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The second quarter is flying by, and we're already halfway through! With Thanksgiving break just a week and a half away, this is a perfect time to check in on your student's progress and encourage them to keep up the momentum. This is truly the calm before the storm, as exams and holiday festivities will be upon soon. Let's make the most of this time together, staying engaged and focused, before the exciting, busy holiday season ahead! 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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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!

Turpin Orchestra Boosters Poinsettias Fundraiser:

Beautiful red poinsettias lining Turpin's stage for the holiday concert -- They add a touch of class and make the occasion special, don't they? Help continue this orchestra tradition by sponsoring a plant (or several!) for our upcoming Dec 10 concert. They'll be yours to take home, they make great gifts, and they provide some extra funding for our programs. Reserve yours here.

The plants come in a 6.5" pot wrapped in gold foil, and are \$16.99 apiece. Please don't delay in ordering. The sale closes Monday Nov 18 (in just over a week).

New this year: Our young "elves" would love to deliver to Turpin faculty and staff following the concert! If you would like to give one (or more) as a gift, please make your purchase at the link above and then email instructions to us (tobaboard@gmail.com). We will include a note wishing the recipient happy holidays and identify you as the sender, or relay a personalized message you provide. Thank you for your support!

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.

Turpin Spirit Shop: New Website & November Hours

The Turpin Spirit Shop is ready to reopen and kick off Winter Sports with exciting updates! We've launched a brand new website, making it easier than ever to shop for all your Turpin gear. Plus, in addition to having orders shipped directly to your home, you can now pick up your purchases in person during our winter store hours! Check out the new site and start shopping today!!

New Website: https://stores.inksoft.com/turpin_spirit_wear

November Store Hours:

• 11/21: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

• 11/23: 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

• 11/26: 5:15 pm - 8:30 pm

• 11/27: 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Get your gear and show your Spartan pride this winter!

November Parent Academy

Join us for the November Parent Academy on Tuesday, November 19! The first session in October touched on several important topics, and this month's session is expanding with more opportunities. Some of the discussions for November Parent Academy include "Managing Meltdowns and Big Emotions" with Beech Acres Parenting Center and "Parents of Seniors" with Dr. Janet Baker. High school students also have the opportunity to attend a career exploration panel and participate in a mock interview workshop. Register and learn more.

Register for the Science and Innovation Fair

Get ready for the annual Science and Innovation Fair! The deadline to submit projects is December 6, and the event will take place on Saturday, January 25. All K-12 students can register for the Innovation Fair and grades 5-12 can participate in the Science Fair. Both are fantastic opportunities to learn and explore creative concepts related to STEM and other fields. Click here for more details.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

We hope to see you tomorrow evening at the Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser Party at Belterra Park! If you aren't going to be there, you can still participate in the <u>Silent Auction</u>. Registration for the Silent Auction is free, and you don't have to be at the party to bid or win. Bidding closes at 10pm tomorrow night, 11/16. You can also still buy Bengals vs. Browns <u>raffle tickets</u>. We are ready to have so much fun while supporting all Forest Hills students!

Sponsor an FHSD Family In Need this Holiday Season

Would you like to help an FHSD family's holiday be a little brighter? <u>Click here to request a Shop & Share "Wish List."</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:

- Anderson High School Orchestra's annual performance of The Nutcracker is Dec. 7! <u>See this flyer for details and tickets</u>.
- Sign-ups for i9 Sports's Winter 2025 programs are ongoing for boys and girls ages 3-14. Registration ends December 6 for various sports. Flyer with details.
- CISV Cincinnati is hosting an activity day on November 16 and an informational night on December 3 to share information about their international education programs. <u>More details</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:

- o <u>MindPeace</u>
- o FHSD Family Resource List

Dates:

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