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## Turpin High School Parent Newsletter

**August 9, 2024**

Welcome to our first official Parent Newsletter for the 2024-2025 school year! We're excited to kick off the year and have compiled a wealth of information to help you and your child start off smoothly. Please take a moment to review the newsletter thoroughly, as it contains important details to ensure a successful beginning.

We understand that starting a new school year can be both exciting and overwhelming, so don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Our team is here to support you and provide any assistance you may need. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

### **New Student and Freshmen Orientation:**

Our New Student and Freshmen Orientation is Friday, August 16th from 8:00am-noon. This is an important beginning for our new students. Your student will make connections to upper-classmen that will last a life-time! The Link Crew Program is one of Turpin's best programs and we are excited to help support students on their high school journey. When your student arrives on campus, please have them go to the Athletic Entrance and wait outside. Our Link Crew leaders will come and escort them in when it's time. This orientation is for students only. Have your child wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. They don't need to bring anything with them. Have your student travel light since we have a ton of fun activities planned.

### **New Parent Meeting:**

We will have a New parent meeting for all new parents on Thursday, August 15th at 7:00pm in the Cafeteria. The purpose of the parent meeting is to go over expectations we will have for your child while also answering any questions you may have to get the year started. We look forward to partnering with you and your student during this school year.

### **First Day of School:**

Thursday, August 22nd is the first day of school for K-12 students with last names M-Z. Friday, August 23rd is the first day of school for K-12 students with last name A-L.

### **Forest Hills Foundation for Education sponsored Common Application Bootcamp and Supplemental Essays Workshop:** August 13 | 9 am - 12 pm | Nagel Middle School | \$15

Facilitated by Abigail Whited, owner of Riverbend Education Solutions, LLC. and Independent Education Consultant, who guides families through the college search and admissions process. Abby Whited will walk seniors through the “common” section of the CA and explain what to look for under each individual college’s questions. Moreover, many colleges and universities require students to write additional or 'Supplemental Essays.' Abby will not only show you where to find these essays but also demystify what schools are truly asking when they present the 'Why Us?' and 'Why X Major?' prompts. [Open to AHS and THS seniors. Registration closes August 12](#)

### **Turpin will also be hosting a Common App Boot Camp:**

Turpin counselors will be offering a Common App Boot Camp for current seniors on **Wednesday, August 14th** at 1pm in the Turpin Commons. (Please note this is a new date, updated from the original date sent out in June). During the session, counselors will guide seniors through the Common App and will be available afterward to help with completing parts of the application and answer any questions. Not to get confused with the Foundation Bootcamp, Turpin’s session will concentrate on the common section of the application only and will not focus on the essay component. We look forward to seeing all our seniors there! Please bring a device or Chromebook to use.

[REGISTER HERE for Turpin's Common App Boot Camp](#)

### **Parking Pass Pick-Up:**

Students will be able to pick up and purchase their passes on the first day of school during lunches. Students need to bring a check made out to Turpin High School for \$125. Students do not have to worry about not having a pass on the first day of school. With the phase in days at the beginning of year we are going to be flexible with parking on the first 2 days of school until everyone has their passes! On the student's first day of school please have Seniors park in the Senior Lot (lot on Turpin's campus closest to the Athletic Lobby) and Juniors park in the Knights of Columbus lot ( lot on Bartels across from the softball field). The online application for parking passes has closed. However if you are still in need of a parking pass for the start of the school year please fill out the [paper application](#) and return it to the main office. Any other questions around parking please contact JP Casanova at [jpcasanova@foresthills.edu](mailto:jpcasanova@foresthills.edu)

### **School Picture Information:**

We will again partner with Dingo Photography this school year! This will include school pictures, senior portraits, school dances, graduation, and athletics. School Pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 22nd and Friday, August 23rd. To order school pictures go to [Dingo Photography's website](#). All students will get their picture taken for school IDs.

### **Senior Portrait Information:**

All seniors will be required to get their school pictures taken through Dingo Photography for school IDs. **School Pictures can count for a senior portrait as long as the guys wear a collared or button down shirt and girls have their shoulders covered.** If you want a senior portrait for the yearbook (other than the Dingo school picture) you have 2 other options:

1. Contact Dingo Photography directly to set up a session at their studio at [www.dingophotography.com](http://www.dingophotography.com)

OR

2. Dingo Photography will be offering a Senior Portrait mini-session **at Turpin** in the spring. This year's mini sessions will be held on Feb. 19th and 20th at Turpin. They will schedule 5 minute photo sessions for seniors to use in the yearbook. There is a sitting fee for the session of \$23. To sign up and get more information please check out the [link](#). As a reminder only Senior Portraits through Dingo will be used for the yearbook.

### **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
- New administrators across the district
- Important updates to the FHSD Strategic Plan
- Reminders about safety, finances and more!

### **Summer Facility Upgrades**

If you've been following along with the FHSD social media channels, you have probably seen some of the repairs, improvements and upgrades happening across the district. If you want to see updated pictures from different projects, and learn more about the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan driving this work, you can [click here](#).

### **PTO Membership Has Its Rewards**

When you become a member of the PTO, you help to reinforce our commitment to fulfilling our mission of supporting all students, teachers, and staff at Turpin High School. The school's budget can

only go so far, so we encourage EVERYONE to contribute because EVERY dollar benefits our students. It is the ultimate pay-it-forward! *We appreciate all that our Turpin community does to help every school year!* Go to <https://bit.ly/THSPTOMember2425> to learn more and to join!

### **Back to School Staff Luncheon Signups**

Please help welcome back to school our wonderful Turpin teachers and staff. We would appreciate Turpin families donating food, gift cards, and/or your time for a luncheon hosted by the PTO. Go to <https://bit.ly/TurpinBTSLunch24> to sign up!

### **Picture Day Volunteers**

We are seeking volunteers to help the photographers on picture day. Your primary responsibility will be to help students stay organized and keep the process running smoothly. All volunteers must be a parent or legal guardian of a current student at Turpin High School. Go to <https://bit.ly/THSPictDayVol2024> to signup!

### **Turpin Athletic Boosters Membership**

With the start of school just weeks away, it is time to show our school's sport spirit through purchasing a Turpin Athletic Boosters Membership. Go to <https://bit.ly/THSAthBoostMem2425> to find out more and purchase a membership!

### **Turpin Athletic Booster Information for Incoming 9th Grade Families**

Do you have an incoming 9th grader who is not in a fall sport but is interested in playing winter and/or spring sports? The Turpin Athletic Boosters would love to connect with you. No Athletic Boosters membership is required, we would like to keep in touch! Go to <https://bit.ly/THSBoosterInfoG9> to stay informed.

### **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](#)