



### **January 19, 2024**

#### **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 [MindPeace](#) 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>
  - Students in grades 9-12 will also be asked to complete a similar, anonymous survey during the week of January 29. [You can review the full list of questions here](#). Should you have questions, concerns or would like to opt your child out of this anonymous survey, please email Assistant Superintendent Kim Tinsley ([kimtinsley@foresthills.edu](mailto:kimtinsley@foresthills.edu)) by January 26.
- **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](http://www.pbis.org). The following link is specific to our school building!
  - [Turpin PBIS Survey Link](#)

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#### **Calendar Update: Student Days Off Change for March**

All families should have received an email from Superintendent Hook with an update on the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar. Due to the presidential primary election on March 19, which we anticipate may bring in a large number of outside visitors to schools that serve as polling locations, the district has adjusted the calendar to reflect that students will not have school on Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19 (staff will report for professional development). K-12 students will now report for school on Friday, March 15 (which was previously a non-school day). Preschool students will now report for school on Thursday, March 21, which was previously a non-school day in FHSD Preschool only. [Please see this news article for additional details](#). You can download a PDF of the updated academic calendar [here](#).

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### **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.

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### **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!

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### **FAFSA Student/Parent Workshop**

On the evening of Parent-Teacher Conferences, we would like to invite Senior parents with their students to a free FAFSA workshop on **Thursday February 8th at 6pm in the Turpin Commons**. This workshop presentation will be provided by Veronica Davidson, Associate Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships at Sinclair College. The presentation will be workshop style and is designed to help students and parents complete the **NEW 24-25 FAFSA** in one sitting.

In order to attend the session, both **students and parents MUST sign up for an FSA ID by February 1st**. Setting up an FSA ID is a required component for both students and parents that must be completed 3-5 days prior to filling out the FAFSA. [Create an account and set up your FSA ID here](#). Workshop space is limited to **40 families**, so sign up today! [Click here to register](#).

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### **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 evening of **Thurs Feb 8th from 5pm to 5:45pm** in the Commons. The meeting will cover important topics such as course scheduling, graduation requirements, college and career planning and more! No reservations needed.

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### **GREAT OAKS**

All 10th graders who are interested in attending one of the Career Tech campuses during their junior/senior year should apply before February 7th. The Great Oaks Application is OPEN! Apply [here](#). If you have questions, please reach out to your student's Counselor.

Open houses are offered to visit campus and learn more about the available programs. Live Oaks- Thursday, February 1st, 5-7pm (5956 Buckwheat Road Milford, Ohio 45150) and Scarlet Oaks-Wednesday, January 24th, 4-6pm (110 Great Oaks Dr. (at 3254 E. Kemper Road).

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### **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

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### **Spartanrama**

Spartanrama is an annual fundraiser, hosted by Turpin Athletic Boosters. It is a casual evening with food and drinks and an opportunity to raise money for the Turpin Athletic Department. This year the event will be on the evening of **Saturday, March 16th** at the Ivy Hills Country Club. We will be selling tickets and are hoping to make this event even bigger than last year.

The goal of the event is two-fold: we have a financial goal to make a larger contribution than previous years. We also have a goal to further develop and build a sense of community among the Turpin parents and supporters by providing a fun evening and opportunity to connect! The Turpin Athletic Boosters enhance the athletic experience of all student-athletes. This organization works together with the Athletic Department and coaches to build on the outstanding athletic tradition of Turpin High School supporting 900+ student-athletes, 750+ events, 100+ coaches, 61 teams and 27 programs!

There are plenty of opportunities to donate and participate. First, buy a ticket! The ticket site will be open in early March. Second, consider becoming a sponsor, and lastly, donate an auction item. Click [here](#) to find out more information on donating. Can't wait to see you there!

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### **Informational Tax Bill Update from FHSD**

Treasurer Alana Cropper presented information on how school taxes are calculated and helpful resources for homeowners to find data specific to their property at January's Board of Education meeting. [You can click here to read a detailed news article](#), including links to watch the presentation and view the slides. It's important to remember that although existing properties do not produce any additional revenue on voted school levies, changing property values can have an impact on the amount of taxes charged to individual homeowners as the total amount is divided across all property in the school district.

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### **LAST CHANCE: Register NOW for FHSD Parent Academy on Jan. 24**

The next Parent Academy session will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 24 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](#). The featured speakers for this event are:

***Dr. Devorah Heitner - Growing Up In Public:*** Dr. Heitner will offer practical, timely, non-judgmental advice about technology and parenting in the digital age.

**Kerry Brown - Parenting Through Transitions and Big Emotions:** This session from the Beech Acres Parent Center will provide helpful tips and tools to find joy in parenting and lighten the load of every day challenges both big and small. Join us to learn effective strategies to ease these life changes.

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**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 [PTA/PTO Community Grants](#) 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](mailto:jennifer.c.zimmerman@gmail.com).

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**Community Events**

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the following items:

- [UC DAAP Saturday Art Program \(Grades K-12\)](#)
- [Anderson Middies Girls Lacrosse Registration](#)
- [Anderson Township Little League Registration](#)
- [Anderson Fastpitch Softball Registration](#)

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**Spartan Staff Shout Out**

Parents, please feel free to use [form](#) 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!

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**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**

24	JAN, WED	● 6 – 7pm	College Credit Plus Information Night Nagel Middle School
		● 6:30 – 8pm	FHSD Parent Academy Nagel Middle School
27	JAN, SAT	● 8:30am – 12pm	Science & Innovation Fair Nagel Middle School
6	FEB, TUE	● 7 – 8pm	Band Booster Meeting Nagel Middle School Band Room
8	FEB, THU	● 4 – 7:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences Turpin High School
		● 5 – 5:45pm	9th-11th Future Planning Meeting (for parents) Turpin High School Commons
		● 6 – 7pm	FAFSA Student/Parent Workshop Turpin High School Commons
		● 7 – 8:30pm	8th Grade Parent Transition Meeting Turpin High School - Auditorium