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As we move through November, we want to take a moment to share some highlights from our school. We're focused on creating a supportive, inspiring environment for every student, and it's been wonderful to see such strong engagement from both our students and staff. Recently, we had a highly successful professional development day, which started with a powerful presentation by *Sources of Strength*, helping our staff further develop ways to support student well-being and sense of belonging. We also celebrated our first *Student of the Quarter* recognition breakfast this week, where we honored students who exemplify our 4 core values and show outstanding dedication in academics and character. Congratulations to all of our students that were nominated for Student of the Quarter. Go Spartans!

Help During the Holidays

As the season of celebrations and holidays approaches, Turpin High School is partnering with 9United, a local service organization, to provide assistance to help our local families. If your family would benefit from assistance during the holidays, such as clothing, gifts, or family needs, please contact your students' school counselor to have a confidential conversation about how we can assist you.

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Student of the Quarter:

The Turpin High School *Student of the Quarter* program aims to recognize a variety of students in any of the following areas.

- Citizenship
- Leadership
- Improvement in Behavior, Attitude, Attendance, or Effort
- Special Achievements and Community/School Service

We would like to congratulate all of our <u>1st Quarter students</u> that were recognized this quarter! Congratulations!

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 <u>Senior Scoop</u>. 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.

Spartan Staff Shout Out

Parents, please feel free to use <u>form</u> to express your gratitude or to otherwise positively acknowledge a Turpin staff member. Staff members will receive a keepsake letter with your positive comments included!

After Prom Room Sponsorship

On Saturday April 26, Turpin After Prom committee and a team of volunteers will transform the school into a circus themed "Under the Big Top" complete with jugglers, stilt walkers, and roaming entertainment. Familiar spots include a gym full of giant inflatables, Snake Room, Trivia Room, food and dessert tables and the student favorite Coffee Bar. The Auxiliary Gym will feature a Casino with Blackjack dealers, Euchre tables, and nostalgic carnival games that will remind students of their elementary school days! The night will conclude with a new entertainer who was featured on Penn & Teller, as well as the raffle prize drawings and announcement of the Top Prize Casino winner. This

large-scale event is funded only partially by ticket sales, then supplemented by the generous donations of our Turpin families and local businesses.

This year, we have a "Room Sponsorship" option which honors \$100 donations with the ability to name a room after your student or family. Students will find the "Smith Family Potty Racers" or a "Wilson Family Fortune Teller" for example. Signage at each room/area will indicate the donor. Still available rooms include Snake Room, Battle Cones, Sweet Station, Photo Areas, Tattoo Trolley, Concessions, and more. To become a room donor, please contact Alison Riley @ 513-348-4271 to select and name your room.

Free and Reduced Price School Meals Reminder

Forest Hills School District strives to offer nutritious meals to all students and works to ensure that family finances are not a barrier. Students in households receiving benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF) can receive free school meals regardless of income. Free meals are also available if the household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines. <u>Learn more here</u> and visit <u>PaySchoolsCentral</u> to fill out an application.

Science and Innovation Fair Registration NOW OPEN

Get your thinking caps on and work with your child to come up with ideas for the district's annual Science and Innovation Fair! The deadline to submit projects is December 9, and the event will take place on Saturday, January 25. Anyone in grades K-12 can participate and it provides students with an excellent learning experience and opportunity to explore creative concepts related to STEM and other fields. Click here to see an informational flyer with more details.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

For everyone already registered for the Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser Party, today is the last day to fill out the form for your \$10 gaming card from Belterra. The form is linked in your registration receipt. No forms will be accepted after today, 11/8. And for everyone else, you have until this Sunday, 11/10, to register for the event! Check out the Foundation's social media posts to find out about some amazing live auction experiences. We are so excited to support all Forest Hills students while partying with YOU at Belterra with live music and entertainment provided by the Naked Karate Girls! If you can't make the party of the season, you can register for the Silent Auction for FREE. Bidding starts at 8am on 11/13 and ends at 10pm on 11/16. Mark your calendars! And don't sleep on those Bengals raffle tickets!

OUR FAMILIES NEED YOUR HELP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

9United's Shop & Share 2024 is here and once again this holiday season we are supporting Forest Hills School District families in need. Request a "Wish List" from 9United by <u>visiting its website here</u>. Don't want to shop? Donations are always welcome.

Community Events

You can also visit our <u>flyers webpage here</u> that has updates on other fun events and activities, including the following items:

- The Anderson Township Library Association is holding a holiday and nearly new book sale from Nov. 7-9 at the Anderson Branch Library. Click here to view a flyer with details.
- Anderson Middies Lacrosse is hosting an open field practice on Saturday, November 9 for girls in grades 3-8! The practice will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Turpin High School. <u>Click here for</u> <u>details</u>.
- AHS Men's Basketball 3-on-3 Tournament will take place Nov. 16! All students in grades 2-6 are invited to round up a team and participate. Deadline to register is Nov. 9. <u>Details and registration link.</u>

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:

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Break Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Break Nov. 29 Thanksgiving Break