

10.11.24

AHS Family,

We had a great professional development day today- working on highly effective tier one instructional strategies and horizontal alignment amongst our Professional Learning Communities! I feel inspired by the passion and skill of our staff at Anderson High School!

Have a great weekend!

Anderson Proud,
Kyle

P.S. Cincinnati Public Schools has decided to bump up the start times for their Friday night games this season. Our football game tonight at Walnut Hills High School will start at 5:30 pm tonight.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **10/14 - No School** (Fall Break)
- **10/17 - Picture Retake Day**
- **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
- **10/31 - Senior Halloween Parade**
- **10/31 - AHS PTO Student Appreciation Treats**
- **11/4 - Secondary Building Have School** (No school for elementary)
- **11/5 - No School for Students** (Teacher Professional Development Day)
- **11/22 - Second Quarter Interim**
- **11/27-29 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)**
- **12/20 - End of Second Quarter/First Semester**
- **1/7 - Students Return from Winter Break**

AROUND AHS:



AHS INFO:

PSAT

- All 10th graders, and interested 11th graders, will take the PSAT/NMSQT on **October 22nd, 2024..**
- **10th Grade-** Sophomores are pre-registered for this assessment and have already submitted payment through their student fees.
- 11th grade students testing, will report to their testing room.
- 11th grade students not testing will report to their ACT prep classroom in the Science Hallway.
- All 12th grade students may use this day as an additional opportunity to job shadow or visit colleges/universities.
- Freshman will participate in the Freshman Day of Service on this date. They will report to a classroom that will be communicated to them.
- Testing and the other activities will begin promptly at 8am on this date. **STUDENTS MUST BE ON TIME.**
- **ALL STUDENTS TESTING MUST USE THEIR FULLY CHARGED AHS DEVICE.**
- Freshman thru Juniors will be dismissed at approximately between 11/11:30.
- Lunch will be available for Freshman thru Juniors from 11:00-11:30 if they stay in the building after dismissal. Busing will also be provided at the typical time of day. Students who need to remain on campus will utilize the cafeteria for a study hall.

AHS PTO STUDENT APPRECIATION TREATS

On October 31, our wonderful PTO will be providing treats for our students. To view a list of treats, [CLICK HERE](#)

SCHOOL FEES

Course fees and general fees have now been posted to Payschools Central and payment is now due. Please log on to Payschools Central to view your student's fees and make payment. **The preferred method of payment would be by credit card on [Payschools Central](#).**

Payments may also be made by cash (exact change please), check, or money order made payable to Anderson High School, 7560 Forest Road, Cincinnati, OH 45255, Attention: Eileen Birk. If you need to set up a payment plan, please contact Eileen Birk at 513-232-2772, extension 2904, or at eileenbirk@foresthills.edu.

FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS

Friday, October 18th marks the end of the quarter. Report cards will be available on ProgressBook on Friday, October 25th.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FACT OF THE WEEK

Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Juniors interested in being inducted into National Honor Society must have a 3.75+ GPA and 30+ hours of community service [logged into Innerview.org](#) by the end of 1st semester of the junior year to be considered. The students will be notified of their admittance in late February and the induction ceremony will be held early March.

Community Service - ALL-IN Food Drive

The All-In Food Drive is ramping up! Anderson High School has a special role in this event, as we have a month-long collection of food items, which culminates with the packing of thousands of Power Packs during our Freshman Day of Service on October 22.

Back by popular demand this year - Parents can donate items from the IPM wish list for our Power Packs by simply clicking on Amazon and having the items shipped directly to AHS! Use the [Amazon.com Wish List](#) for easy, one-click donations for this important cause.

As has been done in the past, student volunteers will be stationed at the Anderson Kroger all day on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning on September 28, to collect groceries and monetary donations. The students will have a specific shopping list for customers to use while purchasing items, and then will collect those items as customers leave the store.

There is a significant and growing need for food in our community. Any support that you can give to this cause is appreciated, valued, and necessary.

Anderson and Turpin Theatres Collaborate on the Musical *Chicago: Teen Edition* this October

Chicago is a legendary, Tony award-winning musical about fame, fortune and acquittal. Set in the roaring 20's, it tells the story of Roxie Hart, a young woman starved for fame who murders her lover and ends up behind bars. There she meets vaudeville performer and fellow inmate Velma Kelly, along with a collection of accused murderers all vying for the spotlight, the headlines, and their ticket to freedom.

Made into a movie in 2002 which won 6 Academy Awards, Chicago features iconic choreography by Bob Fosse and show-stopping musical numbers like “All that Jazz” and “Cell Block Tango.” Chicago is a masterful, musical commentary on American celebrity culture. In this production—adjusted by the published for school-age audiences and performers—students from both Anderson and Turpin high schools will wow audiences with a dazzling performance that is not to be missed. Tickets can be purchased by visiting AndersonTheatre.com and following the link to our online ticket seller. Note that a special \$10 price for Seniors and students is available during this pre-sale only: all tickets at the door will be \$15.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbooks from 2023-2024 can be picked up after school in room 127. All extra books ARE sold out!

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.

Busing and Student Parking

- If your student is in need of bus transportation, please contact our Transportation Department at 513-231-3335 x2988.
- 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

SHOUT OUT AN ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER!

We are blessed to have one of the best staffs to work with day in and day out at Anderson High School. We praise them everyday for all the amazing things they do for our kids and our community! We want to give you a chance to do the same! If you would like to give a shout out to any staff member, please fill out this [form](#) so we can celebrate them!

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

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>.

Forest Hills Band Boosters.

Forest Hills Band Boosters help support the District Band Programs grades 5-12. [Join the Band Boosters](#) and help support these programs district wide.

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

FHSD's Annual All In Food Drive to Support IPM Food Pantry

The All In Food Drive is BACK! All buildings will be collecting donations of personal care items, hygiene supplies or non-perishable food (no glass containers) from October 15-18. Any donation, big or small, is a huge help to families in need in our area, and we hope you will consider sending items in with your student next week! Additionally, AHS student volunteers have been collecting donations each weekend at the Kroger in Anderson Towne Center. This helps support their annual Freshman Day of Service, where the 9th grade class assembles Power Packs that are donated to IPM Food Pantry. Thank you to the Forest Hills Council of PTOs for leading this truly valuable effort! Thank you, also, to our families and community members who support this work.

If families are not able to bring in items to school the week of October 14 but would still like to contribute, below are some alternative ways of donating:

- [Donate directly to IPM Food Pantry](#)
- [Contribute to Anderson's Power Packs with its Amazon Wish List](#)

October is School Safety Month in Ohio | School Bus Safety

In recognition of Ohio's School Safety Month, FHSD wants to share important information with families across a variety of topics. School bus safety is such a crucial topic for students, family members and the entire community to be aware of. Please take a moment to [review this helpful brochure](#) from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to learn about safety tips, when to stop for a school bus and much more!

School Fees are Now Due

You received an email this week with information about paying school fees, which have now been posted to your PaySchools Central (PSC) account. You can pay online through PSC, or by cash, check or money order made payable to your high school. To learn more about online payments, [click here](#). If you are in need of financial assistance, you can get in touch with your school to learn about payment plans or if you qualify to have fees waived. Please refer to your earlier email for additional information.

Career Exploration Panel on October 22 | REGISTER NOW

High school students are invited to broaden their awareness of careers that exist in our region by hearing from a wide variety of panelists. There will be an opportunity for a question and answer session, as well as a chance for students to build their pre-professional network, which could open doors for future job shadowing opportunities. The Career Exploration Panel is organized by FHSD's Community Partnership Program and it will be held Tuesday, October 22 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Nagel Middle School. Please [register your student here](#) and consider staying yourself for one of our valuable Parent Academy sessions.

Safety Message for Outdoor Spaces

FHSD is aware of an increased number of bees at multiple schools this fall. Please know that we take the safety of students, staff and visitors extremely seriously, and we're working diligently to address this issue. We have had pest control services on site at all 12 district properties to evaluate and treat the problem areas. Our understanding is that two mild winters in a row is contributing to this problem across our region, so it is not something unique to our schools. Our custodial teams are washing all garbage cans, spraying areas with bee spray and adjusting our recycling schedule in response to these challenges.

REGISTER NOW: FHSD Parent Academy Returns October 22

Our popular Parent Academy series returns on Tuesday, October 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Nagel Middle School! It's an evening designed for parents with students of all ages. [Check out this article](#) to learn more, find a list of topics and register to save your spot for the event!

Village Connections: All About Transition

Families of students with special needs are encouraged to attend this session at the October 22 Parent Academy Night. Village Connections is a special education information and support community that connects families with each other and with important resources throughout the region. All About Transition will include a panel of past graduates' parents who can share insight on having a child with autism attend college classes away from home, UC's TAPP Program and how it can prepare students for work and adult life, and things to know before exploring living and day programs. The evening will also include Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services Transition Navigator Brianne Riffle. [Click here to register now!](#)

Get Your Tickets for the Fall Theatre Productions!

The Anderson and Turpin theatre programs are once again collaborating on their fall theatre and film productions! First up is *Chicago: Teen Edition*, which runs Oct. 25-27 at AHS, and features the famous songs and story from the longest-running show revival in Broadway history. *Lord of the Flies*, which runs Nov. 1-3 at THS, is a stage adaptation of William Golding's classic novel that tells a chilling tale of schoolboys stranded on an island. We hope to see you there!

- [Chicago: Teen Edition Tickets](#)
- [Lord of the Flies Tickets](#)

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

The Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser and Party at Belterra Park featuring entertainment by the Naked Karate Girls will be a blast! We are raffling off 4 Club Level seats to the Bengals vs. Browns game on 12/19/24 with VIP sideline passes! Details on how to purchase Early Bird tickets to the party and raffle tickets for the Bengals game are coming very soon. Save the date: Saturday, November 16, from 7:30-11 p.m.

Community Events

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

- Anderson Middies Lacrosse is hosting an open field practice on Sunday, October 20 for girls in grades 3-8! The practice will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Turpin High School. [Click here for details.](#)
- Support the Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati! This organization is collecting donations of home goods (blankets, sheets, kitchen items etc.) to provide to women and children leaving local shelters for permanent housing. [Click here for more information and to learn how to donate!](#)

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](#)