



October 6, 2023

Loss of THS Student - Resources Available

With the terrible news of the death of a Turpin High School student this week, FHSD is reminding families of some resources that may be helpful as you and your student navigate this situation. We shared some resources in a letter to families and staff on Wednesday, which [you can find here](#), which also details the response of the district to support anyone who might be in need during this time.

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:
 - [FHSD Family Resource List 22-23](#)
 - [MindPeace](#)
 - MindPeace works together with community partners to continue the development and implementation of a seamless system of mental health support for children and adolescents, with a focus on school-based, stakeholder-selected partnerships.

In addition to those resources above, 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.

Additional Resources

- ["How to Help a Grieving Child"](#) from [Fernside Center for Grieving Children](#), (513) 246-9140
 - Fernside provides grief support services, outreach and education to the community and families. An affiliate of Hospice of Cincinnati, Fernside services complement Hospice of Cincinnati's comprehensive bereavement program by addressing the unique needs of children.
- [Companions on a Journey Grief Support, Inc.](#), (513) 870-9108
 - Sheila Munafo-Kanoza, Founder and Executive Director, sheila@companionsonajourney.org
 - Companions on a Journey Grief Support (COJ) is open to anyone who grieves the death of a loved one. COJ provides over 35 grief specific support groups assisting every type of loss including.
- [Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center](#), (513) 636-0069
 - The Bereavement Services department of Cincinnati Children's provides bereavement support to families who experience the death of a child or young adult. Bereavement services are provided through StarShine Hospice, our pediatric hospice program, integrated into the Palliative Care Team and part of the overall services provided throughout the medical center.

Schedule Change on October 24, 2023 - PSAT

The PSAT is scheduled to be administered at THS on October 24th. This will require an altered schedule to accommodate the testing. Please see the plan for each grade level below.

- **9th Grade & 12th Grade-** This will be a day for students to complete assignments electronically at home. This means students **should not** report to school and will have assignments posted on their class Schoology Pages to complete for the day. There are no requirements for virtual meetings.
- **10th graders-** All students will take the PSAT/NMSQT on October 24th, 2023. Testing will begin promptly at 8 am; students should bring their school provided chromebooks (charged). The PSAT is 100% digital and requires students to use their school provided chromebooks (no personal devices). Students will be dismissed from school at the completion of testing (approx. 11:30-12:00).
- **11th Grade-** All Juniors taking the PSAT/NMSQT on October 24th will begin promptly at 8 am; students should bring their school provided chromebooks (charged). The PSAT is 100% digital and requires students to use their school provided chromebooks (no personal devices). Students will be dismissed from school at the completion of testing (approx. 11:30-12:00). 11th grade students **not** participating in the PSAT/NMSQT will have assignments to complete at home. This means students should not report to school and will have assignments posted on their class Schoology Pages to complete for the day.
- *District busing will operate on its normal schedule on October 24th. Students not leaving at their testing dismissal time will attend study hall in the cafeteria until 2:40.*

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes that were scheduled for this past Wednesday have now been rescheduled for the morning of Wednesday, October 18. If your child did not have their picture taken on the first day of school or need a picture retake, ask your child to bring the original school picture order with them to picture retakes.

After Prom Fundraiser

Please join us at ATP this Thursday Oct 12th for Turpin "Pre-Tailgate" for Turpin vs. Anderson football game. Dine in or carry out food all day, and join us in the tent to raise money for our After Prom. Guest bartenders are Steve & Stacie Arnold (6-7 pm), Mike & Amy Tamkus (7-8 pm), Joe Middendorf & Matt Meyer (8-9 pm).

**AFTER PROM
PRE-TAILGATE**
Dine & Donate

LET'S GET THE RIVALRY ON!
Join us for Pre-Tailgate Spirit Night to support Turpin After Prom!

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When: **ALL DAY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

- Guest bartenders start from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and will be serving in the outdoor tent.
- Heated tent for THS families and friends.
- A percentage of all food and drink sales will be donated to THS After Prom.

Where: **ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PUB**
Clough Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

**Eat, Drink Responsibly, and
TIP RECKLESSLY**
for Turpin After Prom.

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT WITH THS COLORS!

REGISTER NOW: Parent Academy Night on October 12

Registration closes on October 9!

The second-annual Parent Academy series returns on Thursday, October 12! The evening will offer a variety of other topics that families with students of all ages will find relevant, including mental health resources, academic topics and more. [Check out the full list and find registration information here.](#) The featured speaker will be Stephen Smith from A Wired Family, LLC. His presentation is titled: THE SILENT EXPERIMENT. Social Media & AI: Their Impact On Teens & Tweens. Thank you to the Forest Hills Foundation for Education for sponsoring this year's series, which will enable FHSD to offer light food and childcare along with engaging featured speakers!

Forest Hills College & Career Night | October 16

Forest Hills College and Career Night is on Monday, October 16 at Nagel MS. Representatives from more than 90 colleges and career programs will be present to speak with students and

families. This is a fantastic opportunity to make connections and gather valuable information. The Fair runs from 6:30-8:00. Parents and students can also attend special informational sessions on college admissions, financial aid, career planning, and NCAA eligibility. More details can be found on the event [flyer](#). The up-to-date list of organizations attending can be found at this [link](#).

Forest Hills Foundation

15 years | 15 days | \$15,000

Help the Foundation celebrate our 15th anniversary by [making a donation](#) today! Because of your support, over \$80,000 in Teacher Grants were awarded last week and we want to further support our front-line educators, our Forest Hills teachers and staff, along with specific student grants later this year.

For every gift made, it will be matched thanks to the following alumni members:

Bruce Hellman, Turpin, 1978

Michael Brandy, Anderson, 1974

If we reach our goal of \$15,000 – Bruce and Michael will match and get us to \$30,000 (half of the salary for a Child Focus Therapist). [Let's Go!](#)

15 Year Fact: In **2004**, a need was identified and the first meeting to gather community input was organized by Randy Smith (AHS, 1972). The Forest Hills School District Board of Education approved the establishment of a Foundation in 2006, and on **October 6, 2008** the first official meeting of the Foundation took place with Kurt Reiber as the first president. Since that time, the Foundation has raised over \$2.8 million to support the needs of Forest Hills students.

2023 Distinguished Alumni Recipients

Help us honor and recognize the 2023 Distinguished Alumni and Forest Hills School District Staff. [Tickets are still available](#) for the recognition luncheon on Friday, October 13 at Ivy Hills Country Club.

Phyllis Ferrel | Turpin, 1990

Victor Prince | Turpin, 1987

Brian Reid | Turpin, 1989

Mindy Smith Murphy | Anderson, 1986

Miriam Sturm | Anderson, 1976

Annie Triplett Warner | Anderson 1998

Dr. T. John Winhusen | Anderson, 1986

Dee Dee Hamlin | Retired FHSD Teacher, 23 years at Ayer Elementary

2023 Warrior Run

October 14, 2023 / Dogwood Park, Mariemont / 5:15 PM (1 Mile) / 5:30 PM (5K)

We invite you to [Join our Spartan Warrior Run Team today](#) to help us raise mental health awareness. To join the team, you can choose to 1) Donate 2) Participate or 3) Volunteer at the event. **All funds raised will come directly back to Turpin to help support mental health programming for our students.** In addition, we have accepted the High School Challenge and will be competing against other schools in the area. The winning school will receive bragging rights, a traveling trophy and a skyline party! Let's Gooo! Let's show our support for Mental Health! #SpartanStrong

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!

Important Links

[Turpin Counselor Connection Newsletter](#)

[Senior Scoop](#)

[Turpin Athletics](#)

[Turpin Theatre](#)

[Turpin Orchestra Booster Association](#)

[Forest Hills Bands](#)

[Turpin PTO: Membership](#) & donate to [Staff Appreciation](#)

Turpin Athletic Boosters [Membership](#) & [Sports Passes](#)

Turpin Spirit Shop [hours](#) & [online store](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

9	OCT, MON	● All day	No School - Fall Break
10	OCT, TUE	● 7 – 8pm	Turpin Orchestra Booster Meeting Orchestra Room
13	OCT, FRI	● 7 – 10pm	Turpin/Anderson Football Game & Senior Night
16	OCT, MON	● 5:30 – 7pm	FHSD College/Career Info Sessions Nagel Middle School
		● 6:30 – 8pm	FHSD College/Career Fair Nagel Middle School
18	OCT, WED	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Turpin PTO meeting Main Office Conference Room
		● 9 – 10:30am	Picture Retakes
19	OCT, THU	● 7 – 9pm	Choir Concert Turpin High School - Auditorium,
20	OCT, FRI	● All day	End of Quarter 1