



August 11, 2023

I wanted to let everyone know that I feel very lucky to be the principal at Turpin High School. I have been so impressed with the students, staff, parents, and community. I can't wait to greet our students on Thursday. Even though this is my 11th year as a high school principal and 23rd as a school administrator, I feel like I am learning something new everyday about the Spartan Way. I can't wait to meet everyone and feel free to reach out if I can help you in any way! Go Spartans!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andy Johns'.

First Day of School

Thursday, August 17 is the first day of school for K-12 students with last names A-L. Friday, August 18 is the first day of school for K-12 students with last names M-Z. Preschool families have received separate details about when they should report to school on either August 21 or 22.

Please Update Final Forms

All returning families need to log in to [Final Forms](#) to confirm the emergency contact and medical information for their students is up to date and accurate. **This is required every school year for all families.**

Back-to-School Reminders

Keep an eye on your mailbox for a back-to-school postcard! It includes a QR code link to [this article](#) that has a variety of important information. Additionally, please take note of the following resources and documents that we want all families to know about and understand.

- [7-12 Student-Parent Handbook](#)
- FHSD Resource Page ([7-8 Link](#)) ([9-12 Link](#))
- [Safety Information](#) (Emergency communications, bullying policy and more)

Bus Route Information

Families should have received information about their student's bus route earlier this week! Please check for an email from the Transportation Department. You can also find instructions on how to locate bus route information on the district website [here](#).

Student Schedules

All student schedules are now visible on Progressbook. We have heard some reports that the Progressbook mobile app is not working well; however the web browser is working: pbaccess.hccanet.org. Students will also receive a hard copy of their finalized schedule on the first day of school.

While schedule requests were final in May, If a student sees an error in their schedule, they should contact their counselor by email as soon as possible. Counselors are not able to make schedule changes based on teacher preference, lunches, study halls, etc.

Counselors:

A-E: nancyaniskovich@foresthills.edu

F-K: amymckiddy@foresthills.edu



L-R: lisadean@foresthills.edu

S-Z: randimcaleese@foresthills.edu

Drop off and Pick Up Procedures:

Morning Traffic is congested between 7:35-8:00. We recommend having your student ride the bus to avoid the congestion. If you do drive your student to school drop off at the sidewalk in front of the Athletic lobby. Do not use side drive or drop off by the main entrance. Afternoon Dismissal is also congested between 2:40-2:55. Again we recommend having your student ride the bus to avoid afternoon traffic. However, if you do have to pick up your student, enter through the main entrance, turn left and enter down the first or second aisle. See diagrams below.

Morning Drop Off



Afternoon Pick Up



School Picture Information:

We will again partner with Dingo Photography for the 23-24 school year! As a reminder, we no longer work with LifeTouch for school pictures or Prestige for senior portraits but instead with Dingo Photography for all school photos. This will include school pictures, senior portraits, school dances, graduation, and athletics. School Pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 17th and Friday, August 18th. To order school pictures go to [Dingo Photography's website](#). All students will get their picture taken for school IDs.

Picture Day Volunteers

Turpin Picture Days are on Thursday, August 17th and Friday, August 18th. We are seeking volunteers to help the photographers on picture day. As a volunteer, your primary responsibility will be to help students stay organized and keep the process running smoothly. If you can help out, please go to <https://bit.ly/THSPictDay2023> to sign up.

School Medication Drop-Off

The Health Center will be holding medication drop off times on Tuesday, August 15th from 11am-2pm and Wednesday, August 16th from 8am-11am. If those times are not convenient for you, please feel free to drop off during regular school hours after that. As a reminder, all Medication Permission forms need to be signed by the guardian and physician. Medications must be dropped off by a guardian. If you have any questions please email the health center at



erinnzaugg@foresthills.edu

Changes to Online Payments

Forest Hills School District offers online payments to families as an extra measure of convenience for things like school fees, field trip charges, lunch account balances and more. The district previously covered the cost of the convenience fees for third-party online payment platforms, but the cost has risen to a point where it is not realistic to continue doing so. Last year, FHSD paid nearly \$200,000 in convenience fees on behalf of district families. That means this money was not able to be spent on classroom instruction or other necessities. Families that wish to utilize the online payment sites will now be responsible for covering any credit card/convenience fees that are included.

People who wish to avoid additional charges while paying academic/school fees are always welcome to pay by cash or check, and they can send their payment directly to their student's school. You can learn about online payment options and find instructions on how to use PaySchools Central [here](#).

Attendance:

Our goal at Turpin is for all students to attend school and be on time for classes. Students who have good attendance achieve higher grades and have an overall better school experience. We can do this through partnering with you, the parent! As a reminder school starts at 8:00am. Students are required to be in class by 8:00am. If your child is going to be absent or tardy please call the attendance line at 232-7770 ext 2817. As a reminder a parent/guardian phone call received by the attendance office on each day of the student's absence for any of the acceptable reasons outlined in the district policy is sufficient to excuse the student's absence up to the tenth (10th) absence yearly. Subsequently, after the tenth (10th) absence, the parent/guardian must provide written documentation from a treating physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or relevant third party stating the day(s) absent and reason for such absence. **Absences are defined as full day absence, tardies, and early dismissals. Therefore the 10 parent calls include full day absences, early dismissals, and tardies. Student absences in excess of ten (10) days will be recorded as unexcused absences unless a doctor's note is presented to attendance officials for each additional absence. Without a doctor's note or third party documentation, truancy charges can be brought and charged to the parent and/or student.**

Out of Town/Vacation Attendance Process:

If a student is going to be out of town or on vacation, parents are required to submit, in writing, to the building administration their intent to take the student out of school and include dates. The intended vacation will then be submitted to the District level for approval. Once the absence has been approved the parent will be notified and students will be allowed to make up missed work. Please submit all requests to Camey Eberhard at cameyeberhard@foresthills.edu

Visitor Information:

As we enter the 2023-24 school year, Forest Hills School District wants to remind everyone of the procedures and guidelines for visitors. All visitors should enter through the main entrance. All visitors are reminded that upon entering, they will be asked to present a government-issued ID such as a Driver's License, which will be scanned into the system to produce your visitor badge.

Food Service Updates

[Guidelines for Medical and Food Related Conditions \(2023-2024\)](#)



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[FAQ for Food Allergies and Guidelines](#)

[Click here](#) for more information about menus, meal prices and free/reduced price meal applications. FHSD is introducing a brand-new, digital menu system this school year that will make it easier for families to see nutrition and allergen information!

Parking Pass Pick-Up:

Students will be able to pick up and purchase their passes on the first day of school during lunches. Students need to bring a check made out to Turpin High School for \$125. Students do not have to worry about not having a pass on the first day of school. With the phase in days at the beginning of year we are going to be flexible with parking on the first 2 days of school until everyone has their passes! On the student's first day of school please have Seniors park in the Senior Lot (Auditorium Lot, what used to be the faculty lot) and Juniors park in the Knights of Columbus lot (lot on Bartels across from the softball field) . The online application for parking passes has closed. However if you are still in need of a parking pass for the start of the school year please contact Mrs. Eberhard at cameyeberhard@foresthills.edu.

Senior Portrait Information:

All seniors will be required to get their school pictures taken through Dingo Photography for school IDs. **School Pictures can count for a senior portrait as long as the guys wear a collared or button down shirt and girls have their shoulders covered.** If you want a senior portrait for the yearbook (other than the Dingo school picture) you have 2 other options:

1. Contact Dingo Photography directly to set up a session at their studio at

www.dingophotography.com

OR

2. Dingo Photography will be offering a Senior Portrait mini-session **at Turpin** on February 21st and 22nd after school. They will schedule 5 minute photo sessions for seniors to use in the yearbook. There is a sitting fee for the session of \$20. As the date gets closer, more information will be shared through the principal newsletter and senior scoop.

As a reminder only Senior Portraits through Dingo will be used for the yearbook.

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!

Become a member by August 15, 2023 and you will have the chance to win four lawn seats for the Luke Bryan Concert, at Riverbend, on August 17th!

Already a member for the 2023-2024 school year? You are already entered to win!

PTO Back to School Luncheon



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Please help the Turpin PTO welcome back to school our wonderful teachers and staff at Turpin High School. We need Turpin families to donate food and/or gift cards for a luncheon hosted by the PTO. Go to https://bit.ly/BTSLunch23_THSPTO to find out more and sign up!

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](#)