



The Weekly Torchlight

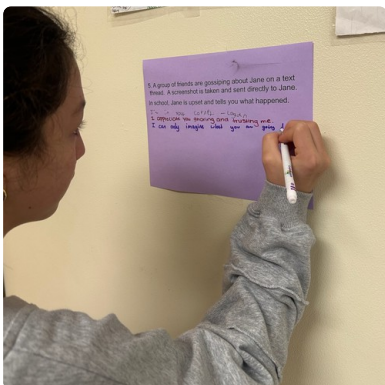
November 18, 2024

A weekly digest of stories that highlight the goings on around the Ardsley School District. Many are shared by building administrators, teachers and staff and we appreciate their participation!

The following two Weekly Torchlights will be distributed on Monday, November 25 and Monday, December 9.

Spotlight on Wellness Initiatives in Ardsley Schools

The following is the second article in a series about Social-Emotional Learning in Ardsley Schools. Please go to the District's "In the News" webpage to read the introductory articles "Wellness Initiatives in Ardsley Schools" and "Social Emotional Learning Part One: CRS."



Social-Emotional Learning Part Two: Ardsley Middle School

Part Two of this series on Social-Emotional Learning spotlights the comprehensive program at Ardsley Middle School, which encompasses fifth—and sixth-grade guidance classes, push-in classes, transition programs, Random Acts of Kindness Week, coordination with teachers, and mindfulness initiatives.

AHS Highlights

Welcoming Brendan Granstrand, New Assistant Principal at AHS

Join us in giving Brendan Granstrand a big Panther roar welcome! Our new AHS Assistant Principal is excited to join the Ardsley community and get to know students, faculty, staff, and parents.



National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists Recognized at BOE Meeting

Leo Blank, Aarjav Brahmabhatt, and Anhad Kataria were recognized by the Board of Education during a recent meeting as 2025 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Each student was invited to honor an educator who has significantly influenced their education and personal growth.



AHS Musicians Perform with NYSSMA Area All-State Ensemble

Congratulations to all the AHS student musicians who performed with the various Area All-State Ensembles. These students were selected from a large pool of applicants throughout Westchester county for scoring among the highest on their NYSSMA solos last spring.



Ten Ardsley High School Seniors Submit Research to National Science Competition

Ten seniors from the Ardsley Science Research Program have submitted their original research to the prestigious Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS). This program, which draws entries from over 2,000 students each year, aims to identify and encourage promising scientific talent among high school seniors.

AMS Highlights

AMS Hiking Club Explores Old Croton Aqueduct Trail

The AMS Hiking Club recently explored the Old Croton Aqueduct trail, hiking from Draper Park in Hastings to Untermeyer Park in Yonkers. Along the way, they discovered the newly opened Quarry Park and enjoyed stunning views of the Hudson River and the Palisades on a clear late fall day.



CRS Highlights



Fourth Graders Visit Veterans at Atria Woodlands

Veterans at the Atria Woodlands in Ardsley were thrilled to have a visit on Veterans Day from six fourth-grade students from Mrs. Vanadia's and Ms. DeCoursey's class and their families. The students came bearing cards from many CRS students and cookies and other treats.

Upcoming Club Events & School Programs

Click on the image to read more.

A Night to Sink Your Teeth Into: Get Your Tickets for Dracula

AHS Drama Club Presents *Dracula: A Feminist Revenge Story, Really.* on November 22, 7PM and November 23 at 2PM and 7PM. Get your tickets today by scanning the barcode or going to <http://cur8.com> keyword: ardsley



Ardsley Middle School Thanksgiving Food Drive

Join us in helping those in the community who are in need! From November 13 - 22, we will be collecting donations in grade-level boxes in the AMS Commons area. Items needed: Stuffing Mix, Canned Vegetables, Instant Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, and Canned Broths. The drop-off location is the AMS Commons.

Concord Road School "Just One" Food Drive

The Annual CRS Food Drive has begun and will be collecting food until November 22. There are suggestions for donations, so please click on the image below to find out how you can support the food drive.





Animal Shelter Blanket Drive

Bring blankets, towels and sheets to help rescue dogs! Please leave donations in the AMS Commons.

AHS Key Club's Thanksgiving Food Drive

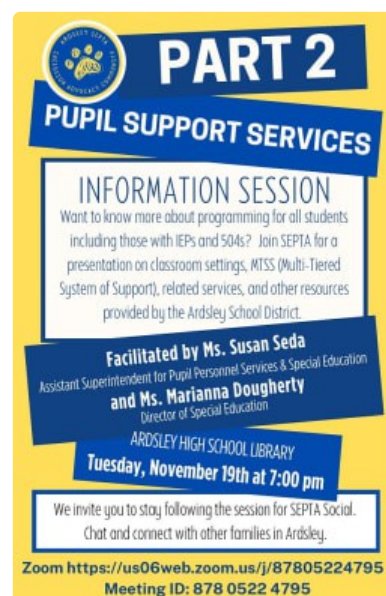
Donate food for the Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry until November 22 in boxes at the front entrance. Check out the flyer to see suggested food items for each grade.



Upcoming Supporting Organizations Events

Pupil Support Services Information Session Part 2

Come to the AHS Library on November 19 at 7 PM for a Pupil Support Services Information Session.



Freshman vs. Sophomores Kick Off For Kindness Co-ed Flag Football

Sign up to participate in Kick Off for Kindness on November 24, 12 - 3 PM, location TBD. \$30 per player, includes t-shirt, water and snacks. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Feeding Westchester.

KICK OFF FOR KINDNESS
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024
 12PM TO 3PM
 LOCATION TBD

FRESHMEN VS SOPHOMORES

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE?!

TEAMS WILL BE SPLIT BY CLASS AND COMPETE IN A TOURNAMENT WITH A CHAMPIONSHIP GAME!

\$30 PER PLAYER INCLUDES TSHIRT, WATER, SNACKS & A PORTION OF PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO FEEDING WESTCHESTER.

LINK TO SIGN [HTTPS://KICKOFF-FOR-KINDNESS.CHEDDARUP.COM](https://kickoff-for-kindness.cheddarup.com)

HOSTED BY ACES AT AHS
 QUESTIONS? ACESATAHS@ARDSLEYCOMMUNITYENRICHMENT.ORG

Winter Coat Drive

18-29 November 2024

DROP OFF LOCATION - CRS

Collecting fall and winter coats in all sizes infant through adult.
 All coats should be clean and in wearable condition.
 All donations will be taken to the Sharing Shelf in Port Chester.

More information: www.sharingshelf.org

Winter Coat Drive

The PTSA is sponsoring a winter coat drive November 18 - 29 to collect donations for fall and winter coats in all sizes, from infants to adults. All coats should be clean and in wearable condition and dropped off at CRS. All donations will go to The Sharing Shelf in Port Chester.

With Thanksgiving around the corner,

THANK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER WITH A TEACHER TRIBUTE

Starting at \$25, the money raised will support the **Ardsley Education Foundation**

The AEF is a 501(c)(3) organization whose goal is to raise funds to support academic and cultural enrichment for children in Ardsley schools. In recent years, we have purchased 32 computers, iPads, a homestead club, Grant Day, used cars, raised major systems, sound systems and more!

To find out more or to purchase, go to: www.ArdsleyEducationFoundation.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:
 AEF Annual Gala: April 25
 AEF Online Auction: April 28-May 6

Thank a Teacher with a Tribute

With Thanksgiving around the corner, thank your child's teacher with a teacher tribute - starting at \$25, the money raised will support the Ardsley Education Foundation.

Get Ready for the 7th and 8th Grade Turkey Bowl

7th and 8th Grade Turkey Bowl: Co-ed Flag Football Games on Thursday, November 28, 9- 11 AM, Pascone Park. \$25 per player, including hot chocolate, water and bagels. Hosted by the Ardsley Community Enrichment. [Sign up here!](#)



Pre-Order A Candy or Flower Bouquet for Winter Concerts

Ardasley Music Partners is offering a preorder option to help you celebrate your young musicians at the upcoming winter concerts. Order your flower or candy bouquet or a single bloom!



Sign up K-4th graders for Play Palooza

ACES is sponsoring a fun drop-off event where students K through 4th grade will enjoy games, crafts, Lego building, face painting, and a screening of Elf with drinks and snacks on December 6, 7 - 9PM at the AHS Cafeteria. The cost is \$25 per student. Spots are limited—sign up today!

Events Happening in our Local Area

Breakfast with Santa

Meet with Santa on Saturday, December 7, 2024

between 9am - 1pm

A.F. Veteran Park

click on photo for registration



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 7, 2024
 9AM to 1:00PM
 A.F. Veteran Park
 (Gerard J Byrns Center, 11 Olympic Ln., Ardsley)

Breakfast includes:
 Pancakes, milk, muffins, fruit,
 juice and coffee.
 Children visit with
 Santa and his helpers.

*We will take photos with
 Santa and your child
 and email them to you.*

*Pre-registration Fee: \$7 per person
 (children under 2 free)*
*Registration begins 11/4 Residents/
 11/12 Non-Res. in person or online at
 greenburghny.com/parks*

*Deadline for advance sales 12/6/24
 Day of event: \$18 per person (if available)*
*All proceeds will be donated to
 Support the community service projects
 of Hartsdale/Greenburgh Rotary*
 ~See reverse side for registration form~

Presented by:
 The Hartsdale/Greenburgh Rotary Club
 Co-sponsored by:
 The Greenburgh Parks & Recreation Dept.




Stay Connected

www.ardsleyschools.org

