



# The Ardsley Torchlight

September 13, 2024

Welcome to the inaugural edition of The Ardsley Torchlight, a monthly newsletter that highlights key initiatives, upcoming events and news stories from around the Ardsley School District. The images will link to articles on the website.

Additionally, a summary of the stories featured on the district's website homepage and upcoming events will be distributed weekly to complement this newsletter.

## Around the Block

Click on the image to read more and listen to the Season 1, Episode 3 podcast.



On September 10, Dr. Block [launched the first episode](#) of his Around the Block podcast that features our new Superintendent of Schools discussing various school topics and speaking with key members of the Ardsley School Community. Keep watching for new episodes so you will have the inside scoop about what is happening around the Ardsley School District.

[In the second Around the Block podcast](#), Dr. Block talks to Ardsley PTSA Co-Presidents Jaya Iyer and Roohi Majli about the organization's holistic role in enriching the educational experience for all students across the school district.

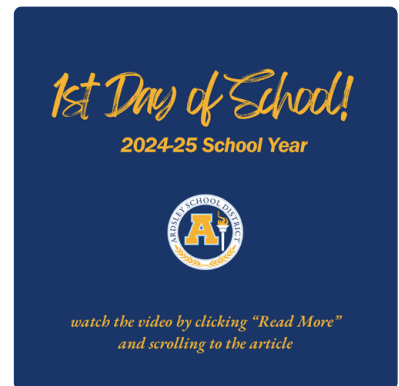
[In Episode 3](#), Dr. Block talks to Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Dr. Jennifer Bradshaw, AHS Principal Danielle Trippodo, AMS Principal Stuart Horlacher and Assistant Principal Jennifer Goldenberg about a very hot topic: Cellphones in Schools.

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## Sharing Stories from Around the District

Click on the image to go to the videos on our website.

It was an exciting day for Ardsley Schools as we welcomed back all our students on the first day of the 2024-25 school year!



The Class of 2025 kicked off their final school year with three key events: Car Chalking/Decorating, the Senior Group Photo and the BBQ at the Ridge Road Park.



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## Award-Winning Moments

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AHS seniors, Leo Blank, Aarjav Brahmhatt, and Anhad Kataria advanced as semifinalists in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program! Pictured from left to right, School Counselor, Jenna Ryan, Anhad Kataria, Leo Blank, School Counselor, Bryan Costa, Aarjav Brahmhatt and Curriculum Leader/School Counselor, Bill Lessa.

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## Curriculum Crossroads

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Throughout the summer break, our teachers and administrators engaged in a wide-range of professional development activities, collaborative initiatives and curriculum enhancements. We've highlighted a few of the 40+ curriculum projects and professional development programs that took place over the summer, including exciting new courses and enhancements to current curriculum!



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## Campus Enhancements

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New replacement air conditioning units were installed in all three schools over the summer, enhancing airflow and providing much-needed cooling and ventilation.



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## Technology Bytes

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This summer, the Technology Department completed several key projects including the installation of 15 new interactive SmartBoard and BenQ displays, unboxing and enrolling 600 Touch Chromebooks for AMS and more, to enhance the learning experience for students and improve technology access across the district.

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## Health & Wellness

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The highly-anticipated grand re-opening of the Ardsley High School Wellness Center will open its doors in late fall. The Center will serve as a safe space for members of the high school

community, promoting healthy lifestyle habits and providing effective stress management tools through various activities.



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## Student Club Events

Please go to [www.ardsleyschools.org](http://www.ardsleyschools.org) to view school events in the Upcoming Events section on the homepage and click on "All Events."

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### AHS Student Council Car Wash

Support the AHS Student Council at their annual Car Wash on Sunday, Sept. 15, 10 am - 1 pm!

[ahs.ardsleyschools.org](http://ahs.ardsleyschools.org)

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## Supporting Organizations Events

We are just loving these fall mums! If you're on the fence, get some design inspiration to help select your favorites. Keep it simple or go bold. Choose from red, orange, yellow and purple. Pick 9-inch or 14-inch pots. The choices are all yours!

Visit [the link](#) to purchase and your fall decorating will be off your to-do list!

# Local Community Events

Click on the image to read more.

**Mitzvah Mixer**  
 507 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley NY 10502 914-693-1550  
[ardsleyvillage.gov](http://ardsleyvillage.gov)

**Italian American Heritage Celebration!**  
[ardsleyvillage.gov](http://ardsleyvillage.gov)

# Fall Programs and Events

Ardsley Recreation Department



**Soccer** - Pre-K - K: 10:00 to 10:45 am, K-2: 11:00 to 11:45 am Parent or guardian must attend all sessions. Classes are held on Saturday mornings at Pascoene Park beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>. Fee is \$100 for Ardsley Village, \$120 for Non-Village.

**After School Chess (2 Classes)** - Come and join other chess players and enjoy play, lessons and team problem solving at the Community Center. **Novice/Intermediate class** - Tuesdays 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm. **Intermediate/Advanced class** - Tuesdays from 4:45 - 5:45 pm. Starting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Fee: \$240 for Ardsley Residents, \$260 for Non-Village.

**Badminton/Chess Class, Thursday** - From 4:45 - 5:30 pm, starting Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Fee: \$240 for Ardsley Residents and \$260 for Non-Village.

**Tennis Clinic** - Learn to play tennis at Pascoene Park with April Tennis clinics will be held on Saturdays and Sundays for 6 weeks. Classes are divided into age groups- 5-7, 8-10, 11- teens, Adult lessons are at 10:00 and 1:00. Classes begin on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fee: \$180 Ardsley Residents and \$200 Non Residents.

**Developmental Basketball** - Thursdays at Pascoene basketball court grades K - 2, 4-15 - 5:15 pm, grades 3-5, 6-10 to 4:15 pm and grades 6-8, 4:15 to 7:10 pm starting September 12<sup>th</sup>. Fee: \$100 residents and \$170 non-village residents.

**Adults Class** - Mondays - Teams (7-12 yrs) 11:42 pm - Teams (11-18 yrs) 12 - 1 pm starting Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Tennis** - Mondays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Community center starting September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fee: \$130 residents \$150 non-village residents.

**Zumba Tones** - Thursdays starting September 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Fee: \$130 residents \$150 non-village residents.

**Low Robotics After Eventual (New)** - Mondays - 3:35 - 4:30 pm for grades 2 - 4 starting September 30<sup>th</sup>. Fee: \$140 Village Residents and \$160 Non-Village.

**Code Crafters Advanced skills in coding (New)** - Mondays - 4:45 to 5:45 pm for grades 3 - 5 starting September 30<sup>th</sup>. Fee: \$ 160 for Village Residents and \$180 for Non-Resident.

**Halloween Trick & Treat Festival** - The Festival will begin at the Ardsley Middle School parking lot from 11:00-1 pm, Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Ardsley Youth Basketball** - Ardsley Parks & Recreation joins with Greenburgh Parks & Recreation for basketball fun. **This league is coached by parent volunteers!** Open to 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys. Practices are held week-nights in the Ardsley School gym beginning in November, 2024. Games are held in various town-wide gyms beginning in January 2025. Fee is \$150.00 for Village residents and \$170.00 for Non-residents.

**Open Gym held over 40** - Thursdays TBA

**Thanksgiving (Decorating place mats) with The Cass** - Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm at Community Center.

**Christmas Tree Lighting** - On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm, we will light up the Town for the December holidays. We will begin at the tree at Legion Park and up at the Firehouse. We will have music, refreshments and the men in red just right there!

Questions? Call Ardsley Parks & Rec @ 693-8012 or e-mail us at [play@ardsleyvillage.com](mailto:play@ardsleyvillage.com)

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