

## Parent Newsletter

### Sept. 26th

We're excited for Homecoming Weekend tonight and tomorrow! We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable time. The Homecoming Football Game kicks off tonight at 7:00 PM against West Clermont, and our Dance is tomorrow evening from 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM, with doors opening at 7:45 PM. Please note that ticket sales for the dance have now closed.

Given the size of the event, we appreciate everyone's cooperation in ensuring it remains safe and fun. Law enforcement will be present throughout the evening, working alongside our administration. Students should have their online tickets ready for scanning at the door.

Students may leave the dance before 10:30 PM but won't be allowed to return. If you're picking up your student, please arrange for pickup along the sidewalk in front of the school. For those driving, remind them to stay in touch with you as they head to different locations for pictures, dinner, and the dance. Enjoy the festivities!

### **JOIN US for College and Career Night on Sept. 30**

Mark your calendars! The annual FHSD College and Career Night is back on Monday, Sept. 30 at Nagel Middle School. More than 100 colleges, universities, businesses, trades and other organizations will have representatives on hand to answer any questions you may have. [Click here](#) for additional information and instructions for students to register for the event. See you there!

#### ***College and Career Night Schedule***

- 5:30 p.m. — College Admissions Rep Panel
- 5:30 p.m. — Financial Aid Session
- 6:15 p.m. — Work Force Rep Panel
- 6:15 p.m. — Financial Aid Session
- 6:30 to 8 p.m. — College and Career Fair

### **Parent Teacher Conferences October 3:**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30p.m. Conference times are limited to ten minutes per teacher, so a review of your student's grades in

ProgressBook may help you prioritize your visit. To schedule a conference, visit [www.myconferencetime.com/turpin](http://www.myconferencetime.com/turpin). When registering for each conference, please indicate whether you will be having an in-person conference or a virtual conference in Google Meet. Each teacher's unique Google Meet link will be emailed to you if you elect to receive email confirmation of your appointment(s).

### **Teacher Conference Dinner October 3, 2023**

On October 3rd, our teachers may not have the opportunity to leave between the last bell and the start of conferences. On conference night, we will be providing our fabulous THS teachers and staff with dinner to show how much we appreciate all that they do. For this dinner, we will be providing them with different types of soup or chili, bread, salad, snacks, and drinks. **Please go to our [signup to see what you can donate and/or volunteer](#).**

### **Senior Parent Future Planning Meeting:**

Counselors will host a Senior parent meeting during conferences on October 3rd. The meeting will take place in the Commons, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Parents of seniors are welcome to attend. Topics will include transcript review, graduation requirements, honors diplomas, college application process, career exploration and more.

### **School Picture Retakes:**

All school pictures and student IDs were passed out in your child's FLEX. If your child did not have their picture taken on the first day of school or need a picture retake Dingo Photography will be here on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd from 9:00am-10:00am for retakes. Please have your child bring the original school picture order with them to picture retakes.

### **New Study Skills / Stress Management group opportunity!**

Does your child struggle to stay organized, study for tests, or with test anxiety? We're excited to announce an upcoming 8-week small group workshop aimed at empowering your child with essential life skills! This engaging program will cover vital topics, including study skills & organization, strategies to help your child effectively manage their time and responsibilities, stress management & test anxiety, techniques to cope with pressure and perform at their best, and building social skills such as conflict resolution and boosting self-confidence. The group will be led by two doctoral students from the University of Cincinnati School Psychology program, under the supervision of Turpin's School Psychologist, Dr. Carrie Urshel. Sessions will take place weekly during FLEX time. This supportive environment will encourage personal growth and foster connections among participants. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to reserve your spot today! For more information, please reach out to Margaret Wazevich at [wazevime@mail.uc.edu](mailto:wazevime@mail.uc.edu) or Dr. Carrie Urshel at [carrieurshel@foresthills.edu](mailto:carrieurshel@foresthills.edu). You may register your child for this 8-week group workshop [here](#).

### **PSAT 2024 (Juniors Only)**

On October 22nd, 2024 Turpin High School will be administering the PSAT to any 11th grade student that would like to take this exam. The PSAT helps 11th grade students to prepare for the SAT and provides entry into the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Students in the 11th grade are not required to take the exam; however, if you would like for your student to take the PSAT you can [register HERE](#) or provide a check Kim Shriver in the Academic Office. All checks will need to be made to Forest Hills Local School District for \$18. The deadline for registration is this Monday, September 30th, 2024. Any family that has a financial hardship may contact [nathandumford@foresthills.edu](mailto:nathandumford@foresthills.edu).

Registration Link: [PSAT Registration \(11th Grade Only\)](#)

### **Schedule Change on October 22, 2024 - PSAT**

The PSAT is scheduled to be administered at THS on October 22nd. This will require an altered schedule to accommodate the testing. Please see the plan for each grade level below.

- 9th Grade & 12th Grade- This will be a day for students to complete assignments electronically at home. This means students should not report to school and will have assignments posted on their class Schoology Pages to complete for the day. There are no requirements for virtual meetings.
- 10th graders- All students will take the PSAT/NMSQT on October 22nd, 2024. Testing will begin promptly at 8 am; students should bring their school provided chromebooks (charged). The PSAT is 100% digital and requires students to use their school provided chromebooks (no personal devices). Students will be dismissed from school at the completion of testing (approx. 11:30-12:00).
- 11th Grade- Any Juniors taking the PSAT/NMSQT(optional) on October 22nd will begin promptly at 8 am; students should bring their school provided chromebooks (charged). The PSAT is 100% digital and requires students to use their school provided chromebooks (no personal devices). Students will be dismissed from school at the completion of testing (approx. 11:30-12:00). 11th grade students not participating in the PSAT/NMSQT will have assignments to complete at home. This means students should not report to school and will have assignments posted on their class Schoology Pages to complete for the day.
- District busing will operate on its normal schedule on October 22nd. Students not leaving at their testing dismissal time will attend study hall in the cafeteria until 2:40.

## **FHSD Parent Academy Returns October 22 - Register Now!**

Our popular Parent Academy series is BACK for the 2024-2025 school year! Join us at Nagel Middle School on Tuesday, October 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. for a fun-filled, educational evening. Expert speakers will cover a variety of topics like gifted education, suicide prevention, drug prevention and safety, and more! Our featured speaker for this event is:

- Beech Acres Parenting Center presents “Talking to your kids about...Puberty/Human Development/Sex Ed,” with practical tips, age-appropriate language and strategies to foster open and honest communication with your children about their changing bodies.

Thanks to generous support from the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, we are once again able to offer light food and childcare for families interested in attending.

- [FHSD Parent Academy Article](#)
- [Full Schedule/Topics - October 22](#)
- [Registration Form - October 22](#)

## **Ski Club:**

Are you interested in Ski Club. Check out the [link](#) for more information.

## **Senior Scoop**

The Senior Scoop is intended to be a “one-stop shop” of information pertaining to the Senior Class of 2025 and their parents/guardians. As new information becomes available it will be shared via this weekly newsletter and will be updated within the [Senior Scoop](#). We recommend you bookmark this link for a quick reference.

## **ATTENTION SOPHOMORES!**

Bick's Driving School is offering in person driving classes and incars all in one deal to both Turpin and Anderson students. Class starts October 22-24 and October 29-31 from 3:15-7:30. Classes will be held at Turpin High School. Incars can be scheduled right after you complete the 24 hour driving school. JUMP ON THIS FAST AS SPOTS FILL UP QUICK! The cost is \$699.00. If you have any questions contact Bick's Driving School at [info@bicks.net](mailto:info@bicks.net) or go on their website at [www.bickswesternhills.com](http://www.bickswesternhills.com) for more information.

## **Forest Hills Foundation for Education**

Join us this fall as we go **Full STEAM Ahead** fundraising for Forest Hills students! Our goal is to raise **\$33,000** to support STEAM K-12 education, filling the gap left by limited state and federal funding. A solid STEAM education prepares students for life by encouraging them to think critically, problem solve, use creativity, and collaborate. **Be a part of building their future today.** Thanks to the following alumni for providing matching gifts totaling over \$16,000: **Michael Cash** (Turpin) **Forest Heis Sr** (Turpin) **Chris Colenda** (Anderson) and **Dan Fleming** (Anderson). [Donate now](#) and double your impact for our Forest Hills students.

### **International Travel Opportunity: Germany and Switzerland Sustainable Living**

Are you interested in going to Switzerland & Germany during the summer of 2025? Then join us on September 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM to learn more about my Summer 2025 student trip to Germany & Switzerland. You can RSVP to the **virtual meeting** here: <https://bit.ly/4gkq2JO>

*This trip is open to current THS, AHS and incoming 9th grade students.*

### **Update from the Forest Hills Band Boosters!**

Congratulations for the Forest Hills Marching Band for grand champions of the Norwood Competition earlier this month! Make sure to mark your calendars for upcoming events including football games and competition performances. The Forest Hills Bands will be hosting the Band Expo at Turpin HS on Saturday, October 19th. Forest Hills Band Boosters help support the District Band Programs grades 5-12. [Join the Band Boosters](#) and help support these programs district wide.

### **TURPIN AFTER PROM FUNDRAISER**

Join us on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Anderson Township Pub for our ["BEAT ANDERSON TAILGATE"](#) the night before the Turpin vs. Anderson football game. ATP is generously donating 15% of food and drink sales ALL DAY to benefit Turpin After Prom. In addition, we will have guest bartenders in the outside tent from 6-9 pm with 100% of tips going directly to make Turpin After Prom the best it can be! Take out dinner for the family, have a group happy hour after work or join us in the tent any time from 6-9 for a fun night supporting Turpin After Prom as we get ready to take on that team on Forest Road. This year's bartenders represent all 3 football teams!

6-7 pm Shane & Christi Carnahan

7-8 pm Bobby & Jeannie Nigam

8-9 pm Kyle & Mary Forte

### **Turpin PTO:**

[Join the Turpin PTO by September 30th for a Chance to Win Two Tickets to the Party of the Season!](#)

By becoming a member of the PTO, you help to reinforce our commitment to support all students, teachers, and staff at Turpin High School. Now you have an extra incentive - the chance to win two tickets to the Denim and Diamonds Fundraising Party (formerly Fall Soiree), on November 16th, at Belterra. The event is hosted by Forest Hills Foundation for Education. Go to <https://bit.ly/THSPTOmember2425> to join today!

### **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 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.
- If you are seeking additional resources, we encourage you to start at the links below:
  - [MindPeace](#)
  - [FHSD Family Resource List](#)

Dates:

Sept. 30th      Forest Hills College and Career Fair  
Oct. 3rd        Parent Teacher Conferences