



November 3, 2023

A.L.I.C.E: Alert – Lockdown – Inform – Counter – Evacuate

On Wednesday, November 15th, during FLEX time students and staff will participate in our first A.L.I.C.E. drill of the year. This will be a walk-thru to make sure students are aware of our evacuation sites and A.L.I.C.E. procedures. Students have spent time in FLEX reviewing the procedures and what their options are within the drill. Teachers have gone over different steps that students should follow if they are evacuating the building, barricading in a classroom, and strategies to use if confronted by an intruder.

The importance of the drill is to get students and staff to make decisions based on information they have of an intruder being in the building. Some classes will lockdown and barricade while others will evacuate to designated sites. Information will be provided to staff and students that will enable them to make the appropriate decision. The purpose of this drill is to make sure students are comfortable with the evacuation sites and have them practice making informed decisions based on the information given over the PA. There will be no tactics utilized in the drill of which students and staff have not already been informed. Turpin will receive assistance with the drill from district personnel and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

We believe this training is crucial to prepare Turpin for an event where an intruder enters the building. We have made every attempt to conduct the training in a manner that will minimally disrupt the learning environment for the week. Please contact any Turpin administrator if you have questions regarding the training, the drill, or about A.L.I.C.E. in general.

The Holly Jolly Treat Trolley - December 6th

The Halloween Treat Trolley was so much fun that we are hoping to keep the fun 'rolling' into the holidays with a Holly Jolly Treat Trolley. We are looking for both festively dressed volunteers and tasty holiday candy donations. Go to <https://bit.ly/TurpinHJTT23> to find out more and sign up! Any questions may be directed to *Jenni Rytel* ([email](#), or call/text: 513-582-2849) or *Karen Thorp* ([email](#) or call/text 513-252-8534).

Staff Appreciation Gift Card Donations

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/THSStaffGC_D23JF24 for more information and sign up to donate! Any questions may be directed to *Jenni Rytel* ([email](#), or call/text: 513-582-2849) or *Karen Thorp* ([email](#) or call/text 513-252-8534).

Great Oaks YouTube Livestream Q&A on Nov. 14

Check out [this flyer for The Great Oaks Advantage: Building Your Future Success](#). Families interested in learning more about high school career programs through Great Oaks can tune in at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14! This is a great opportunity for parents and students interested in applying to Great Oaks for next school year.

Don't Miss Out on FHSD Parent Academy | Nov. 30

The next Parent Academy session will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30 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](#). Some highlights include:

- Superintendent Larry Hook discussing the R Factor as the evening's featured speaker!
- Training on phonological awareness and phonics skills for parents of grades PK-2
- Navigating the college admissions process
- Village Connections: The Hamilton County Developmental Disability Services discusses the different types of waivers and how they can be used for students with special needs.
- QPR suicide prevention training

Sign Up Now for the Science Fair and Innovation Expo!

The deadline to register for the Science Fair or Innovation Expo is December 1! Both events take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Nagel Middle School. All students in grades K-12 are welcome to register for the Innovation Expo and grades 5-12 may register for the Science Fair. This is a great opportunity for students to put their scientific skills and passions on display! Click on this article for more information and a link sign up: [FHSD Science Fair and Innovation Expo 2024: Everything You Need to Know](#)

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) that has updates on other fun events and activities, including registration information for [FREE after school programs through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati!](#) You can also find a [flyer for the upcoming AHS Orchestras performance of Nutcracker!](#)

Nominate an Outstanding Teacher!

The annual **Gold Star Teacher** contest is accepting nominations up until December 19! If you know of a teacher who goes above & beyond for students, demonstrates courage & integrity, has a clear passion for teaching, or otherwise makes a difference in your student(s)' lives, please consider submitting them to this contest.

- Nominate them here: www.goldstarchili.com/goldstarteacher
- Gold Star will announce the Top 10 Finalists in February and based on the votes cast by the community, they will award a superior teacher over \$4000 in grants & experiences for their classroom & school.

'Tis the Season for Shop & Share!

[9United's](#) Shop & Share is in its 16th year! Since 2008, the project has offered students and families the opportunity to support our Forest Hills schools students during the holidays and throughout the year, along with making their student-led service initiatives possible. 9United's efforts to fulfill immediate needs of Forest Hills students and families include student grants, Chalk the Walks for the first day of each new school year to welcome students and staff back, providing birthday cakes to Forest Hills students through Birthday Bundles, and promoting the importance of service in our community. These programs are only possible with our community's generosity during Shop & Share.

Learn more about 9United and the impact of Shop & Share at www.9united.org/shop--share and [check out a flyer here](#). The event begins Nov. 9 and culminates on Dec. 6 with the annual Community Shopping Night at Target! Coin Wars at the elementary and middle schools will be Nov. 13-21.

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!

Lululemon in the Spirit Shop!

In time for the holidays, the Spirit Shop is offering Lululemon shirts for both men and women. This is for pre orders only and the deadline to order is November 15th. Please use [this link](#) to access the order form or go to our [website](#) for more information.

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 you are seeking additional resources, we encourage you to start at the links below:

-- [MindPeace](#)

-- [FHSD Family Resource List 23-24](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

14	NOV, TUE	●	7 – 8pm	Turpin Orchestra Booster Meeting	Orchestra Room
22	NOV, WED	—	24 NOV, FRI	No School - Thanksgiving Break	
4	DEC, MON	●	7 – 9pm	Choir Concert	Turpin High School - Auditorium
5	DEC, TUE	●	7 – 8pm	Band Booster Meeting	Location TBD
6	DEC, WED	●	8 – 11am	Ohio State Tests - 1st semester Government	
		●	7 – 9pm	Band Concert	Turpin High School - Auditorium
7	DEC, THU	●	7 – 9pm	Orchestra Concert	Turpin High School - Auditorium