08.16.24

AHS Family,

After the new staff orientations this week, we are more excited than ever to officially kick off the 2024-2025 school year! We are very much looking forward to our full staff returning, New Parent Orientation, 9th Grade Orientation, and the first days of school next week!

I want to once again draw attention to this document for important info as we get closer to the start of the school year: 2024-2025 AHS At A Glance.

Anderson Proud, Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 8/16 Student Schedules Available in ProgressBook (details on link above)
- **8/20 New Parent Orientation,** 7-8 pm (Titus Auditorium)
- **8/21 Freshmen Orientation**, 8am-12pm (details in link above)
- 8/22 First Day of School, Last Names M-Z
- 8/23 First Day of School, Last Names A-L
- **8/28 Senior Parent Meeting,** 6-7 pm (Titus Auditorium)
- **8/28 AHS Open House,** 7-8:45pm
- 9/5 AHS Picture Day
- **9/12 ACT Readiness Day** (early release for grades 9-11, college and/or career visit day for grade 12)

AHS INFO:

HELP WANTED: AFTER-PROM CHAIR

We are currently looking for an After Prom chair. After Prom is an amazing time for our students to have fun and be safe the night of Prom. We are one of very few schools to continue offering this amazing experience for our students and we would greatly appreciate anyone interested in taking the lead so we can continue this tradition. If interested, please email Kyle Fender

MEDICATION DROP-OFF

Medication drop off will be held on Tuesday, August 20th 12 pm - 2 pm, Wednesday, August 21st 8 am - 11 am, and anytime during school hours on Thursday, August 22 and Friday, August 23rd. A parent/guardian will need to bring the medication (prescription or over the counter) in the original labeled container along with the medication permission form signed by both the parent and physician. Students are not allowed to bring in their own medication.

2023-2024 AHS YEARBOOK PICKUP

2023-2024 yearbooks (last school year) will be available for pickup on Wednesday, August 21 from 8-10 am and 2-4 pm. A table will be set up at the end of the science wing between Forest Road and the parent loop.

If you can't make it to Anderson during that time to pick up your book, books will be available after school in room 127 for the first couple weeks of school.

Extra books will be available for purchase if you didn't preorder one. Extra books will be \$70 payable by either cash or check made out to AHS.

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Kathleen Renard: kathleenrenard@foresthills.edu.

NEW STUDENT DEVICE PICK-UP

New to Forest Hills this year and don't have your District-issued Chromebook? Stop by the AHS Learning Commons on August 20 (1 - 3 pm) or August 21 (10 am - 12:30 pm) for device pick-up. Please bring your FH Log-In information with you. Questions? Contact bettyfeller@foresthills.edu

PICTURE DAY INFO

www.lifetouch.com

Picture Day Date: Thursday, September 5

Picture Day ID: EVT96H4MK

SENIOR PORTRAITS

All seniors interested in having their picture in the yearbook must schedule an appointment with McIntire Photography. All students were given a brochure about this in the spring and announcements have been made in school to remind seniors. Please contact McIntire Photography at 513-528-5888 or at https://www.mcintirephotography.com to make an appointment. Questions? Contact Mrs Renard, kathleenrenard@foresthills.edu

FROM OUR BOOSTER GROUPS:

PTO

Click Here to Join the AHS PTO

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Become an AHS Athletic Boosters Member! As a Boosters Member you will support all Anderson student-athletes, teams, athletic projects and initiatives.

Purchase your Membership at https://bit.ly/ahs-boosters-2024-25.

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

Breakfast is available before school every day from 7:40-8:00 am in the cafeteria. Also, for those who qualify- here is the link to apply for Free & Reduced Meals: https://www.payschoolscentral.com

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 <u>read this detailed article on the district website</u>.

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 <u>our website here</u>.

Back-to-School Updates

FHSD has put together a helpful back-to-school article on our website! <u>Click here</u> 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
- <u>2013-2023 Recipients</u>

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:

- 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 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:
 - o <u>MindPeace</u>
 - o FHSD Family Resource List