

August 16, 2024

Wildcat Families,

The countdown is on! We are so excited to welcome our Wildcats back to school! The teachers and custodians have been working hard to prepare for the new year and we can't wait to see our Wildcats! The beginning of the school year requires A LOT of behind the scenes work before we can welcome students. We are so grateful for the hard work of our team. Mrs. Augenstein, Mr. Doug, Mr. Ronnie, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Larry have done a fabulous job making sure every last detail is taken care of. Thank you!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Back to School Bash on Tuesday, August 20th from 4:30 to 6:30! The bash is an open house style event, so you're welcome to arrive and leave any time within the 4:30-6:30 time frame.

Our New Family Orientation is scheduled for August 20th at 6:30 pm. **This orientation is intended for new families with students in first through sixth grades.** We have included additional information below.

We have quite a few first time Kindergarten families starting with us this fall! As such, we will host a separate Kindergarten information night for all families (for both new and veteran families) on August 19th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the gym. **The Kindergarten Information Night is intended for parents only.**

See you soon!
Erin and Brian

Building Information

Wilson Spiritwear Sale! Last week for Nike items!

- Sale Dates: August 6th - September 10th
- 30% off all merchandise
- Free shipping on orders over \$75
- \$5 shipping on orders under \$75
- No code is needed!
- Store Link: <https://1stplace.sale/72516>



Back to School Bash

We will host our Back to School Bash on Tuesday, August 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for families to visit

classrooms, socialize with friends and drop off any school supplies. This is an open house format, so please visit whenever your schedule permits.

We will have a school bus parked in the circle during the Back to School Bash. A bus driver will be available to answer any questions you may have. Students will have an opportunity to get on the school bus as well.

A change this year is that we will not have grade level teacher information nights for grades 1-6. Over the last few years the nights have been poorly attended and the information provided could easily be shared in another format. Instead, our teachers will share specific information about classroom expectations, communication, curriculum and other pertinent information for you.

New Family Orientation

If your family is new to Wilson (this doesn't include our kindergarten families), we will have a brief new family orientation on August 20 from 6:30 to 7:00 pm in the Wilson iLab. During this orientation, our new students will have a short activity and an opportunity to tour the building with our School Counselor and our Sixth Grade Ambassadors while our new families learn more about Wilson.

Bus Transportation Information

If your child will be riding the school bus, you should have received an email from transportation with busing information. Please check your Spam folder if you have not seen the email in your inbox. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Porter, Supervisor of Transportation at richardporter@foresthills.edu.

Arrival and Dismissal for Car Riders

The arrival and dismissal procedures for car riders will remain the same as in previous years. Please make sure parents and caregivers remain in their vehicles at all times. This video is a few years old, but it explains the same process: [ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL FOR CAR RIDERS](#).

Morning Procedure

- Keep to the right then form two lanes at the first curve.
- At 9:00am school staff will unload all cars parked along the sidewalk. **Children may not exit their vehicle until instructed to do so by school staff.**
- Once given the all clear, school staff will direct the curbside lane to depart, then the inside lane.
- From this point 10-12 vehicles will enter the unloading zone (along the sidewalk parallel to the school). Remaining vehicles will stay in the queue (along the sidewalk perpendicular to the school).
- Pull forward as much as possible, then place the vehicle in park. **Children may exit their vehicle only when instructed to do so by school staff.**
- Once given the all clear by staff, the curbside row will leave the unloading zone first, followed by the inside row. Vehicles from the queue will then be directed into the unloading zone.

Afternoon Procedure

- Car riders will begin dismissing at 3:40pm to the grass by the loading zone. After confirming bookbag tags and rearview mirror tags, staff will direct students to the correct vehicle.
 - Once all students in the loading zone are in their vehicles, school staff will dismiss the curbside row first, then the inside lane.
 - Sometimes students may be late coming out. If the line begins moving and you're missing a student, please pull into the waiting area at the far end of the parking lot. Once your student arrives we will walk them to your vehicle.
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Arrival and Dismissal for Bus Riders

Buses generally run a little slower the first few days of school as seating charts are made and new routes are adjusted. Please be patient.

Morning Procedure

- Beginning at 9:00am, school personnel and/or a PTO volunteer will gather all 1st grade and Kdg students. On the first days of school Kindergarten students will meet their teacher at the flagpole. First graders will be escorted to their classrooms.
- After a few minutes, students in grades 2-6 will exit the bus and head to their respective classrooms.

Afternoon Procedure

- At the beginning of the year, Kindergarten and First grade students will gather according to their bus number and be escorted to the correct bus by school staff and/or a PTO

volunteer beginning at 3:43 (provided the bus has arrived on campus already).

- Students in grades 2-6, whose bus has arrived on campus, will be dismissed to their bus at 3:43.
 - Our buses have Nagel routes prior to coming to Wilson, so it's not uncommon to have our last bus loading around 4:00pm. (The first few days it may even be later).
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Arrival and Dismissal for Walkers and Bike Riders

Morning Procedure

- Walkers and bike riders may not enter the building until 9:00am.
- Please be advised, the crossing guard does not get to the crosswalk on Little Dry Run until 9:00am. There is no crossing guard at the intersection of Little Dry Run and Wolfangel.

Afternoon Procedure

- Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed at 3:43. If you're planning on meeting your Wildcat on campus to walk/bike together, please meet them at either the retaining wall at the east end (closer to Montchateau) or the bike rack at the west end (closer to Wolfangel).
 - We ask the Kindergarten parents/caregivers to meet their Wildcat(s) at the flagpole.
 - A crossing guard will be available at the Little Dry Run crosswalk. There is no crossing guard at the intersection of Little Dry Run and Wolfangel.
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Changes to Dismissal Plans

Any changes to dismissal plans must be communicated in advance to both the classroom teacher and the main office. Same-day changes must be made prior to 3:00pm.

District Calendar 2024-2025

Access to the District Academic calendars can be found on the Calendar page of the FHSD website by clicking [HERE](#).

Wilson School Supply List

If you were unable to purchase school supply kits through PTO, here is information for every grade level: [Wilson Supply List](#)

Wilson Lunch Menus for August and September

Please see the lunch menu below for August and September. Our cafeteria staff work super hard each and everyday and we appreciate all they do for our Wildcats! [LINK](#)

Wilson Lunchroom Volunteers

We LOVE having volunteers help out in our cafeteria. It is our expectation that you remain in the designated area for which you are volunteering. For example, if you are volunteering in the cafeteria, please do not walk to your child's classroom or peek into a unified arts class to see what your child is doing. We appreciate your help with this.

Below is the lunchroom volunteer sign-up link for August and September.

[Lunchroom Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Lunch with Students

We are excited that our families are able to have lunch with our Wildcats, and we love having our families in the building. In saying that, it is important that our students have time to adjust to the routines and procedures at school while building relationships with their teachers and peers. **Families will be able to begin eating lunch with their Wildcats starting Monday, October 7th.** Below is the lunch schedule so you can plan accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and support! [Wilson Lunch and Recess Schedule 2024-2025](#).

Wilson Fall Musical: MOANA

We are excited that our Wilson students have the opportunity to participate in the production of *Moana* this year. Please see the flyer below for more details.

[FLYER](#)

[LINK to Additional Information](#)

School Supplies

Many families will drop off school supplies on the night of the Back to School Bash so their children do not have to carry a heavy backpack on the first day. Here is a link to the supply lists for all of the grade levels. [24-25 School Supply List](#)

Medication Drop-Off for the 24-25 School Year

If your child will require medication during the school day, a new medication permission form must be completed each school year. Each medication requires a separate form.

[Medication Permission Form](#)

Rachel Moller, our Health Aide, will be at Wilson on August 20 and August 21 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm if you would like to drop off your child's medication.

Mrs. Moller will also be available from 4:30 to 6:15 pm at our Back to School Bash on August 20.

Restaurant Nights

Join us for dinner and support of the Wilson PTO. Don't forget to mention WILSON!

- Wed. August 28: Gold Star / Tom & Chee @ Beechmont
- Mon. September 9: Buffalo Wild Wings @ Beechmont
- Thursday, September 19: Wandering Monsters Brewery

Enrichment Programs

Click on each flyer for more information on dates, cost, and registration.

[Chess Club](#): Learn to play the lifelong game of chess!

[Tennis/Pickleball](#): Learn the basics of these two popular racquet sports!

[Home Alone](#): Prepare for time spent at home alone!

[QSA Training](#): Improve your speed and agility!

[Spanish](#): Begin or continue learning the language and culture!

2024-2025 Room Representative Volunteers Needed

A great way to get involved at Wilson is to volunteer as your child's classroom representative. In this role, you will be tasked with collaborating with your child's homeroom teacher to plan class parties and volunteer chances. You will coordinate opportunities to thank your teacher for their hard work throughout the year (birthday, holiday, and end of year). Please consider signing up for a spot.

[2024-2025 Room Rep Volunteer Form](#)

Any further questions please feel free to email

Jillian.Groszek@gmail.com .

Thank you!

District Information

Access to Mental Health Resources Expanding Across FHSD

As a reminder to information that was shared earlier in August, we want all families to know that the district's partnership with Child Focus is changing this year to an open referral model. This will allow any parent, or any student with the parent's permission, to request services if they believe mental health therapy would be beneficial to the student. [Click here for more information.](#)

Cell Phone Policy Reminder

Based on a new state law and recommendations from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, FHSD has updated its cell phone rules at the high school level. Please remember that when other technology (earbuds, smartwatches, etc.) is connected to a cell phone and used to access cell phone functions, that device is treated as a phone under the same conditions. For specific details about the existing policy for our middle and elementary schools, and to see the changes at the high school level, please [read this detailed article on the district website.](#)

How to Find My Bus Stop

The Transportation Department shared bus stop information via email earlier this week. Please make sure you check both your inbox and spam. You can also find instructions on how to look up your bus stop information on [our website here.](#)

Back-to-School Updates

FHSD has put together a helpful back-to-school article on our website! [Click here](#) to find information about:

- School supply lists
- Calendars (academic and activity)
- Online payments and school fees
- Free and reduced meal applications
- Student-Parent Handbooks
- Reminders about FHSD Strategic Plan, safety, finances and more!

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

FHFE is seeking nominations of alumni from Anderson and Turpin High Schools who have distinguished themselves in their lives and in their careers. We are also seeking nominations of a staff member who has distinguished him/herself and gone above and beyond for students in Forest Hills. Submit your nominations for Distinguished Alumni or Staff by Sunday, August 18.

All recipients will be honored on Friday, October 4 during the Distinguished Alumni Luncheon at Ivy Hills Country Club and at the Anderson vs. Turpin football game that evening at Anderson High School.

- [2024 Distinguished Alumni Nomination Form](#)
- [2024 Distinguished Staff Nomination Form](#)
- [2013-2023 Recipients](#)

Community Events

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

- Turpin Cheer Youth Camp for Grades K-8 | [Flyer](#) | [Registration](#)
- Anderson HS Game Day VIP Experience for Grades 1-6 | [Flyer](#)

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 a 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](#)

Upcoming Events

Aug. 19

- Kindergarten Information Night 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Aug. 20

- Back to School Bash 4:30 to 6:30 pm
- New Family Orientation 6:30 to 7:00 pm (Wilson iLab)

Aug. 22

- Phase In Day (Last Names M-Z only)

Aug. 23

- Phase In Day (Last Names A-L)

Aug. 26

- First Day for ALL Students