

Austintown Local School District

Community Newsletter



A message from the Superintendent:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope you had a relaxing summer with family and friends, and are recharged for a great year of learning. I am honored to serve as your Superintendent and look forward to building on the great work of our staff and students.

If you are new to the district, I welcome you to our school system, where you will find the resources and support you need to be successful. If you are returning, welcome back! As I embark on my first year as your superintendent, I am pleased to report that we have many exciting changes happening throughout the district. While we are thrilled with the physical changes being made at the stadium and throughout our buildings, we are the most proud of our educational programs that continue to expand at all grade levels. Most recently, we have added more College Credit Plus Courses (CCP) to our curriculum to give our students even more opportunities!

District-wide we want to ensure that we provide a rigorous and equitable educational experience to all students. We know that learning recovery will continue to be a priority as we navigate through the year. Federal ESSER funds were used previously to enhance student supports, including mental health support. With those supports firmly in place, we will continue to build on that foundation. We also built strong relationships and partnerships for our student's educational benefit.

As we move into the new school year, I thank you for your dedication to our District, our community, and the students and families that we serve. Please accept my best wishes for a happy and productive school year.

Timothy S. Kelty

Best Wishes to the following 2022-2023 Retirees:

Kelli Anderson	Annette Grahovac	Kenneth Mills
Connie Cercone	Susan Hogan	Andrew Overman
Marie Dockry	David Laurie	Barb Tomic



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Austintown Elementary School



- Our 5-Star Falcon Fives Pre-Kindergarten Program provided the highest quality education for all students, recently adopting a new ELA curriculum. Along with the new Early Learning Standards taught, the curriculum used paralleled that of our K students. Our little Falcons left the program Kindergarten ready!
- Students were able to shop a wide selection of books at our annual book fair twice this school year. Encouraging students to read is one of our top priorities! Also, our PTA fundraised thousands of dollars that were used to give back to our K-2 libraries, in the form of books!
- Through a partnership with Seven Seventeen Credit Union, AES promoted our Crayons to College and Careers program. Each week we focused on a different attribute that students need to have in order to be successful in both school and a possible future career. The winning students were given a certificate to go to Seven Seventeen Credit Union and open up a college savings fund, where they put \$10 in it for them!
- The positive behavior matrix was fully implemented this year in all settings of the building. Students were rewarded with peace sign necklaces, respect bracelets, and "try your best" beads as they were caught following the matrix. The PBIS committee applied for a silver status this school year.
- The AES Art Department hosted their annual Art Show. Here, grades PK-2 artwork was displayed in the cafeteria for all to see. Select students moved on to the district art show for their efforts too!
- This year at AES students in grades K-2 had the opportunity to participate in both intervention and enrichment activities after school. Intervention classes concentrated on phonemic awareness and phonics. The enrichment program was sponsored by The United Way and its focus was STEM activities.
- SMARTS Beats, a percussion-based learning program for our K-2 students with developmental and behavioral challenges, continued this year. SMARTS Beats uses hand drums and other percussion instruments to engage students by promoting academic learning, increasing musical knowledge, fostering a sense of community, and developing pride, confidence and satisfaction.



Austintown Intermediate School



- AIS was named a 2022 NATIONAL ESEA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL. AIS won the national award for continuing to show outstanding progress for all groups of students in grades 3-5. Winning this prestigious award reflects the great accomplishments of our students and staff.
- Our gifted program and STEM students participated in the 2nd annual STEM/ Gifted Showcase. The effort on display from our students was outstanding.
- Fifth grade enjoyed our annual Camp Fitch trip again this year. High school chaperones, as well as all students who attended, enjoyed three days at Lake Erie taking in all the camp has to offer.
- Third grade excelled on the state reading test with the highest scores AIS has ever seen! Congratulations to all of our students, staff and tutors who worked so hard throughout the year to make reading a priority.
- Our Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program continues to strengthen our student's relationships with positive male role models. We hosted many men this year and appreciate all of their time and energy volunteering.
- Our annual staff vs. student basketball game was another huge hit this year. We raised money to support a fifth grader recovering from a medical event. Once again the staff gained another victory, but this event is one where everyone wins!
- AIS was proud to partner with the Second Harvest Food Bank and create a large food pantry to serve students and families across the district. The food pantry has been a vital part of helping students be able to learn, grow and thrive at AIS.
- Our PTA had another successful year putting together events to bring the community together. From the Pep rally, Bingo Nights, and room parties to our school dances, Book Fairs and Fun Days, the AIS PTA does an amazing job of supporting students and staff.
- AIS won another GOLD award for PBIS! Our PBIS committee did a wonderful job supporting student's social-emotional learning and development by implementing Morning Meetings and Falcon Friends.
- AIS was featured in the newspaper again this year for our work during Ability Awareness week. Students learned to appreciate everyone's differences through hands-on stations which reflected various disabilities.

Austintown Middle School



- The AMS Grade 8 Red volleyball team won the AAC Championship in October.
- Seventh grader, Jackson Berni, participated in the state Cross Country Championship. He finished 34th out of 269 runners.
- Grade 8 students interested in careers in the skilled trades attended the Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades Expo in September. They learned about a variety of skilled trades and got to try out brick laying, concrete work and much more.
- Seven of our AMS wrestlers qualified and competed at the state tournament. They were: Liam Yanvari, Evan Grenamy, Ryan Shannon, Chayce Kemble, Alessio Farrell, Melicia Henry and Reghan Koch. Reghan Koch placed 6th in the girls division.
- Our AMS Drama Club put on their production of Little Red Riding Hood in March with hundreds of guests attending each night.
- AMS Social Literacy classes held volleyball and basketball fundraiser tournaments this school year with all proceeds going to Angels for Animals and the Rescue Mission.
- Our annual AMS Spelling Bee was in December. Winners were: 1st place- Mileena Krofta, 2nd place- Ethan Jarvis, 3rd place- Gianna Altieri.
- The Austintown Alumni Association awarded Cindy Zebosky, Michelle Porter, Pam Berni and Jaclyn Senich grants to fund projects in their classrooms.
- Six AMS students were selected as honorees in the Student Holocaust Writing/Media Contest held by the Jewish Community Relations Council. Selected students were: Juliana Carroll, Charlotte Ward, Ronnie Carnahan, Chris Geradi, Aubree Kephart and Evan Hall.
- Grade 7 & 8 STEM students participated in the All American Soap Box Derby in May. They secured awards in the top 4 spots!



Austintown Fitch High School

- The Fitch Science Department added AP Biology to its college credit curriculum. This increases the number of college credits that can be earned in science to 17.
- Fitch High School kicked off the year with our student run Link Crew Freshman Orientation. Freshmen were welcomed in person by our Link leaders for welcoming activities, group tours, and introduction to their schedules. Link Leaders continued to run events for the Class of 2027 throughout the year.
- The Fitch Concert Choir traveled to Norfolk, VA on their 53rd tour. There, they performed at the Veterans Hospital in Hampton, Virginia. Students in Concert Choir performed a large outdoor show for ambulatory Veterans then traveled into Hospice and Spinal Injury wards to entertain those who were not able to attend the outdoor performance. They also participated in the NATO Music Festival and took third place and earned a gold medal.
- The Fitch Drama Club staged 12 Angry Jurors and Legally Blonde this school year. Each production involved over 40 students in the Drama Department. Reviews of both the play and the musical pointed out the high levels of acting and musical talent from the students.
- The Fitch Music Department offered a new ensemble this year, Rock Band. This course is open to all students 9-12th. The ensemble traveled and performed throughout the Northeast Ohio area including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, EarthQuaker Devices in Akron, and Westside Bowl in Youngstown. Due to its popularity, the music department will be offering more modern music classes for the 2023-2024 school year including Rock Band, Guitar, and History of Rock and Roll.
- The Vision To Learn Program started this year and screened the entire district. At Fitch, the Vision Van performed 117 comprehensive exams, prescribed 108 glasses and referred 4 without glasses to Sight For All United for follow up care. This program was free to all who qualified.
- The Academic Team qualified for nationals and won an Individual spot in national competition for century-ing (10 individual points in a game). The team placed 3rd in the Mahoning County League. The program also gave its first scholarship to Jessie Johnson.



Valedictorian Spotlight



Daniella Cene



Natalie Ciccone



Lillian Dietrich



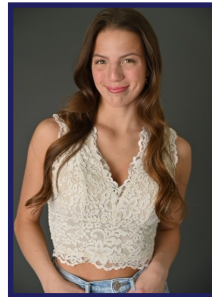
Lillian Dilts



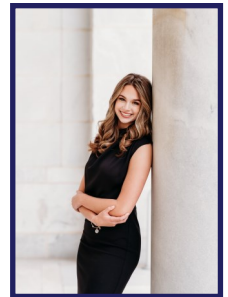
Lia Hill



Ethan James



Kelsey Mickey



Kara Pirone



Milla Riffle Crogan



Avery Rosko



Madison Sheffield



Lauren Sherwood



Caiden Smith




Senior Stats

What they have accomplished:

351 earned
their diploma



1 received a 
34 on the ACT
(a perfect ACT score is a 36)

3 million dollars in scholarships offered

5 enlisted and/or plan
to serve in the military



13 valedictorians



57
took Advanced
Placement (AP)
courses this year

39 graduated from
our online programs



8 students earned
athletic scholarships

73 National Honor Society members



857

College Credit Plus
hours were earned
this year by the
class of **2023**

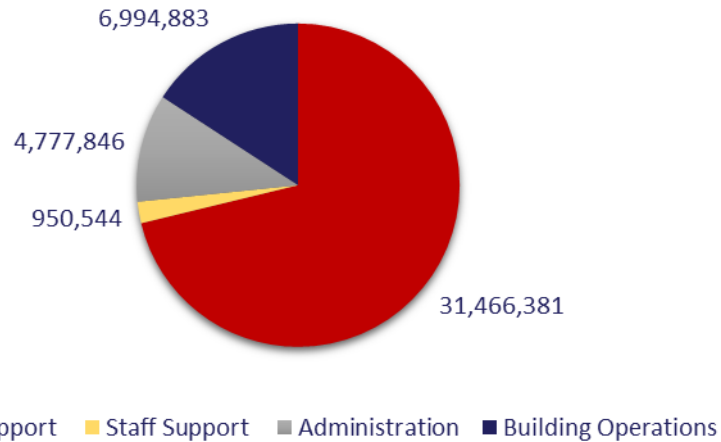
70 students
graduated with honors

127

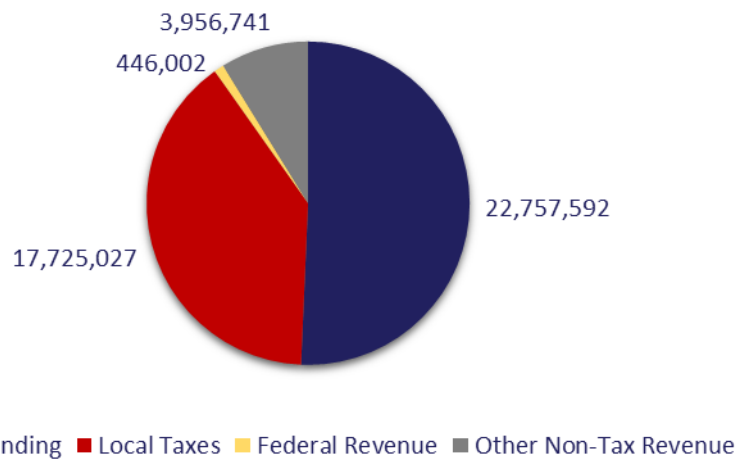
were honored by the
PTSA for maintaining a
3.5 GPA or higher.

Financial Information for Fiscal Year 2023

WHERE THE MONEY GOES



WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction was presented to the Austintown Local School District for excellence in financial reporting related to the Annual Financial Report and compliance with applicable laws for the previous fiscal year.



Food Service Update



National School Lunch & School Breakfast Programs

Our cafeterias offer breakfast and lunch each school day. Students automatically have a meal account created during enrollment and can access their account when making purchases in the cafeteria.

Free & Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

Meal benefit applications can be completed online at LINQConnect.com.

Menus & Meal Prices

Monthly menus are published on our website at

AFFoodServices.com and at LINQConnect.com

Our online menus are interactive and display nutrition and allergen information by simply hovering over or selecting menu items. You can also have the menus emailed to you monthly by signing up for the Going Green Menus option on our website.

2023-2024 Meal Prices

<u>School</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
Fitch High School	\$3.25	\$2.00
Middle School	\$3.00	\$2.00
Intermediate School	\$3.00	\$2.00
Elementary School	\$3.00	\$2.00

Food Service Office Contact Information

Address: 700 S. Raccoon Road,
Austintown, OH 44515

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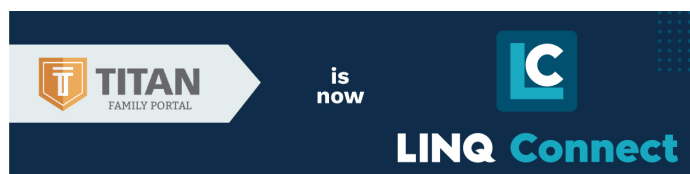
Phone: 330-797-3900

ext. 1315– for food allergies

ext. 1316– for meal benefits & account questions

Visit our website AFFoodServices.com

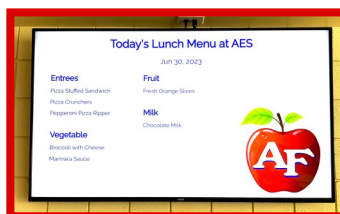
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Titan Family Portal is now LINQ Connect

Our meal payments provider, TITAN Family Portal, is now LINQ Connect! The updated platform features a fresh look and updated functionality. It was designed to make managing your student meal payments simple. You can use it to make one-time payments, set up recurring payments, view transactions, and more. Visit LINQConnect.com.

All your previous data, including username and password, is the same on the new platform.



Digital Menu Boards

All 4 cafeterias have been outfitted with digital menu boards. They display today and tomorrow's breakfast and lunch menus, menu changes, building announcements and highlights, local weather, countdowns to school breaks, and more.

Fitch Lunch Line Renovation

Fitch High School will soon have a brand new lunch line experience. New hot and cold serving areas, grab-n-go stations, salad bar and sub sandwich stations, and a new snack and extras area. Completion expected during the 2023-2024 school year. Stay tuned!

District Directory

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Principal: Salvatore Maiorana- Grade 12
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330-797-3900, ext. 1098

Assistant Principal: James Riccardo- Grade 10
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Austintown Middle School

Principal: Andrew Scarmack- Grade 8
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Assistant Principal: Jim Penk- Grade 7
330-797-3900, ext. 2003

Assistant Principal: Joanie Jones- Grade 6
330-797-3900, ext. 2011

Assistant Principal: Janet Polish
330-797-3900, ext. 2009

Austintown Intermediate School

Principal: Robin Vickers
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Austintown Elementary School

Principal: Catherine Dorbish
330-797-3901, ext. 5006

Assistant Principal: Timothy Pappagallo
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2023-2024 District Calendar

	AUGUST '23								JANUARY '24							
	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5	6	1-3 No school
17 Trade Day (Teachers only)	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	12 End grade period
25 Staff Reports	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15 No school
28 First Day of School	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19 Half day students only
	27	28	29	30	31				28	29	30	31				
	SEPTEMBER '23								FEBRUARY '24							
	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
						1	2						1	2	3	
1 Teachers only	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5-9 Conference week
4 No school	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	16-19 No school
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29			
	OCTOBER '23								MARCH '24							
	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7							1	2	15 End of grade period
13 No school NEOEA DAY	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	18 No school
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	29 No school
27 End of grade period	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	29	30	31						24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	NOVEMBER '23								APRIL '24							
	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
				1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4	5	6	
22-24 No school	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	1-5 No school
20-21 Conference week	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	26	27	28	29	30				28	29	30					
	DECEMBER '23								MAY '24							
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						1	2					1	2	3	4	
22-29 No school	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13 No school
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	24 Half day- Last Day
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30		26	27	28	29	30	31		



New Building Times

Find our new building times under the "parents" tab of the district website, austintownschools.org.

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Looking for Transportation Information?

*Scan the QR code provided or visit
austintownschools.org/departments/transportation
for bus routes, the My Stop App, and important updates
for the upcoming school year!*

