

Parent Newsletter Oct.18th 2024

We wrapped up the 1st quarter under a full moon, and we all made it through! We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making this quarter a success. From students and teachers to parents and coaches, we've had an incredible start to the school year, and we're excited about what the 2nd quarter has in store for our students! First-quarter grades will be finalized soon, and report cards will be available to view next week.

Looking ahead, we have a busy week coming up. The PSAT is scheduled for October 22nd, and we'll also be conducting our first A.L.I.C.E. drill of the school year. Please take a moment to review the schedule change for October 22nd and the expectations for the A.L.I.C.E. drill below.

Go Spartans!

End of 1st Quarter

Today marks the end of our 1st quarter. Quarter report cards will be posted to Progressbook next Friday, October 25th. Please note that quarter grades are not permanently recorded on a student transcript; only final semester grades are recorded. Therefore, cumulative and weighted GPA will not be updated until the end of the semester, at the beginning of January.

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.

A.L.I.C.E: Alert – Lockdown – Inform – Counter – Evacuate

On Wednesday, October 23rd, during FLEX time students and staff will participate in our first A.L.I.C.E. drill of the year. This will be a walk-thru to make sure students are aware of our evacuation sites and A.L.I.C.E. procedures. Students have spent time in FLEX reviewing the procedures and what their options are within the drill. Teachers have gone over different steps that students should follow if they are evacuating the building, barricading in a classroom, and strategies to use if confronted by an intruder.

The importance of the drill is to get students and staff to make decisions based on information they have of an intruder being in the building. Some classes will lockdown and barricade while others will evacuate to designated sites. Information will be provided to staff and students that will enable them to make the appropriate decision. The purpose of this drill is to make sure students are comfortable with the evacuation sites and have them practice making informed decisions based on the information given over the PA. There will be no tactics utilized in the drill of which students and staff have not already been informed. Turpin will receive assistance with the drill from district personnel and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

We believe this training is crucial to prepare Turpin for an event where an intruder enters the building. We have made every attempt to conduct the training in a manner that will minimally disrupt the learning environment for the week. Please contact any Turpin administrator if you have questions regarding the training, the drill, or about A.L.I.C.E. in general.

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](#).

Great Oaks Coffee Chats

Parents of 6-10th graders: Thinking college and career? Attend an upcoming coffee chat to learn more about the "super electives" your kids can take later in high school via the Great Oaks Career Campuses in programs, including engineering tech & robotics, nursing, surgical technology, dentistry, culinary arts, information technology, exercise science & sports medicine, auto service technology, aviation, manufacturing engineering technology, veterinary assisting, digital arts and design, and more. TWO in-person sessions and ONE virtual chat - RSVP and more details here: Oct. 21 at 6:30 pm, webinar registration: <https://bit.ly/3Bvrl8C>; Oct. 28 at 7:00pm, Anderson Library registration: <https://bit.ly/3UmHIRd>; and Oct. 30 at 6:30 pm, Madeira Library registration: <https://bit.ly/4evRL8R>.

Band Boosters:

Forest Hills Band Boosters are hosting the "Band Expo" event this Saturday, Oct 19th at Turpin HS. There will be over 1,500 participants at this year's event and a total of 16 bands performing. We are looking for people who would like to volunteer at the event to sign up on the [Booster Website](#). Any questions email Boosters@fhbands.org.

Want to become a Band Booster? Visit us at [JOIN!](#)

Volunteer? Check out Opportunities and Indicate your interest [Volunteer Page](#).

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](#)

Visiting Campus during School Hours

For safety measures, all parents are required to enter through the main entrance during school hours (8:00am-2:40pm). The athletic entrance will not be available to drop off food for athletic teams, volunteer at the concession stand, or make other deliveries during school hours. Anyone who rings the athletic entrance doorbell will be directed to come to the main entrance.

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.

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.

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.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER: 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! ***Thanks to support from the Forest Hills Foundation for Education, a light meal and childcare will be offered to participating families.***

October is School Safety Month in Ohio | Safer Ohio School Tip Line

As a reminder to our entire school community, anyone with concerns related to school safety can report that information to the ***Safer Ohio School Tip Line by calling or texting 844-SaferOH (844-723-3764) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*** Calls or texts are answered by analysts within Ohio Homeland Security who immediately forward information to local school officials, law enforcement agencies and the Ohio School Safety Center (OSSC) for action and follow up if necessary. ***If you or your child become aware of a safety concern outside school hours, whether it be a threat of violence, unusual behavior, suicidal comments, bullying etc., please do not wait to report that information.*** Every minute can be critical when it comes to student safety, and reporting concerns to 844-723-3764 or by dialing 911 is the quickest way to allow our law enforcement partners and school administrators to fully investigate the situation. You can learn more about the Tip Line by visiting its [website here](#). A link to the Tip Line is prominently displayed on www.foresthills.edu underneath the main homepage images.

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.

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](#) and [click here to view a flyer with more information!](#)

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Early Bird registration for the Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser Party is open. [Register now!](#) Join us on Saturday, November 16 as we have a blast while raising funds to support **Student Wellness and Belonging** for all Forest Hills students. Enjoy live music and entertainment by the **Naked Karate Girls**, who promise to put on the [greatest party in the galaxy!](#) Receive a \$10 Gaming Card from Belterra Park with Registration. **Early Bird pricing ends on November 1st.**

Community Events

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

- Volunteers needed! People Working Cooperatively (PWC) is asking for your help during its annual Prepare Affair on November 16, 2024. Volunteers will help seniors and neighbors living with disabilities prepare for colder months by doing things like raking leaves, cleaning gutters and other chores. [Learn more and register to volunteer or lead a crew here.](#)
- Are you looking for a competitive winter basketball league for your son? Tryouts for Xcel Youth Basketball will be held on October 28 at McNick High School. You can learn more about the program and register for tryouts on the [Xcel Youth Basketball website here.](#)
- 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. 19th Band Expo

Oct. 22nd PSAT

Oct. 24th Orchestra Hauntcert

Oct. 25th Grades posted to Progressbook