

Parent Newsletter
October 11th, 2024

It's hard to believe, but we've already reached the last week of the quarter! Time has truly flown by, and we're thrilled to share that our students have been doing amazing things. From academic achievements to personal growth, it's been an incredible start to the school year.

We are excited to celebrate the progress and accomplishments of our students, and we invite you to join us in recognizing their hard work. Be sure to take a look in our newsletter this week of all the ways we recognize our students this quarter and throughout the year! Please ask your child if they've been recognized by any of the ways listed below this quarter! You'll be proud of what our students have achieved!

Student Recognitions:

CORE Award Student Tickets: Any adult at school can recognize a student for displaying 1 of our 4 CORE expectations (Respect, Responsible, Proactive, and Safe). Students can then put their tickets into a raffle within their FLEX class. Flex teachers draw a winning ticket every 2 weeks and the student goes to the office and is awarded a prize!

Golden CORE Award Ticket - Each staff member is provided with one golden CORE Award ticket on the 1st day of the month which we call CORE Day. Each staff member selects one student on CORE Day who exemplifies 1 or more of our 4 CORE expectations (Respect, Responsible, Proactive, and Safe). During 7th period on CORE Day, all students with a golden ticket are called to the office to receive a special "golden" treat!

Principal's Above & Beyond Luncheon - The intent of this award is to highlight a student who is a positive example of one of our Wellness Expectations:

1. Is it true? Is it needed? Is it kind? I will practice empathy by thinking about others' feelings before posting or talking about them.
2. I will create a daily schedule that makes time for homework, extracurricular activities, and healthy habits.
3. I will be active in improving my emotional and physical well-being by choosing healthy habits.
4. I will recognize when I or a friend needs help and use my support systems for academic, social, emotional, and health-related concerns.

5. I can recognize my stress triggers and prevent them from becoming larger problems by using problem-solving and stress management strategies.

Our 1st Principals Above and Beyond Luncheon was this past Wednesday. We would like to recognize the following students who were nominated for this award: **Marisol Asbury, Cory McMillin, Molly Hartley, Chloe Siekman, Scarlett Kalonick, Maya Ganim, Mihir Das, Kelley Snyder, Lena Pianfetti, and Brooklyn Cliff.**

Student of the Quarter Recognition Breakfast - The intent of the Turpin High School Student of the Quarter program is to honor a variety of students, many of whom typically would go unrecognized. Suggested areas of recognition include but are not limited to the following: Citizenship, Leadership, Improvement in Behavior, Attitude, Attendance, Effort, and Special Achievement and Community/School Service. Teachers nominate students within their class for SOQ recognition.

Forest Hills ALL IN Donation Drive for IPM -October 15th-21st

Interparish Ministry (IPM) is a food and donation pantry that has been serving our Newtown and Amelia communities for over 60 years. The Forest Hills ALL IN drive is one of the biggest drives each year that helps to support IPM and re-stock the shelves. Turpin will be collecting health and hygiene products for IPM during Flex and the items are broken down by grade level below. We will be having a FLEX COMPETITION to see which group can collect the most items!

9th Grade: Conditioner **10th Grade:** Hand Soap
11th Grade: Body Wash **12th Grade:** Shampoo

To learn more about IPM and all the ways they have served our community [click the presentation here.](#)

Common App Help Day:

All SENIORS will have the opportunity to work on their Common App, college applications, and essays, or ask any questions they may have this Wednesday, Oct. 16th during the school day! If your senior has Study Hall, FLEX time, or a class they can miss and make up later, please encourage them to come to the Commons on Wednesday to get assistance or simply dedicate time to completing their applications and essays.

New Study Skills / Stress Management group opportunity!

Does your child struggle to stay organized, study for tests, or with test anxiety? We're excited to announce an upcoming 8-week small group workshop aimed at empowering your child with essential

life skills! This engaging program will cover vital topics, including study skills & organization, strategies to help your child effectively manage their time and responsibilities, stress management & test anxiety, techniques to cope with pressure and perform at their best, and building social skills such as conflict resolution and boosting self-confidence. The group will be led by two doctoral students from the University of Cincinnati School Psychology program, under the supervision of Turpin's School Psychologist, Dr. Carrie Urshel. Sessions will take place weekly during FLEX time. This supportive environment will encourage personal growth and foster connections among participants. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to reserve your spot today! For more information, please reach out to Margaret Wazevich at wazevime@mail.uc.edu or Dr. Carrie Urshel at carrieurshel@foresthills.edu. You may register your child for this 8-week group workshop [here](#).

Clubs and Meeting Times:

Turpin has so many ways for our students to get involved! Check out [THIS LIST](#) to see what clubs are offered at THS and when those clubs meet. *More information about all clubs linked in the document in the bottom right corner.

Ski Club:

Are you interested in the Ski Club? Check out the [link](#) for more information.

FLEX Board Game Drive:

Are the games Stratego, Sorry, The Game of Life, Operation, or Risk hanging out on some shelf in your basement? Long forgotten by kids who have chosen a snazzy gaming system instead? Well please allow Turpin High School to adopt them and put them in the hands of students during Flex. Our board game drive has netted us only one gift so far. Please help our students find the joy and excitement that kids in the 70s, 80s, and 90s knew oh so well!

Ohio State Testing for Fall:

The fall Ohio State Testing window will run from Monday, December 9th - Friday, December 13th. Students who might be missing an Ohio State Test, students who might need to retake the required Algebra I or English Language Arts II, any student taking a CCP course for a tested area, and students currently sitting in government will test during this window.

If your student needs to test, you will be receiving an email from Dr. Warren over the next few weeks with the required test, testing date, and more information to help prepare for the assessment. If you have any questions, feel free to contact her @ ashleywarren@foresthills.edu.

PSAT 2024 (Juniors Only)

On October 22nd, 2024 Turpin High School will be administering the PSAT to any 11th grade student that would like to take this exam. The PSAT helps 11th grade students to prepare for the SAT and provides entry into the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Students in the 11th grade are not required to take the exam; however, if you would like for your student to take the PSAT you can [register HERE](#) or provide a check Kim Shriver in the Academic Office. All checks will need to be made to Forest Hills Local School District for \$18. The deadline for registration is this Monday, September 30th, 2024. Any family that has a financial hardship may contact nathandumford@foresthills.edu.

Registration Link: [PSAT Registration \(11th Grade Only\)](#)

Schedule Change on October 22, 2024 - PSAT

The PSAT is scheduled to be administered at THS on October 22nd. This will require an altered schedule to accommodate the testing. Please see the plan for each grade level below.

- 9th Grade & 12th Grade- This will be a day for students to complete assignments electronically at home. This means students should not report to school and will have assignments posted on their class Schoology Pages to complete for the day. There are no requirements for virtual meetings.
- 10th graders- All students will take the PSAT/NMSQT on October 22nd, 2024. Testing will begin promptly at 8 am; students should bring their school provided chromebooks (charged). The PSAT is 100% digital and requires students to use their school provided chromebooks (no personal devices). Students will be dismissed from school at the completion of testing (approx. 11:30-12:00).
- 11th Grade- Any Juniors taking the PSAT/NMSQT(optional) on October 22nd will begin promptly at 8 am; students should bring their school provided chromebooks (charged). The PSAT is 100% digital and requires students to use their school provided chromebooks (no personal devices). Students will be dismissed from school at the completion of testing (approx. 11:30-12:00). 11th grade students not participating in the PSAT/NMSQT will have assignments to complete at home. This means students should not report to school and will have assignments posted on their class Schoology Pages to complete for the day.
- District busing will operate on its normal schedule on October 22nd. Students not leaving at their testing dismissal time will attend study hall in the cafeteria until 2:40.

Senior Scoop

The Senior Scoop is intended to be a “one-stop shop” of information pertaining to the Senior Class of 2025 and their parents/guardians. As new information becomes available it will be shared via this weekly newsletter and will be updated within the [Senior Scoop](#). We recommend you bookmark this link for a quick reference.

Turpin Spirit Shop Gift Basket Raffle Today!!

This Friday, the Spirit Shop is excited to host a Gift Basket Raffle!

What's in the Basket?

- Stadium Chair
- Hoodie
- Stadium Blanket
- Water Bottle
- Yard Flag
- Lanyard
- Window Cling

When & Where:

- Date: This Friday
- Location: Spirit Shop
- Opening Time: 5:30 PM
- Game Time: Raffle tickets sold before and during the game.

Drawing:

- Join us for the drawing at half time!

Ticket Prices:

- \$2 for one ticket
- \$5 for three tickets

Stop by the Spirit Shop to grab your raffle tickets and check out our new sweatshirts! Don't miss your chance to win!

Update from the Forest Hills Band Boosters!

Congratulations for the Forest Hills Marching Band for grand champions of the Norwood Competition earlier this month! Make sure to mark your calendars for upcoming events including football games and competition performances. The Forest Hills Bands will be hosting the Band Expo at Turpin HS on Saturday, October 19th. Forest Hills Band Boosters help support the District Band Programs grades 5-12. [Join the Band Boosters](#) and help support these programs district wide.

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 Brienne 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](#)

Dates:

Oct. 16th Divas Choir Concert 7pm

Oct. 19th Band Expo