Academy series returns on Thursday, October 12! The evening will offer a variety of other topics that families with students of all ages will find relevant, including mental health resources, academic topics and more. [Check out the full list and find registration information here.](#) 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. 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!

Forest Hills College & Career Night | October 16

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Forest Hills Foundation

15 years | 15 days | \$15,000

Help the Foundation celebrate our 15th anniversary by [making a donation](#) today!

Because of your support, over \$80,000 in Teacher Grants were awarded last week and we want to further support our front-line educators, our Forest Hills teachers and staff, along with specific student grants later this year.

For every gift made, it will be matched thanks to the following alumni members:

Bruce Hellman, Turpin, 1978

Michael Brandy, Anderson, 1974

If we reach our goal of \$15,000 – Bruce and Michael will match and get us to \$30,000 (half of the salary for a Child Focus Therapist). [Let's Go!](#)

15 Year Fact: In **2004**, a need was identified and the first meeting to gather community input was organized by Randy Smith (AHS, 1972). The Forest Hills School District Board of Education approved the establishment of a Foundation in 2006, and on **October 6, 2008** the first official meeting of the Foundation took place with Kurt Reiber as the first president. Since that time, the Foundation has raised over \$2.8 million to support the needs of Forest Hills students.

2023 Distinguished Alumni Recipients

Help us honor and recognize the 2023 Distinguished Alumni and Forest Hills School District Staff. [Tickets are still available](#) for the recognition luncheon on Friday, October 13 at Ivy Hills Country Club.

Phyllis Ferrel | Turpin, 1990

Victor Prince | Turpin, 1987

Brian Reid | Turpin, 1989

Mindy Smith Murphy | Anderson, 1986

Miriam Sturm | Anderson, 1976

Annie Triplett Warner | Anderson 1998

Dr. T. John Winhusen | Anderson, 1986

Dee Dee Hamlin | Retired FHSD Teacher, 23 years at Ayer Elementary

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FROM OUR BOOSTER GROUPS:

- **PTO**

-Kroger will donate money to Anderson PTO (at no cost to you) every time you shop if you designate "Anderson High School PTO" as your Rewards recipient. It only takes 1 minute! [Click here to learn how!](#)

[-Click here](#) to learn about the first Staff Treat Trolley of the year. If you want to donate food items or money to help the Treat Trolley be successful, that would be greatly appreciated!

- **AFTER-PROM**

Third Annual Holiday Wreath Sale to Support Anderson HS After Prom!

Let's start checking items off the holiday to-do list! Anderson HS After Prom is selling holiday wreaths and garland again this year. All proceeds go to After Prom providing a FUN, SAFE, and AFFORDABLE experience for all students.

- For local pick up, we are offering decorated Noble Fir and mixed evergreen wreaths in 2 sizes and garlands. The 22 inch wreaths are similar to last year with no price increase, selling for \$36. We're bringing back the larger 28 inch wreath for \$42 and the 10 foot garland for \$30.
- New this year, you can also have wreaths delivered directly to out of town family or friends.

Orders must be placed by Sunday November 5th.

Wreaths will be available for pick up at AHS on Saturday December 2nd, just in time for holiday decorating. Direct delivery items will be shipped individually and arrival is guaranteed no later than 2 weeks after Thanksgiving.

Use this link to purchase your wreath on-line. Please share with family and friends!

<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/AndersonAfterProm>

Proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to offset the cost of hosting After Prom and keeping our kids entertained and safe. We appreciate your support!

- **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

<https://bit.ly/AHSboostersouting>. 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!