

Turpin High School Parent Newsletter

August 16, 2024

As summer winds down, we've been hard at work getting everything ready for the new school year! This week, we successfully hosted our new parent meeting and freshmen orientation. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the new parent meeting—it was wonderful to see so many of you there.

For those who couldn't attend, we've made sure to include the handout from the meeting in the newsletter below, so you won't miss out on any important information.

Our dedicated staff will be returning next week to prepare for the exciting year to come, and we can't wait to welcome our students back at the end of the week. To make the most of the upcoming year and stay updated on school events and activities, we encourage you to get involved by joining our PTO or one of the many booster organizations we have. Your participation helps strengthen our school community and supports our students in countless ways.

Parent Meeting Follow Up:

If you were not able to attend the new parent meeting, please take a moment to look over the [handout](#).

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.

Medication Drop Off Times:

Medication drop off will be held on Tuesday, August 20th 10:30-12:30 and Wednesday, August 21st 8:30 am - 11:30 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.

Student Drop off and Pick Up Procedures:

Morning Traffic is congested between 7:35-8:00. We recommend having your student ride the bus to avoid the congestion. If you do drive your student to school drop off at the sidewalk in front of the Athletic lobby. Please loop all way around in front of Mercer for morning drop off. Afternoon Dismissal is also congested between 2:40-2:55. Again we recommend having your student ride the bus to avoid afternoon traffic. However, if you do have to pick up your student, enter through the main entrance, turn left and enter down the first or second aisle. See diagrams below.

Morning Drop Off

Afternoon Pick Up



Attendance:

Our goal at Turpin is for all students to attend school and be on time for classes. Students who have good attendance achieve higher grades and have an overall better school experience. We can do this through partnering with you, the parent! As a reminder school starts at 8:00am. Students are required to be in class by 8:00am. If your child is going to be absent or tardy please call the attendance line at 232-7770 Option 1 or email Anita Bryant at anitabryant@foresthills.edu. The attendance line is available 24-7 to leave a message. As a reminder a parent/guardian phone call received by the attendance office on each day of the student's absence for any of the acceptable reasons outlined in the district policy is sufficient to excuse the student's absence up to the tenth

(10th) absence yearly. Subsequently, after the tenth (10th) absence, the parent/guardian must provide written documentation from a treating physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or relevant third party stating the day(s) absent and reason for such absence. **Absences are defined as full day absence, tardies, and early dismissals. Therefore the 10 parent calls include full day absences, early dismissals, and tardies. Student absences in excess of ten (10) days will be recorded as unexcused absences unless a doctor's note is presented to attendance officials for each additional absence. Without a doctor's note or third party documentation, truancy charges can be brought and charged to the parent and/or student.**

Out of Town/Vacation Attendance Process:

If a student is going to be out of town or on vacation, parents are required to submit, in writing, to the building administration their intent to take the student out of school and include dates. The intended vacation will then be submitted to the District level for approval. Once the absence has been approved the parent will be notified and students will be allowed to make up missed work. Please submit all requests to Camey Eberhard at cameyeberhard@foresthills.edu

Visitor Information:

As we enter the 24-25 school year, Forest Hills School District wants to remind everyone of the procedures and guidelines for visitors.

- All visitors should enter through the main entrance.
- All visitors are reminded that upon entering, they will be asked to present a government-issued ID such as a Driver's License, which will be scanned into the system to produce your visitor badge.

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

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

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.

Mark Your Calendars!

Open House is Wednesday, August 28th from 7pm to 8:40pm. Open House is an opportunity to walk your student's schedule and meet their teachers! You will be able to follow an abbreviated version of your student's daily schedule and learn general information about each class your student has within the school day. More information will be forthcoming!

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.](#)

Welcome Child Focus:

Abby Frank, LPC will be joining Turpin High School this year to provide school-based therapy and mental health support through Child Focus. She has worked in education and mental health for 8 years with prior experience in Dayton and Cincinnati Public Schools, intensive day treatment, and private practice. She received a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Dayton and an M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Xavier University and lives in Anderson Township with her husband and son. She can provide therapy or support for the following concerns:

- Trauma
- Grief & Loss

- Social Anxiety & Social Skills
- Generalized Anxiety
- Depression, Self-Harm & Suicidal Ideation
- ADHD & Executive Functioning
- Coping & Communication Skills
- Anger Management
- Divorce & Family Changes

If you would like to begin services with Child Focus, please call (513) 752-1555. You can also reach Abby directly at (513) 685-5332 or by email at afrank@child-focus.org. Feel free to reach out to your school counselor as well to get connected to services.



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 [read this detailed article on the district website](#).

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 [our website here](#).

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
- 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](#)
- [2013-2023 Recipients](#)

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) 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](#)

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](#)