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Turpin Weekly Parent Newsletter

February 2. 2024

Student Course Scheduling for 2024-2025

Reminder to parents of 9th through 11th graders that students should be bringing home their teachers' recommendations for 2024-2025 courses. Students will be making their actual course requests next Wednesday, February 7.

ATTENTION SENIORS: Dingo Photography Senior Portrait Mini Sessions

Dingo Photography will be offering 2 Senior Mini Portrait Sessions. Dingo will be coming to Turpin High School on **Wednesday**, **February 21st and Thursday**, **February 22nd** to take senior portraits for any senior that has not already scheduled a studio session at Dingo and still want their senior portrait taken for the yearbook. If you have not scheduled a studio session and do not want a senior portrait for the yearbook then your senior school picture will be used in the yearbook. As a reminder only senior portraits through Dingo Photography will be used for the yearbook. **Seniors/Parents can sign up for a senior portrait online this year.** Here is the <u>link</u> to sign up. Parents can go directly to this link and click *Book Now* to schedule a session at Turpin HS. Parents can select a date and time then checkout and pay without having to send payment with the students. If you have any questions please contact Camey Eberhard at cameyeberhard@foresthills.edu

2022-2023 Yearbook update:

Thank you SO much for everyone's patience while we worked through the continued delay that we've had post COVID! When one delay occurs, it transfers into the next year, and so on...and I want to shout out to the kids who have worked so hard on this student-produced book! A 300-page book is a TALL task for a class of 7 people, which only had 2 underclassmen in it returning this year to finish anything up that was not able to be completed. On that note, we are just waiting on delivery from Jostens. Jostens did have a 3.5 week delay on their end, which has pushed delivery back, and there are several schools that were in our same boat that are in production, as well. To help with this, they are going to be mailing home books to alumni and then once the other books arrive to THS, I will distribute them during FLEX time. I will also post a message about purchasing an extra book, if you did not order one! You will also start to receive order information for the 2023-2024 yearbook, which has already been started with our new group of students! You can visit www.jostens.com to place an order or wait for emails! Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Annie Welsh (anniewelsh@foresthills.edu)

Senior Parents

Organizational meeting for parents of all seniors will be held on Monday February 5th in the Turpin cafeteria at 7pm. Please come if you would like to get involved in the planning of senior week activities for the class of 2024. We will briefly discuss the tentative schedule for senior week and then ask for volunteers to lead those activities. Meeting should last about 30-45 minutes. Any questions text Aimee Heis at 513-673-6217.

Parent Teacher Conferences February 8

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 8th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.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

<u>www.myconferencetime.com/turpin</u>. 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).

February 8th Conference Dinners

Thursday, February 8th, is Teacher Conference night! Our teachers and staff may not have the opportunity to leave school between the last bell and the start of conferences. So let's provide them with pizza, salad, and dessert to show them how much we appreciate all that they do. Go to https://bit.ly/TeacherPizza2824 to sign up!

Future Planning Meeting for 9th - 11th grade Parents:

Also on Parent-Teacher Conference night, the THS Counselors will be hosting an informational parent meeting for 9th-11th grade parents. The meeting will cover important topics such as course scheduling, graduation requirements, college and career planning and more! This meeting will be held from **5:00-5:45 in The Commons**. No reservations needed.

College Credit Plus Information Meeting, February 27

There will be a makeup meeting for anyone who was unable to attend the meeting last week. It will be held at **Anderson HS on February 27**, at 6:30 p.m. A CCP advisor from UC will be in attendance to answer questions. An annual meeting and enrollment forms are required, even if you have attended in the past.

11th Grade ACT (Free)

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024 all students in 11th grade will be provided the ACT for **free**. This administration is provided by the state. All registration for the test is completed by Turpin High School. Students/Families do not need to register. This administration is paper/pencil and will only be administered at Turpin High School from 8am to approximately 12:00-12:30 pm. Once testing has finished 11th grade students will be permitted to leave the building for the day. Bus services will run on a normal daily schedule (8 am arrival & 2:40 pm dismissal). If students plan to ride the bus a study hall will be available after testing until 2:40. This is for Juniors only. All students in 9th,10th,and 12th grades will attend school as a typical day.

Driver Education at Turpin

In partnership with Turpin's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Bick's Driving School will be offering in-person Driver Education classes at Turpin in the next few weeks:

February 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15. Each class will be 3:00pm to 7:15pm Classes are held in Room 222 at Turpin High School Total cost for classes and behind the wheel training is \$689

8 hours of behind the wheel training will be scheduled after successful completion of the 24 hours of in person classroom instruction. Students must be 15 years and six months old to attend the class. Attendance is mandatory for all class dates. If a student misses a date, they will need to make up that class at a later date. Click this link to sign up for the classes. Here is a link to Bick's Driving School website; https://www.bickswesthills.com/
Any questions or concerns please contact Randy Zink, Bick's Training Manager

at 513-251-7333

FHSD District-Wide Spirit Day - Feb. 13

Join us as we wear shirts with kind messages to celebrate World Kindness Day on Tuesday, February 13! Let's lift each other's spirits and set a positive example to those around us by practicing kindness, decency and understanding.

REMINDER: Wellness and Behavior Parent/Guardian Surveys

FHSD is committed to supporting the mental health and well-being of all students, and we would appreciate feedback from parents and guardians to help inform those efforts. Please take a few moments to complete the anonymous surveys linked below. The deadline to submit survey responses is February 2.

- MindPeace Survey on School-Based Mental Health Treatments
 - FHSD partners with <u>MindPeace</u> to help improve access to school-based mental health treatment. School-based therapy is the same treatment that can also be provided in outpatient offices, but school-based therapy can decrease barriers for families and can result in better outcomes for students because of the team approach to care. Your confidential input will be invaluable, so thank you for taking this short survey.
 - Parent/Guardian Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XX7H8QK
- District Survey on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
 - FHSD is incredibly proud of our efforts to implement PBIS across the school district. All nine schools received individual recognition this school year for PBIS excellence, and FHSD is one of only 17 districts to be recognized in the state of Ohio. The following survey is a way for us to gather input on our school-wide behavior planning. Your feedback will help us to improve this system in the future. To find out more about PBIS, please visit the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's website or www.pbis.org. The following link is specific to our school building:
 - o Turpin PBIS Survey Link

Interest Meetings for Upcoming International Travel Opportunities

Germany and Switzerland: Sustainable Living – Summer of 2025

This is a STEM focused trip! Students who have completed high school Biology by 6/1/2024 and are in good standing, received a grade of B or better are invited to attend the meeting to learn more and register for the trip. The trip is designed for students currently enrolled in grades nine and ten. Come and learn more about this opportunity to put science and travel together!

Register for an interest meeting here: https://rsvp.eftours.com/jhwx2z7

The Alps and Mediterranean Coast: Renaissance, Geography, History - Spring of 2025 Come explore with us on a four country jump, from Zurich to Barcelona, in the spring of 2025. Students who are currently in 8th grade through 11th are eligible with proof of good academic/behavior standings, completion of your history courses with a B or better. Register for the interest meeting here: https://rsvp.eftours.com/nd729t4

Both meetings are Monday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nagel Learning Commons.

Informational Tax Bill Update from FHSD

In response to some questions the district has received regarding last year's school levy, property reappraisals and what impact those might have on 2024 tax bills, we have compiled a variety of resources in this article on the FHSD website.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Calling all Parents & Students | PTA/PTO Community Grant Application Available Now

Due Friday, February 9

The Forest Hills Foundation raises funds to support the **needs of Forest Hills students today**. We are proud to provide grants to the district and teachers, but know it is also important to hear from our key stakeholders: **students & parents**. As a parent, you can apply for a PTA/PTO Community Grant today with all applications due on Friday, February 9.

We encourage you to work with your PTA/PTO as you see specific student needs that are currently not being met. In the past two years over \$40,000 has been awarded to support The Turpin Outdoor Learning Space, Nagel Recess Equipment, Mercer Instructional Garden & ESC Playground Equipment, along with a pilot program of the Boys & Girls Club After-School Program.

Thanks to our loyal donors, we are proud to offer the <u>PTA/PTO Community Grants</u> and look forward to receiving many more applications.

For questions about the grants, please contact Jen Zimmerman, Chair of the Foundation Grant Committee at jennifer.c.zimmerman@gmail.com.

Secondary Hearing and Visions Screenings Notice

FHSD is partnering with Xavier University to administer vision screenings for all students in grades seven, nine and eleven this semester. Hearing screenings will be conducted in grades nine and eleven. Turpin will have vision/hearing screenings for 11th grade on February 6 & for 9th grade on February 13. These screenings are required by law. For more information about the screenings, including how to opt a student out, please click here.

Community Events

You can also visit our <u>flyers webpage here</u> that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the following items:

- Xavier Leadership Center Summer Reading Skills Programs for Grades K-10
- All In Golf Student Discount
- <u>UC DAAP Saturday Art Program (Grades K-12)</u>
- <u>i9 Sports Youth Programs Spring Registration</u>
- Anderson Township Little League Registration
- Anderson Fastpitch Softball Registration

Spartan Staff Shout Out

Parents, please feel free to use <u>form</u> to express your gratitude or to otherwise positively acknowledge a Turpin staff member. Staff members will receive a keepsake letter with your positive comments included!

Important Links

Turpin Counselor Connection Newsletter

Senior Scoop

Turpin Athletics

Turpin Theatre

Turpin Orchestra Booster Association

Forest Hills Bands

Turpin PTO: Membership

Turpin Athletic Boosters Membership & Sports Passes

Turpin Spirit Shop hours & online store

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 23-24

UPCOMING EVENTS

5 FEB	, MON •	7 – 7:45pm	Senior Parent Organizational Meeting Turpin Cafeteria
6 FEB	, TUE	All day 7 – 8pm	Vision and Hearing Screenings-11th Grade Band Booster Meeting Nagel Middle School Band Room
8 FEB	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4 - 7:30pm 5 - 5:45pm 6 - 7pm 7 - 8:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences Turpin High School 9th-11th Future Planning Meeting (for parents) Turpin High School Commons FAFSA Student/Parent Workshop Turpin High School Commons 8th Grade Parent Transition Meeting Turpin High School - Auditorium
9 FEB	, FRI •	7 – 9:30pm	Winter Play : Pride & Prejudice Turpin High School
10 FEB	, SAT	2 – 4:30pm 7 – 9:30pm	Winter Play: Pride & Prejudice Turpin High School Winter Play: Pride & Prejudice Turpin High School
13 FEB	, TUE •	All day All day 7 – 8pm	FH Spirit Day: World Kindness Day Vision and Hearing Screenings-9th Grade Turpin Orchestra Booster Meeting
14 FEB	, WED	8:30 - 9:30am	Turpin PTO meeting Main Office Conference Room
16 FEB	, FRI •	All day	No School - Teacher PD
19 FEB	, MON •	All day	No School - Presidents Day