



September 1, 2023

Superintendent Hook Introduces the Culture Blueprint

We've shared a few details about FHSD's Culture Blueprint: Every Moment Matters as the school year has started. It's a document that three dozen of our staff members and administrators created together and the entire district staff was introduced to in August training. [Check out the first of a series of videos from Superintendent Hook](#) where he explains some of the important details of this focus on building a positive culture and empowering everyone to be leaders. ***This video talks about the Performance Pathway, which describes how leaders create a culture that drives behavior that produces results.*** You can also learn more about the Culture Blueprint and find a link to the full document [here](#).

Turpin High School Ranks in Top 2% of Ohio

Out of more than 1,000 schools evaluated, Turpin High School is ranked number 14 of all high schools in the state of Ohio! US News and World Report recently released their 2023 ranking of public high schools which takes into account many different measures of school quality. In addition to the overall ranking of 14 in Ohio, Turpin ranked number 8 in Ohio for College Readiness. This is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to our talented students, dedicated staff, and supportive community of parents and guardians. You can learn more in [this article](#).

Turpin Traffic

Thank you to all for helping adjust to the traffic pattern for student dropoff and pickup. We are still tweaking some things for the afternoon, but the morning has been very successful in keeping traffic flowing and more importantly, students safe.

One important update: The service drive near the auditorium should not be used as an exit in the morning. This is our student drivers' morning entrance and two-way traffic is very dangerous in that spot.

September 13th - Pre-ACT and Practice ACT

- On **Wednesday, September 13th** all 9th and 10th grade students will be taking the Pre-ACT. The Pre-ACT is a shortened, non-college reported prep test for the actual ACT.
 - All 11th grade students will take a full length practice ACT, sponsored by TorchPrep (ACT Prep) on the same date. This practice ACT is also non-college reported.
 - Once testing has concluded students will be dismissed from school (approx 11:30-12:30). Lunch and study hall will be provided for any students staying at school until 2:40. ***District busing will operate on its normal schedule on September 13th. Students not leaving after their testing dismissal time will attend study hall in the cafeteria until 2:40.***
 - All 12th grade students may use this day for college and career preparations. Seniors are encouraged to visit colleges/universities or job shadow in an area of interest on this day.
 - Teachers are available in the afternoon for office hours.
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PSAT 2023 (Juniors Only)

On October 24, 2023 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 them at the link below 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 **Friday, September 29, 2023**. Any family that has a financial hardship may contact nathandumford@foresthills.edu.
Registration Link: [PSAT Registration](#)

SAVE THE DATES! FHSD Parent Academy Returns for 2023-2024

We are bringing back the Parent Academy series after positive feedback from the inaugural run last school year! Participants will be able to register for different breakout sessions from a variety of topics each night, allowing for a custom evening that best suits each individual's interests. Specific topics for each night and registration information will be publicized a few weeks prior to the event. Check out the dates below and [click here](#) to learn more and see who is slotted as Featured Speakers!

- Thursday, October 12, 2023
- Thursday, November 30, 2023
- Wednesday, January 24, 2024
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Special thanks to the Forest Hills Foundation for Education for their generous support making the series and featured speakers possible. You can learn more about how the Foundation supports students in the district and find information about donating at their website www.fhfe.org.

Attention Sophomore Families: Apply Now for Leadership Program

You should have received an email this week with information about the Aspire Youth Discovery Initiative, which is a leadership development program designed in collaboration with the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce. The year-long learning series will invite selected sophomores to monthly educational sessions, tours and candid conversations with local business/organizational leaders and takes place during the school day! Students can apply [HERE](#) (the link requires a student Forest Hills Gmail account) and questions can be directed to FHSD's Community Partnership Specialist, Melanie Hartong (melaniehartong@foresthills.edu). This application will close on 09/10/2023 at midnight.

Immunization Due Date: Sept. 8, 2023

The deadline for students to have required vaccination documentation on file for school attendance in the state of Ohio is quickly approaching.

The Ohio Revised Code states no student may attend a school for more than fourteen (14) days without written evidence that immunizations have been completed in accordance with state of Ohio immunization requirements for school attendance (ORC 3313.67 and 3313.671).

The deadline to turn in proof of required vaccinations is Friday, September 8, 2023.

Students without documentation of required vaccines or evidence of being in process, cannot be at school or participate in extracurricular activities beginning Friday, September 8, 2023 until they are in compliance.

THS Counselor Newsletter

Check out the [Counselor Connection Newsletter](#) for important information from our THS counseling department.

Turpin Spirit Shop

Go to <https://www.goturpin.com/athletic-boosters/spirit-shop-6/> for hours and information and be sure to check out our on-line store as well: <https://turpinspiritshop.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

Turpin PTO Membership

When you become a member of the Turpin PTO, you help to reinforce our commitment to support all students, teachers, and staff at Turpin High School. We encourage EVERYONE to join because EVERY membership benefits all of our students. Go to <https://bit.ly/THSPTO2324Membership> to join!

The Turpin High School PTO provides support for Staff Grants, Staff & Student Appreciation, Building Enhancements, Student Scholarships, Senior Events (Awards Night, Picnic, and Senior Week Activities), and the Outdoor Learning Space maintenance and support.

Every Turpin PTO Membership comes with a MEMBERS-ONLY online school directory. All VIP members will be listed in our PTO monthly newsletter!

Staff Appreciation

Each month the Turpin PTO is pleased to gift 10 teachers and staff members with a gift card of \$10 to \$15. This is a great way to give an extra thank you for all that they do for our students and families. Go to <https://bit.ly/FallGC23> to sign up!

Questions? Contact our Staff Appreciation Coordinators: *Jenni Rytel* (ljrytel@gmail.com) or *Karen Thorp* (karensthorp@gmail.com).

Thank you for your donations, they are appreciated!

Athletic Booster Memberships AND Sports Passes are for sale! There are several levels to meet all of your needs! Just remember, that once you purchase a FAMILY or INDIVIDUAL PASS (membership is included with all Passes) You and/or your kids will NEVER have to pay to get into a TURPIN HOME game the rest of the year! (Unless it is designated as a TOURNAMENT and we get to host.)

Your passes also work at ANDERSON (except for when we play there.) Your passes also work at NAGEL (great for those of you with kids at Turpin and Nagel!)

[Click HERE](#) to get your Booster Pass TODAY!!!

If you don't need a BOOSTER PASS, but still want to be a Booster Member, you can make a simple donation by clicking here: [Donate To Boosters Today](#) A Booster Membership is just \$50 and you'll be supporting the group that does the most for all of our kids, teams and programs! WE NEED YOU! Every Moment Matters!

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](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

4	SEP, MON	● All day	No School - Labor Day
13	SEP, WED	● 8am – 12:30pm	PreACT (gr. 9&10) and Practice ACT (gr. 11)
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Turpin PTO meeting
29	SEP, FRI	● 7 – 9:30pm	Homecoming Football Game vs. Loveland
30	SEP, SAT	● 8 – 11pm	Homecoming Dance
4	OCT, WED	● 7 – 8pm	Orchestra Fall Concert
5	OCT, THU	● 4 – 7:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences
6	OCT, FRI	● All day	No School - Teacher PD
9	OCT, MON	● All day	No School - Fall Break