

09.06.24

AHS Family,

One of the highlights of my week, every week, is interacting with our students at lunch. It's low stakes and comfortable for them; and it's just fun for me and a good way to keep a pulse on the happenings of the school. After a conversation with one table about the proper words for different things (water fountain vs bubbler, for example), I decided to run an informal poll of whether people call soft drinks soda or pop. Pop was the prevailing favorite, but it was much closer than I would have thought!

We have awesome kids; and I love my job! Have a great weekend!

Anderson Proud,

Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **9/12 - ACT Readiness Day** (details in the 'AHS Info' section)
- **9/20 - First Quarter Interim**
- **9/20 - Homecoming Parade, Tailgate, and Football Game**
- **9/21 - Homecoming Dance, 8-11 pm**
- **10/18 - End of First Quarter**
- **10/22 - PSAT Day** (more info to come)

AROUND AHS:



AHS INFO:

ACT READINESS DAY- Pre-ACT and Practice ACT:

- On **Thursday, September 12th** all 9th and 10th grade students will be taking the Pre-ACT. The Pre-ACT is a shortened, non-college reported prep test for the actual ACT.
- All 11th grade students will take a full length practice ACT, sponsored by [TorchPrep](#) and the Forest Hills Foundation for Education on the same date. This practice ACT is also non-college reported.
- All 12th grade students may use this day for college and career preparations. Seniors are encouraged to visit colleges/universities or job shadow in an area of interest.
- Once testing has concluded students will be dismissed from school (approx 11:30-12:30). Lunch and study hall will be provided for any students staying at school until 2:40. ***District busing will operate on it's normal schedule on September***

12th. Students not leaving after their testing dismissal time will attend study hall in the cafeteria until 2:40.

FOREST HILLS COLLEGE AND CAREER NIGHT

The Forest Hills College and Career Night is on September 30 at Nagel. Representatives from over 120 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, and work force entry. More details will be shared next week.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbooks from 2023-2024 can be picked up after school in room 127. Some extra books are still available for \$70 payable by cash or a check made out to AHS.

Yearbooks for the 2024-2025 school year can be ordered [here](#); just search Anderson High School and be sure to select Cincinnati, OH if prompted. Cost is \$70, and the price will increase on December 21, so order early! Service fees do apply online, but if you want to avoid them, please send \$70 cash or a check made out to AHS to Mrs. Renard in room 127 and she will order your yearbook. Please email Mrs. Renard with questions: kathleenrenard@foresthills.edu.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND!

Friday, September 20th

Get ready for an unforgettable evening! Anderson High School invites you to dive into the fun at our Homecoming Parade and Tailgate!

Join us at 5:00 PM for a spectacular parade along Forest Road. We'll be celebrating our amazing elementary schools, local clubs, and our fantastic homecoming court.

But that's not all! After the parade, make your way to our thrilling tailgate party (tickets sold upon entry), where you can enjoy mouth-watering food from various food trucks, bounce around in inflatables, and participate in exciting student-led activities. And don't miss the chance to cool off by taking a shot at our DUNK TANK—where you can try your luck at soaking your favorite AHS principal!

This is an event you won't want to miss. We can't wait to see you there and make some incredible memories together!

HOMECOMING DANCE INFO

The Homecoming Dance is scheduled for Saturday, 9/21, from 8pm-11pm. Ticket information will be shared next week. Our expectation is that students should be passing all classes and free of major discipline infractions in order to attend the dance. We want to see everyone who wants to go attend the dance to do so; please take advantage of all the opportunities for academic assistance built into the school day. Please reach out to Mr Fender if you have any questions.

Busing, Pick Up, Drop Off and Student Parking

- If your student is in need of bus transportation, please contact our Transportation Department at 513-231-3335 x2988.
- If you are dropping off or picking up your student, please use the diagram as a reference. Utilizing the appropriate areas for drop off and pick up reduces back up on Forest Rd.



- If your student would like to drive to school, we still have spaces available. Your student should complete [THIS](#) online application using his/her FHSD student account and email Mrs. Stanyard when it's complete.

SENIOR PORTRAITS

All seniors interested in having their picture in the yearbook must schedule an appointment with McIntire Photography by Thanksgiving Break. 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

AHS AT A GLANCE

This is a document that we put together to house important and overarching items for families: [AHS AT A GLANCE](#)

FROM OUR BOOSTER GROUPS:

PTO

Join the AHS PTO: bit.ly/Join-PTO

Homecoming Dance Donations and Volunteers Needed

The PTO is looking for a variety of help in order to make the dance a success!

Ways to help:

- Set-up before the dance
- Donate snacks or make a donation
- Volunteer during the dance (*REMINDER: Volunteers AT the DANCE need to have a background check on file with Forest Hills. Background checks completed in the district are good at any school for five years. If you are unsure of when yours expires, email mallorydonohue@foresthills.edu.)*)

[CLICK HERE to Support Homecoming](#)
andersonhspto.ptboard.com

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>.

FRIENDS OF ANDERSON DRAMA

<p>Friends of Anderson Drama (FAD) is the parent Booster Organization supporting the drama programs of Anderson High School. Our purpose is to encourage and support the students of AHS in achieving the highest standards of excellence in theatre and cinema arts.</p>		<p>FAD helps our theatre and film families come together – not only to support the kids and the staff, but also to support each other. We welcome new members throughout the year!</p>
<p>Parents and Students Join us, September 17th at 6:00 in the AHS cafeteria for an ice cream social and our first meeting of the year. Come learn about all of the ways you can get involved.</p>	<p>FAD Membership Form</p>  <p>https://bit.ly/FADmember</p>	<p>Questions? We are happy to help</p> <p>Alison Mendralski president.fad@gmail.com</p> <p>Michael Mendralski vicepresident.fad@gmail.com</p> <p>Joanne Perry friendsofandersondrama@gmail.com</p> <p>Craig Connolly fadtreasurer@gmail.com</p>
<p>What does FAD do?</p>		
<p>Nourish Your Student Provide meals and snacks to keep your student energized.</p> <p>Drive Fundraisers Organize events to raise crucial funds for our programs.</p>	<p>Award Scholarships Recognize deserving students pursuing their passions.</p> <p>Run Concessions and Candygrams Manage showtime treats and refreshments.</p> <p>Equip the Department Purchase essential supplies to keep our productions top-notch.</p>	
<p>Why join FAD?</p>		
<p>Secure Your Seats First Enjoy exclusive early access to ticket sales, ensuring you get the best seats for every performance.</p> <p>Inside Scoop Connect directly with directors and gain behind-the-scenes insights regularly, often discovering more about your child's activities than they might share with you at home.</p> <p>Volunteer Priority Be the first to know about volunteer opportunities and make a meaningful impact.</p> <p>Community Connection Find support from other adults navigating this journey of high school performing arts.</p>		

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

WEP Reports are being sent on Tuesday.

Students who receive a WEP (Written Education Plan), for gifted education, will receive an email to the primary email address on Tuesday, September 10th. If your child received a WEP last year, be on the lookout for this information. If you feel you should have received a WEP, but did not, please contact your building's gifted specialist or building administrators.

Welcoming New Staff to FHSD

Please join us in welcoming new teachers and staff members across our nine schools. Check out the [FHSD New Faces document](#) to see who is new across the district and what they'll be doing this year in The Forest!

Apply Now for Aspire Program (Sophomores Only)

Students currently enrolled in 10th grade are invited to apply for the second year of our Aspire Youth Discovery Initiative! This year-long learning series is designed to expand their self-awareness, employability skills and leadership potential. Please check for an email that was sent on Thursday, August 29 with additional information and a link for your student to apply. Can't find the email? Reach out to Community Partnership Specialist Melanie Hartong (melaniehartong@foresthills.edu) for details. Special thank you to the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bob & Jeanne Coughlin Foundation and the Forest Hills Foundation for Education for making this program possible. **The application will close on September 13.**

PLEASE READ: Updated Information for Medical or Food-Related Issues

Please take a moment to review the [Guidelines for Medical and Food-Related Issues](#) and the related [Frequently Asked Questions sheet](#). These provide important information that all families should know about school restrictions related to outside food and snacks.

Anderson Township Hazardous Waste Disposal

Get rid of hazardous household products safely and for free! FHSD is partnering with Anderson Township and Hamilton County Resource to host a disposal event on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Anderson Township residents only. Registration is required to reserve a time slot, and space is limited! The location will be provided with your registration confirmation. To register or learn more and see what's accepted, please [click here](#).

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Save the Date! *The Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser and Party (formerly known as the Fall Soiree) will be held on Saturday, November 16, from 7-11p.m. at Belterra Park.* This is a new venue for our party! Join us for a fun, casual party and help us raise funds for Forest Hills students! Keep your eye out for Early Bird Pricing. *More details coming soon.*

Community Events

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

- Anderson HS Game Day VIP Experience for Grades 1-6 | [Flyer](#)
- Please click the [flyers webpage link](#) for information about Cub Scouts informational sessions and contact information that is unique to different schools. Some info sessions have passed, so please reach out directly to the assigned contact for more information.
- The [flyers webpage](#) also has information about multiple after-school Spanish class opportunities for elementary students.

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](#)