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AHS Family,

We had a stellar week at Anderson High School this week and we are looking forward to an amazing Homecoming Spirit Week starting with **Jersey Day** on Monday! If you plan to purchase a ticket for your student to attend the dance, please be sure to follow the instructions in the email sent by Mrs Bamber and posted by Anderson in the Know on Schoology.

Have a great weekend!

Anderson Proud,

Kyle

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **9/20 - First Quarter Interim**
- **9/20 - Homecoming Parade, Tailgate, and Football Game**
- **9/21 - Homecoming Dance, 8-11 pm**
- **10/3 - Conferences, 4-7:30 pm** (more info below)
- **10/18 - End of First Quarter**
- **10/22 - PSAT Day, ACT Practice, and Freshmen Day of Service** (more info to come)
 - Grade 9: Freshmen Day of Service
 - Grade 10: PSAT Test Day
 - Grade 11: ACT student workshop & PSAT for students who opt in
 - Grade 12: College visit/career day

AROUND AHS:



AHS INFO:

New Picture Day images and data for Anderson High School are now available on the Lifetouch Portal

To download the images and data:

1. Log in to the [Lifetouch Portal](#).
2. Go to Image & Data Management.
3. Select the information you want to view and download.
4. Click the Download button.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact your Lifetouch representative or call the local Lifetouch office. You can also contact Lifetouch Technical Support at 1-800-598-2466 or lssfieldops@lifetouch.com.

GRADUATE SERVICES VIDEOS

This week, in Advisory, sophomores watched the following video about class rings and seniors watched the following video on cap and gown/other graduation items. Questions? Call Graduate Services at (513) 272-5890.

- Ring Video: <https://youtu.be/pSqHFJveqiM>
- Senior Video: https://youtu.be/1H4Lo_RbUxY

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. **All students parking on the AHS campus must have a valid and current AHS Student Parking Pass.**

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

CONFERENCES

Fall Conferences are scheduled for the evening of October 3rd. Please review the [linked information](#) and schedule with your son/daughter's teachers as early as September 25th.

AHS AT A GLANCE

This is a document that we put together for 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

IMPORTANT School Bus Safety Reminders

As we get settled into another school year, it is important to inform and remind families of a few critical safety rules related to taking the school bus. Our most important priority is providing a safe environment for students and staff, which begins before they get on the bus each morning. We appreciate the support and partnership of parents and guardians as we work together to keep children safe.

- Families should wait on the curb for pick up and drop off, NEVER on the street. Adults and students should both follow this rule.
- Children should be waiting at the bus stop prior to its arrival, which is required by Ohio law. It's important that students are not running to the bus as it pulls up or chasing after the bus as it leaves, as this presents a very dangerous situation. Our recommendation is to get to the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
- The "Danger Zone" is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of being hit. Children should stay 10 feet away from the bus (or as far away as they can) and never go behind it. They should take five giant steps in front of the bus before crossing, so they can be seen by the driver.
- All students are to remain seated when the bus is in motion and abide by all safety and discipline policies.

FHSD College and Career Night on Sept. 30

Mark your calendars! The annual FHSD College and Career Night is back on Monday, Sept. 30 at Nagel Middle School. More than 100 colleges, universities, businesses, trades and other organizations will have representatives on hand to answer any questions you may have. [Click here](#) for additional information and instructions for students to register for the event. See you there!

College and Career Night Schedule

- 5:30 p.m. — College Admissions Rep Panel
- 5:30 p.m. — Financial Aid Session
- 6:15 p.m. — Work Force Rep Panel
- 6:15 p.m. — Financial Aid Session
- 6:30 to 8 p.m. — College and Career Fair

Food Service Overdue Balance Policy

Please be aware that any student who accrues a negative balance of \$50 or above will be limited to the basic priced meals until the debt is reconciled below the threshold, meaning no premium priced meals will not be allowed. A variety of basic priced meals are offered daily. À la carte items or milk that is not part of a cafeteria purchased meal will not be allowed if an account is negative. If you are facing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal or counselor.

- For information about adding funds to a lunch account (online or by check), [please click here](#).
- For information about applying for free or reduced priced family meals, [please click here](#). If you need help with the application, please contact our Food Service Department at (513) 231-3215.

Save the Date for Anderson and Turpin Homecoming Weekends!

- Anderson vs. Kings on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.
- Turpin vs. West Clermont on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

We hope you will join us for both games as our football teams represent our community on the field, and our cheerleaders, musicians and student fan sections cheer on the Raptors and Spartans!

Anderson High School also invites community members to join us for a parade and tailgate beginning at 5 p.m. before the game. The parade will celebrate our amazing elementary schools, local clubs and the AHS homecoming court. Afterward, guests can make their 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!

“Volley for the Cause” Fundraiser for National Pediatric Cancer Foundation

The Anderson girls volleyball team invites the entire community to its match against Kings on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m. in the AHS gym! They are rallying to support a fellow Raptor who has been diagnosed with pediatric cancer. Tickets are \$8 (\$5 for seniors) and students can attend with just a \$1 donation. All proceeds benefit the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation. [Click here to view a flyer for more details](#).

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. More details coming soon.*

Congratulations to the 2024 Anderson and Turpin Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished FHSD Staff Member! Please join us as we honor this year's recipients at a luncheon at Ivy Hills Country Club on Friday, October 4, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. [Purchase luncheon tickets here](#). Our 2024 recipients are:

- Jim Datin (Anderson, 1981)
- James Phero (Anderson, 2005)
- Judge James Stearns (Anderson, 1974)
- Miriam Sturm (Anderson, 1977)
- Dawn Anderson-Butcher (Turpin, 1988)
- Josh Gerth (Turpin, 1994)
- Forest Heis (Turpin, 1987)
- Corey Hinderstein (Turpin, 1991)
- Tori Casteel (FHSD Staff, Maddux Elementary)

Congratulations again to all honorees and we look forward to seeing you at the Distinguished Alumni and Staff Luncheon!

Community Events

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

- Join us for the Anderson Township Senior Health and Wellness Expo on Sept. 24! [Click here for details.](#)
- Anderson HS Game Day VIP Experience for Grades 1-6 | [Flyer](#)
- 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](#)