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AHS Families,

With Thanksgiving taking place next week, we want to express our gratitude to all of our Raptor families! One of the perks of this line of work is getting to know and talk with you all at our various after-school events.

We want to say 'break a leg' to everyone involved in this weekend's production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*. I saw the show last night and was thoroughly impressed with the cast, crew, and directors! We also want to give a hearty 'good luck' to our Raptor Football team in tonight's regional final! It has been a pleasure cheering on our athletes and coaches this season and we hope they continue their historic run.

Anderson Proud,
Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **11/17 - Second Quarter Interim**
- **11/21 - Grandparents' Day (AM) (info below)**
- **11/22-24 - Thanksgiving Break (no school)**
- **11/30 - FHSD Parent Academy #2 (@ NMS)**
- **12/4-8 - Semester 1 EOC State Testing**
- **12/12-15 - [Semester 1 Exams](#)**
- **12/15 - End of Quarter 2**

AHS UPDATES:

SECOND QUARTER INTERIM

Today, Friday, November 17th, marks the second quarter interim marking period. This is a good time to check your child's academic progress on Progress Book. As always, if you have concerns or questions regarding your son/daughter's grades, please reach out to their teacher for information and possible ways to support your child's academic success from home.

"The Drowsy Chaperone"

Anderson and Turpin High Schools are working together to present "The Drowsy Chaperone," a musical comedy that celebrates Jazz age Broadway musicals. Led by Directors from both high schools, the students in the cast and crew also come from both schools and showcase a remarkable array of vocal and acting talent.

Winner of five Tony Awards, "The Drowsy Chaperone" is a loving send-up of the Golden Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. The show runs November 17 through 19 at Anderson High school.

Audiences will meet the Man in Chair, an enthusiastic lover of classic theater who is eager to share his very favorite musical, the fictional "The Drowsy Chaperone," with them. As he plays an LP cast recording of the show, the characters and story come to hilarious life around him. His wry and witty commentary on the show, and on theater in general, is as much fun to hear as the show itself.

"The Drowsy Chaperone" is the second in a series of collaborations between the two Anderson Township high schools. Tickets for the show are on sale now. Information about all of these projects, including how to purchase tickets, is available on AndersonTheatre.com or TurpinTheatre.com.

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](#)

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!

Grandparents' Day Details

Grandparents' Day will be held on Tuesday, November 21st. Please RSVP using [this link](#) or one of the flyers around the building. Grandparents can arrive via the shuttle bus that runs from Clough United Methodist Church or get dropped off at AHS at the Performing Arts entrance. Grandparents and students will meet in the gym from 9:30-10:45. There will be light refreshments and student artwork on display, Lifetouch will be taking photos, and the Rapstore will be open to sell spirit wear. From 10:45 to 11:45, everyone will be in Titus Auditorium to watch musical performances. If you'd like to leave before the musical performances, we will have a shuttle bus taking people back to Clough United Methodist Church at 10:45.

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, nonbreakable ornaments and such. Thank you in advance for your support.

AHS IS HIRING!

Want to work with an amazing team and phenomenal students? The Anderson High School team is looking for interested candidates for an ongoing, extra support paraprofessional position. If you are interested in learning more, please apply [HERE](#) and/or call Jamie Roth, Special Education Coordinator, at 513-231-3600, ext 2965.

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
12/9/23	11/3/23	12/2/23	11/17/23
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.](#)

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 Support 9United's Shop & Share!

We are in the middle of [9United's](#) Shop & Share, which is in its 16th year! Shop & Share is about more than collecting toys, providing holiday gifts, and stocking food pantry shelves. It's an opportunity for the community to come together to sustain resources for Forest Hills schools students and families:

- Funds for sports camps
- Groceries during a time of crisis
- Hygiene products

- Birthday cakes
- Back to school clothes & supplies

There are plenty of ways to support! Families are encouraged to request a wish list for a local family, support donations at the schools (Coin Wars PK-8 and Toy Drives 9-12 benefitting Jack's Closet and IPM) or join us for the annual Community Shopping Night at Target on December 6!

Don't Miss Out on FHSD Parent Academy | Nov. 30

The next Parent Academy session will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Nagel Middle School! Thanks to generous support from the [Forest Hills Foundation for Education](#), we are able to offer light food and childcare for families interested in attending. You can find [a list of sessions/topics and a link to register for the event here](#). Some highlights include:

- Superintendent Larry Hook discussing the R Factor as the evening's featured speaker!
- Training on phonological awareness and phonics skills for parents of grades PK-2
- Navigating the college admissions process
- Village Connections: The Hamilton County Developmental Disability Services discusses the different types of waivers and how they can be used for students with special needs.
- QPR suicide prevention training

Sign Up Now for the Science Fair and Innovation Expo!

The deadline to register for the Science Fair or Innovation Expo is December 1! Both events take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Nagel Middle School. All students in grades K-12 are welcome to register for the Innovation Expo and grades 5-12 may register for the Science Fair. This is a great opportunity for students to put their scientific skills and passions on display! Click on this article for more information and a link sign up: [FHSD Science Fair and Innovation Expo 2024: Everything You Need to Know](#)

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](#) and information about a [Mental Health Webinar Series offered by Hamilton County ESC](#). The next event discusses "de-escalating cycles of conflict" on November 28.

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**

Grandparents Day is November 21 and we need a lot of help to make this a successful event. [Click here to see if you are able to help with one of these needs.](#)

- **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