

ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Winter Update

Dear Arrow Families,

As we head into January, we hope your family had a great break. Many of the things contained in our newsletter are important for planning, not just for the next few months of winter, but for next year as well. In January, we begin our meetings with students and parents to present their schedule options for next year.

Counselors follow up on those presentations by meeting with students to go over questions and finalize their schedule requests for next year. We encourage you to investigate all the options Ashland High School and our partner schools may have in store for your student.

On January 10th, our first semester will come to a close, and we'll begin our second semester.

Mr. Packard

Important Dates

- January 6th - School Resumes following break
- January 10th - End of 1st Semester
- January 15th - College Credit Plus Info Night 6 PM
- January 16th - 8th to 9th Grade Parent Scheduling Night 6 PM
- January 18th - Winter Formal 7-10 PM at AHS
- January 20th - Martin Luther King Day - No School
- February 5th - Winter Athletic Signing Day
- February 12th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 12th - FAFSA Workshop for Parents - Kiva - 5:30 PM
- February 12th - Honors Diploma/Grad Req. - Little Theatre - 6:30 PM
- February 17th - President's Day - No School
- February 25th - ACT Test for All Juniors at AHS - 7:40 AM
- March 13th - End of the 3rd Grading Period
- March 14th - Teacher Day - No school for Students
- March 17th-March 21st - Ashland High School Spring Break
- March 26th - Spring Meet the Team Night 7 PM at AHS
- April 18th - Teacher Exchange Day/No School
- April 21st - Teacher Trade Day/No School
- May 26th - Memorial Day - No School
- May 29th - Last Student Day
- May 31st - Graduation

Winter Formal Dance

On January 18th, 2025, Ashland High School will host a formal dance at AHS from 7-10 PM. There is no need for parents to spend money on new dresses or clothes. The old ones are fine!

Students who wish to bring guests who are not Ashland High School students should pick up a guest form in the main office and turn that in when they purchase tickets. Guests must be high school students under 21 years old. Students may only bring 1 guest. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold online the week prior to the dance and will be available at the door.

College Credit Plus (CCP) Info Night

What: An informational meeting for any student interested in taking a College Credit Plus class from Ashland University, OSU-Mansfield, or North Central State College during the 2025-2026 school year. This includes CCP classes at AHS and on local campuses. The information at this meeting is required for all students who plan to take college classes next year.

Where: The program will be on Wed., Jan. 15th at 6:00 PM in the AHS Little Theater .

Why: It is essential that interested students understand what they need to do in terms of admission requirements, online applications, and deadlines they must meet in order to be eligible for CCP courses. **Required letter of intent to participate in CCP is due April 1**

Important Dates for CCP

Students may need a college readiness test to determine if they can be placed into specific courses (i.e. English Composition and College Algebra). The Accuplacer is a college-readiness test that will be given four times at AHS on the dates below. Testing will be 2nd period - Arrow Time and students must have applied to North Central State College CCP at least one week prior to testing. The first attempt at testing is free.

Accuplacer Dates at AHS for Spring 2025

Wednesday, February 19 / Friday, March 7 / Friday, March 28 / Monday, April 7

Required CCP Letter of Intent for 2025-26 School Year: Due to AHS Guidance by April 1

Paying for College (FAFSA) Night

We will be offering a "Paying for College" presentation for ALL interested college-bound seniors and their parents/guardians on February 12th at 5:30 in the KIVA (Media Center).

Important information about local scholarships and financial aid options will be reviewed, and representatives from Ashland University and the Ashland County Community Foundation will be available to share specific information and answer questions.

AU financial aid reps will also be able to answer questions about the FAFSA and assist in it's completion/submission for ANY senior (regardless of chosen university). FAFSA submission is often required for student eligibility for both merit and need-based awards.

Ashland High School Counselor Contacts

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Scheduling for 2025-2026

In mid-January we begin the scheduling process for the 2025-2026 school year. This will involve our counselors presenting course information to our students the week of January 20th. Course registration sheets for next year are due the following week on January 31st, and counselors will then begin working with students on their schedules as well as planning for graduation pathways, careers, and college.

Course Registration Information for Parents

We encourage our parents to be involved in the process of helping students pick their courses for the following year. This process will begin at the end of January and continue through the end of March as students meet with their counselors to hear presentations and pick their courses for 2025-2026.

Scheduling presentations are available online for parents to view at their convenience, as is our Program of Studies, which has course details as well as valuable information about graduation requirements and college credit plus. This information can be found on our guidance website: <https://bit.ly/ahsguidance>



JUNIORS

January 17th Scheduling presentations during Arrow Time
January 24th 11th grade scheduling forms (signed by parents) are due

SOPHOMORES

January 21st Scheduling presentations during Arrow Time
January 31st 10th grade scheduling forms (signed by parents) are due

FRESHMEN

January 23rd Scheduling presentations during Arrow Time
January 31st 9th grade scheduling forms (signed by parents) are due

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INFORMATION

January 15th CCP college information night at 6pm
The spring Accuplacer is offered 2/19, 3/7, and 3/28 and 4/7 starting in Arrow Time

Honors Diploma Requirements for the class of 2026 and Beyond

Last year Ohio changed its requirements for honors diplomas to include a seal requirement along with the option of a student strength demonstration. The requirements are viewable in our program of studies by the end of January.

Our guidance department will host a presentation for parents on these requirements and our current graduation requirements for parents on the evening of February 12th at 6:30 PM in the Little Theater.



ACT Testing

Juniors: All juniors (including juniors at the Career Center, full-time CCP students, etc.) will be taking the ACT college admissions test here at AHS during the school day on Tuesday, February 25th unless they turned in the opt-out form in December. This is a free test for all juniors at AHS. Students will register for the test at school with their counselor See your school counselor if you have any questions.

Other Testing Dates: For all other National ACT test opportunities, students must register and pay for themselves online at www.actstudent.org

February 8th (register online by January 3rd)

April 5th (register online by February 28th)

June 14th (register online by May 9th)

July 12th (register online by June 6th)

Looking for Scholarships?

Many scholarships are available to help you pay for college. Many become available during the months of January, February, and March. Be sure to check the [Ashland High School Guidance webpage](#) for the most recent updates or follow the QR code below.



The best local group of scholarships can be found by browsing the Ashland County Community Foundation Scholarship listed here: <https://ashlandforgood.org/scholarships/>

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WWW.ASHLANDFORGOOD.ORG



Chromebooks

Students have done a great job remembering their Chromebooks each day. Please continue to remind them to charge them at home so they are ready for school. If a student's Chromebook becomes damaged or is not functioning, please have them bring it to the Kiva during Arrow Time. AHS will do one free damage repair for students throughout the year, but repairs after that are billed to student accounts.

Parking Passes

All students who drive and wish to park in the student parking lot must purchase a parking pass. This applies to CCP and part-time AHS students as well. **At the beginning of second semester these are pro-rated to \$5 for students.** *Students may not park in the staff parking lot, designated visitor spaces, or painted reserved senior spaces.*

Attendance

Detailed Attendance Guidelines for Ashland High School can be found in our handbook beginning on page 5. Please remember if your student will be absent to call the Attendance Office at 419-289-7968 ext. 3309

Medical Appointments

If your student will be absent due to a medical appointment, please be sure to have the doctor's office write an excuse for that day so that the absence will not count against their total hours missed.

Participation in an organized team/extracurricular activity requires that the student be in attendance for a full day on the day of the scheduled activity. A full day is determined by the time a student "arrives at" or "leaves from" school. To be eligible, a student must arrive by 9:15 a.m. If leaving early, the student must arrive on time and leave no sooner than 1:00 p.m.

Podcasts

Our Arrow Media students have been working hard on podcasts that tell the story of good things going on in our district. Search for Arrow Media Podcasts on Spotify or wherever you listen to your podcasts for our latest episodes.



Work Permits

Students who are between the ages of 14-17 and have obtained after school jobs will need a work permit signed by the school. Work permits are available in the AHS Main Office. Students should fill out the top portion of the permit, then have their employer fill out the bottom part. They may also need a physical from their physician. After these parts are completed, they can return the form to AHS and we will issue the work permit.

Extracurricular Eligibility

In order to be eligible, students must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent, have at least a 1.5 GPA and have no more than 1 F on their report card.

Students who have between a 1.5 and 1.8 GPA will remain eligible but will be placed on probation during the following grading period and may be required to meet regularly with their Arrow Time teacher.

February 21st - Deadline for senior photos—3:00 PM; submit to ahsguide@goarrows.org (physical pictures are NOT accepted)

- Pictures not submitted by this deadline **will not** be included in the senior section of the yearbook. Submit senior photos in .jpg OR .jpeg format.
- Direct all questions pertaining to the yearbook & senior picture submission to Mrs. Nikki Fisher OR Mr. Rich Wasowski, yearbook advisors, using ahsguide@goarrows.org

Tuesday, March 4 Pioneer Career Center Jostens Delivery (tentative)

Wednesday, April 1 AHS Jostens Delivery Date (caps, gowns, announcements)

- Payment in full is required at the time of pick-up. Payment must be in the form of cash or money order...no checks!
- Items may be picked up in the basketball concession stand during all two lunch periods, or in the main office afterwards.

Wednesday, April 2 ACWHCC Jostens Delivery (tentative)

Friday, April 25 Senior Recognition ads AND yearbook orders are due to the Guide by 3 PM and yearbook orders are due.

Monday, May 19 Senior Social/Sunset Viewing, after Scholar Recognition Night, 8:00ish.

Wednesday, May 28 Farewell Assembly Practice, 12:45-2:35 AHS Gym

- Seniors who are planning to participate in the Farewell Assembly must attend practice

Thursday, May 29 Farewell Assembly, 8:00 AM AHS Gym

- Seniors report to Archer by 7:40 am in order to robe

Thursday, May 29 Graduation Practice, 12:00-2:30, AHS Gym

You must attend practice to participate in the ceremony

Friday, May 30 Baccalaureate, 7:00 pm at Grace Church

- Participation is voluntary
- Graduates are to report to the church chapel by 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 31 Graduation, 10:00 am, Community Stadium OR 7:00 pm

- In the case of inclement weather, graduation will be held in Arrow Arena at Ashland High School; tickets required for entry to Arrow Arena; ceremony broadcast to Archer Auditorium
- If weather conditions are questionable for an outdoor ceremony, information will be posted on the website, and communicated via Twitter and Remind

Important Names and Contact Information

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Yearbook Questions ahsguide@goarrows.org

Walsworth Yearbooks yearbookforever.com

Arrows in Action



Members of Ashland High School's Community Service Club put on a toy drive for the community the week of December 9th. Thank you to all who donated their time and toys to make Christmas a little merrier for families in our community.

Congratulations to our Fall Esports Supersmash Brothers team of Scottie Wade, Atticus Zickefoose, Brenden Sponsler, and Ethan Kamp on their State Championship!



Ashland High School Floral Design students spent time learning how to make beautiful seasonal centerpieces with the help of Mary Cox from Floral Garden Florist in Ashland.



Communication

Clear communication with our parents and students is very important. At Ashland High School we regularly use our Bloomz app, school newsletters, and our website to communicate important updates.

Parents will find a link to Final Forms posted on our website as well. Final Forms is an online system that allows parents to submit forms more quickly and directly. Whenever you have a change to contact information or your address, please take a moment to update that in Final Forms as well.

The link for Final Forms is: <https://goarrows-oh.finalforms.com/>

Other channels of communication are as follows:

Ashland High School Website

<http://www.ashlandcityschools.org/hs>

Twitter

Athletics: @ArrowsAD

Instagram

Mr. Paramore - arrows_supt.goarrows

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Ashland City Schools YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/c/AshlandCitySchoolsOH/videos>

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