

December 6th, 2024

As we welcome December, I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with gratitude and connection. The holiday season is in full swing, and the energy of the season is alive and well in our building. This time of year reminds us of the importance of kindness and giving, values we see modeled every day by our students and staff. We're especially proud of our students who, through their flex classes, are partnering with 9United and Jack's Closet to support those in need, embracing the spirit of service and generosity. Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we close out 2024 on a high note! Go Spartans!

Semester Exams

Students should be aware that exams are just around the corner. We encourage students to begin reviewing their notes, participating in study groups, and utilizing any additional resources provided by their teachers. Our teaching staff is committed to supporting every student through this process, offering extra help sessions and guidance as needed. Let's work together to ensure that all students feel prepared and confident to succeed in their exams.

First semester exams will be held on the final four days prior to the Winter Break, December 17 through December 20. Please see the [exam schedule](#). Take note that on December 18, 19, and 20, students will have two exams per day and will be dismissed at 11:00am. Our normal afternoon bus routes will run at 11:00am on those days and no lunches will be provided in the cafeteria.

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.

TPA Holiday Drives: Season of Giving!

Toy Drive:

TPA is running a stuffed animal drive now through Dec. 10th to give to our local fire department and police station. The stuffed animals are for first responders to give to children at the scene of traumatic events. Together we can make a difficult time in a child's life a little less scary. You can drop off any new or gently used stuffed animals to Mrs. Rowe's classroom (220) or the front office.

Diaper Drive:

In honor of the holiday season, TPA is also running a diaper drive from December 2nd to 13th! Donate to families needing diapers and wipes in the Greater Cincinnati area. Drop off packages of diapers, sizes Newborn-6, pull-ups, sizes 2T-5T, and baby wipes in the box outside of the main office at Turpin High School.

Hygiene Drive:

Turpin will be hosting a hygiene donation drive December 2nd to 9th! This drive will consist of hygiene products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products. All products collected will then be donated to Matthew 25 Ministries. Please encourage students to participate in the drive! There will be boxes placed in the athletic office, as well as in the TPA classroom to collect donations.

GREAT OAKS

A Career Specialist from Great Oaks presented to all Sophomore students during history classes on **Dec. 4th**. The presentation provided information about the different career programs Great Oaks has to offer. If students are interested in attending Great Oaks, the application window opened on **Nov. 14th** and runs until **Feb. 4th**. You can find the application by visiting the [Great Oaks Website](#). An optional field trip to Live Oaks and Scarlet Oaks will be in late January. Sophomores will have the opportunity to choose 2 programs to visit at each campus. Exact dates and sign ups will be shared after the holiday break. Please reach out to your student's School Counselor with any questions.

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.

Spartan Staff Shout Out

Parents, please feel free to use [form](#) 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!

HELP US SUPPORT OUR FHSD FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Once again this holiday season we are supporting Forest Hills School District families in need. Request a "Wish List" from 9United by [clicking here](#). Don't want to shop? Donations are always welcome.

Forest Hills Foundation for Education

Join us as we celebrate [giving back](#) in support of our Forest Hills community. Give \$20 in honor of a student and/or teacher that is special to you and they will receive a limited edition ornament as a keepsake of your acknowledgment. Make a lasting impact on their educational journey with your gift to the Forest Hills Foundation.

Community Events

You can also visit our [flyers webpage here](#) 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! [See this flyer for details and tickets](#).
- [Child Focus Sensory Santa Event | By appointment December 14 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.](#)
- [Holiday Fairy Garden Workshop | December 20 | 5 p.m.](#)

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:

Dec. 10	Orchestra Concert 7pm
Dec. 11	Band Concert 7pm
Dec. 17th-20th	Exams