

ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

Arrow Families,

We hope you enjoyed a great spring break with your family. There are lots of important pieces of information you'll want to make sure you know as we head into the end of the year. Please be sure to check our information on the end of the school year schedule later on in the newsletter. If you have a fall athlete, it is a good time to remind them that their extracurricular eligibility for fall depends on this 9 weeks. For our seniors, we want them to finish strong and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments with you on May 31st

Go Arrows!

Mr. Packard

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.

The 4th 9 week grading period determines eligibility for extracurricular activities in the fall.

Upcoming Dates

March 31st - April 4th - Caring and Sharing Week
 April 2nd - Human Trafficking Presentation to 11th graders
 April 3rd - Dangers of Stalking presentation to 12th graders

April 8th & 9th - State Testing in ELA

April 10th - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 7 PM

April 13th - Last day to purchase Prom Tickets
(Prom tickets are only available online)

April 15th - State Testing in American History

April 15th - State Testing in Government

April 16th and 17th - State Testing in Biology

April 18th - Good Friday (No School)

April 21st - Teacher Exchange Day (No School)

April 24th and 25th - State Testing in Algebra I

April 26th - AHS Prom and Post-Prom

April 29th and 30th - State Testing in Geometry

May 1st - AHS Orchestra Concert 7 PM

May 2nd - Ashland City Schools Art Show

May 2nd - Visual Performing Arts Signing Day 3 PM

May 3rd - Ashland City Schools Art Show

May 4th - Ashland City Schools Art Show

May 4th - AHS Band Art Show Concert 2 PM

May 8th - Career Exploration Day grades 9, 11, & 12

May 9th - Mandatory Senior Class Meeting 7:40 AM

May 10th - May Fiesta - 2 PM and 7 PM Performances

May 17th - Jazz Band Big Band Dance

May 19th - Scholar Recognition Night 7 PM AHS Gym

May 26th - Memorial Day (No School)

May 29th - Last Student Day

May 29th - AHS Farewell Assembly

May 29th - District Early Release Day

May 31st - Graduation at Community Stadium 10 AM

***State Testing dates will be 2-hour delay days for students who are not testing in that**

Prom 2025

Date - April 26, 2025

Location - Ashland University Convocation Center

Grand March - 6:00 PM at Archer Auditorium

Grand March will be open for spectators. Students should plan on arriving at 5:30 to check in and line up. Going to Grand March is optional and students may choose to go directly to the dinner portion of prom if they wish. Grand March is free.

Dinner - 7:00 PM at Ashland University's Convocation Center

Dinner will be catered by Ashland University at the Convocation Center. Doors will open at 7:00 PM for students to check in with their tickets. Dinner will be served at approximately 7:30 PM when most of our guests have checked in and found their seats. **Please remember that only AHS juniors or seniors or their guests who are juniors, seniors, or recent graduates under 21 years of age may attend prom.**

The Dance - 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM

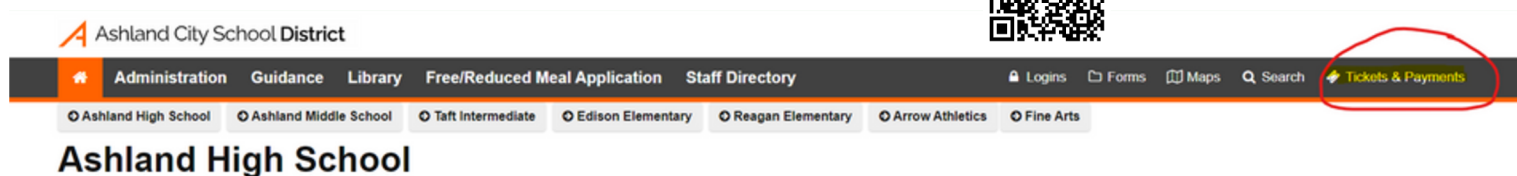
The dance portion of Prom will also be held at Ashland University's Convocation Center. The dance will last from approximately 8 PM to 11:00 PM. **Students bringing a guest must have filled out and turned in the guest form or their guest will not be allowed into the dance.** Students may leave before 11 PM, but will need to sign out as they leave and will not be able to re-enter the dance if they choose to leave. Any student needing something from their vehicle may ask a chaperone to accompany them.

Post-Prom 11:30 PM to 2 AM at the AHS Fieldhouse

Post-Prom will begin at 11:30 PM in the Ashland High School Fieldhouse. Our junior parents organization does a fantastic job of creating a fun atmosphere of games, food, and amazing prizes. Students may leave before 2 AM **but may not re-enter once they have left.** Juniors and Seniors from AHS who did not attend the dance portion of Prom are still welcome to attend post-prom. Post prom is free.

Ticket Sales

Prom tickets can be purchased online this year. They are **only on sale through April 13th.** To purchase them go to www.ashlandcityschools.org and click on the tickets and payments link on the far right. (see below) or follow the QR code.



Mr. Parsons will be available to help with online purchases on the following dates:

April 7th 2:45 to 3:30 PM at Ashland High School
 April 8th 2:45 to 3:30 PM at Ashland High School
 April 8th 7:30 to 8:20 AM at the Ashland County Career Center
 April 9th 7:30 to 8:20 AM at the Ashland County Career Center

April 25th - Senior Recognition Ads due to the Guide by 3:00 PM and yearbook orders are due.

May 9th - Senior Class Meeting at AHS at 7:45 AM in Archer

May 19th - Senior Social following Scholar Recognition Night (8:00ish PM)

May 28th - Farewell Assembly Practice 12:20 to 2:30 - (**Required if participating**) - AHS Gym
Fees & Obligations must be paid and Chromebook & charger returned to participate in practice

May 29th - Farewell Assembly at AHS - 8:00 AM - Graduates report to Archer by 7:40 AM
Students should wear their cap and gown over business-casual clothes.

May 29th - Senior Farewell Bus Tour to elementary/middle Schools leaves at 9:50 AM

May 29th - Graduation Practice 12:15 to 2:30 PM (**Required if participating in graduation ceremony**)

May 30th - Baccalaureate at Grace Church 7 PM (optional) Graduates Report by 6:30 PM

May 31st - Graduation Ceremony - 10 AM (Livestreamed on ACS YouTube Channel) **See specific info below.**

Graduation

Graduation for the class of 2025 will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, May 31st. If there are unfavorable weather conditions on Saturday at 10 AM, we will move to our backup time of 7 PM. At that time if weather conditions are favorable, we will hold our ceremony outdoors in Community Stadium. If conditions are unfavorable, the ceremony will be moved to the Ashland High School Gym. There is no limit to guests for an outdoor graduation; however, if weather conditions force us indoors, each graduate will be given four tickets to distribute to their guests. The ceremony will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel as well.

Time and Location

Saturday, May 31st

10:00 AM at Community Stadium

7:00 PM at Community Stadium (backup time if there is inclement weather at 10:00 AM)

OR

7:00 PM at Arrow Arena (AHS GYM) if inclement weather. If graduation is inside each student will be limited to 4 tickets for the gym, but there will be overflow seating in Archer Auditorium.

The following conditions must be met in order for students to participate in the Ashland High School commencement ceremony:

- All curricular graduation requirements met
- All fees and obligations paid
- Chromebook and charger must be returned
- The student must have attended the AHS Graduation practice

Career Exploration for Juniors

9th, 11th, and 12th Grade Students at Ashland High School will be traveling to the Ashland University Niss Athletic Center on the morning of May 8th to take place in the Destination Career Event sponsored by Junior Achievement. Students will have the opportunity to participate in hands on demonstrations of many different careers in Ashland County and gain insight into what opportunities are available to them in our area both as students and later on as adults.

Nationally Renowned Speaker at AHS

On Friday, March 28th AHS students will have the opportunity to listen to author and nationally renowned speaker Kim Phuc talk about her experiences during the Vietnam War. She will share her personal story of survival, the enduring impact of war, and the profound power of forgiveness. Her insights will offer us valuable lessons on overcoming adversity in our own lives.

Keeping our School Community Safe

Later this spring we will be giving presentations aimed at informing our upperclassmen about two important safety issues. As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and well-being, Ashland Safe Haven will be conducting sessions on the dangers of human trafficking and stalking during Arrow Time. The dates of the presentations are below:

Human Trafficking in Ohio 11th graders - April 2nd during Arrow Time

Stalking - Know It, Name It, Stop It 12th graders - 3rd during Arrow Time

These presentations will equip our students with insights and strategies to recognize, prevent, and respond to these threats. Ensuring the safety of our students remains our top priority, and these sessions are invaluable to preparing our students to stay safe.

We encourage all parents to discuss these topics with their children and reinforce the importance of staying informed and vigilant. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in keeping our school community safe.

If for some reason, you would object to your child attending these presentations, please call our main office at 419-289-7968 and let us know you would like your student to be excused from them.



End of the Year Schedule

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Monday, May 19th	Tuesday, May 20th	Wednesday, May 21st	Thursday, May 22nd	Friday, May 23rd
Regular "A" Schedule Scholar Recognition Night AHS Senior Social following scholar recognition night 8-10 PM	AHS Awards Assembly Special Schedule	Regular "A" Schedule	Regular "A" Schedule <i>Seniors will take their 5th period exam.</i>	2nd Period 7:40 - 9:25 (Grades 9-12) 6th Period 9:40 - 11:25 (Grades 9-12) Lunch 11:30 to 12:15 Early Release 12:25 to 2:35
Monday May 26th	Tuesday, May 27th	Wednesday May 28th	Thursday, May 29th	Friday, May 30th
Memorial Day No School	3rd Period 7:40 - 9:25 (Grades 9-12) 4th Period 9:40 - 11:25 (Grades 9-12) Lunch 11:30 to 12:15 Early Release 12:25 - 2:35 Senior Chromebook & Charger Return (Kiva) 9:30 AM to 2:35 PM	1st Period 7:40 - 9:25 (Grades 9-12) 7th Period 9:40 - 11:25 (Grades 9-12) Lunch 11:30 to 12:15 Early Release 12:25 - 2:35 Chromebook & Charger Return (Kiva) 9:30 AM to 2:35 PM Farewell Assembly Practice (Seniors) 12:20 -2:35 PM	Farewell Assembly 7:40 to 9:25 AM Senior Bus Tour 9:50 AM 5th Period 9:40 - 11:25 Lunch 11:30 to 12:00 Arrow Time 12:00 to 12:35 Early Release - 12:35 Chromebook & Charger Return (Kiva) 9:30 AM to 2:35 PM Graduation Practice for Seniors. 12:15 to 2:30 PM Student Last Day	Baccalaureate 7 PM @ Grace Church

The AHS End of the Year Schedule is designed to provide flexible learning options to meet the needs of our students as they finish up the year. Some classes may have exams while other classes may use it as a cumulative learning experience or to have an opportunity to accomplish more in class with a longer bell schedule.

Seniors

Senior Exams begin on May 22nd for 5th period. Seniors will take exams with the rest of the student body for periods 1,2,3,4, 6, & 7. The last day in class for seniors is May 28th. **If they are participating in Farewell Assembly or Graduation they are required to be here for the practices for both events.** All fees and obligations must be paid to participate in graduation ceremonies.

All Students

Must be in attendance during times they are scheduled for class. Students may leave after 11:25 on May 23rd - 29th only if they have turned in the Dismissal Authorization Form. Students may also opt out of study hall time during these days providing they have filled out the Dismissal Authorization Form.

Students not present at Ashland High School during the school day are expected to not be on any ACS properties during the hours of 7:40 AM to 3 PM. This includes the Fieldhouse, Stadium, Ashland Middle School and all Ashland elementary schools.

Early Release Time

Students are encouraged to stay at AHS on May 23rd - 29th to make up missing work or exams from 12:20 to 2:35 PM. Any student staying on campus will be monitored in their Arrow Time classrooms during that time. Buses will run at their normal times. Any student needing transportation home will need to stay at Ashland High School during this time as buses will run on a regular schedule. The exception to this is May 29th where it is a whole district early release day and buses will run home at 12:35 PM

Farewell Assembly

Following our Farewell Assembly in the gym students will return to homeroom to watch the end of the year video. All students are expected to attend Farewell Assembly on Thursday. Students without a 5th period exam may leave at 9:30 following our arrow time period. Students who do not have a ride home will be supervised in the cafeteria until 12:35.

Chromebook and Charger Return

All student Chromebooks and their chargers must be returned before students leave for the summer. Senior Chromebooks must be returned before they may participate in Farewell Assembly or our Graduation Ceremony. Chromebooks and chargers that are not returned will be added to the student's obligation as a charge.

Ashland High School

Dismissal Authorization Form

End of the Year Schedule 2025

Turn in to your 1st period Teacher or the Main Office by 5/21/2025

Student Name _____

Student grade: 9 10 11 12

My student has permission to have early dismissal at 11:25 AM on the following days
(circle all that apply)

May 23rd, 2025

May 27th, 2025

May 28th, 2025

May 29th, 2025

My student has permission to opt out of their study hall during the end of the year schedule from May 23rd to May 29th. Their study hall is _____period.

I understand that my child must arrange for transportation from school and that once they have left school grounds parents/guardians are responsible for their safety on the days and times above. I also understand that it is not mandatory for students to leave school on these days and that supervision will be provided in a study hall setting in the afternoon. Students who have failing grades in any subject are highly encouraged to stay and spend time working in those classes.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Recognizing Arrow Excellence

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Wrestling



Drayston Martin - State Qualifier

Max Ohl - State Qualifier

Guardian Miller - 4th Place Individual

Mason Bauer - 3rd Place Individual

Indoor Track

Dakota Kruty - State Qualifier in Triple Jump & Long Jump

Vivian Walter - State Qualifier in 60m hurdles



Boys Bowling Wins State!



Back Row

Coach Rhine

Mike McKinney

Landon Dreibelbis

Coach Brown

1st Row

Adam Reynolds

Luke Rhine

Max Oeken(All Ohio)

Brantyn Long

Competition Cheer Team

12 years in a row as State Qualifiers



State Qualifiers - Diving

Owen Lemon - 4 time state qualifier

Altin Rowland - 2 time state qualifier

Francesca Rupsis - State qualifier



End of the Year Chromebook Return

All student Chromebooks and chargers must be returned at the end of the year.

For Seniors: Chromebooks and chargers must be returned prior to practicing for Farewell Assembly on Thursday May 28th at 12:20. Seniors may begin turning in their Chromebooks and chargers Tuesday, May 27th at 9:30 AM

For 9th-11th Graders: Underclassmen may begin turning in their Chromebooks and chargers on May 28th at 11:25 and May 29th beginning at 9:30 AM

Students should not turn in Chromebooks unless they are completely done with them for classes.

Chromebooks or chargers that are not returned will be automatically charged to the student's account as an obligation beginning on Tuesday, June 3rd

Parent Survey

Parents and guardians, we value your input on our building climate and culture and would like for you to tell us how we're doing by taking a brief moment to complete this annual survey. Please follow the link or scan the QR code to get started.

<https://forms.gle/2coyy2Fm1aYv5Qh76>



Summer School Process

For students interested in summer school, information is now available. Ashland High School partners with TRECA to offer students a wide variety of course options. Parents and students should be aware that some courses are only offered as credit recovery options.

1. Look over available courses and fill out the AHS Credit Flexibility Course Application
2. Turn in Course Application form to your school counselor*
3. Register with TRECA prior to their deadline. (see forms)**

*Turn in your Credit Flexibility Form to have it approved before registering online.

**Turning in your course application form to AHS does not automatically register you for the class. You must do this online with TRECA

Ashland High School Summer School Policy

To help Ashland students who want to earn credits over the summer, Ashland High School will accept summer school high school credit from various accredited online summer school programs. All registration and payments should be completed through the summer school provider of your student's choice. **If your student chooses to take online summer school classes, please complete the credit flexibility form on the next page and return it to the AHS Guidance Office by mail or email.**

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Below is the contact information for TRECA online summer school, an online summer school program that AHS students have successfully used in the past. Also provided is a list of the most commonly taken TRECA Summer School classes. **The deadline to register is June 3rd by 11:59 PM and opens on April 2nd.** Classes will begin on June 9th and must be completed by August 4th at 11:59 PM.

TRECA Website:

<https://treca.org/summer>

1-888-828-4798 ext 1149

Cost for each class is \$95 per ½ credit course. Students taking multiple courses will need to register for **all** courses prior to June 3rd.

Ashland High School Course	TRECA Summer School Equivalent
Algebra I (Credit recovery only)	Algebra IA and/or Algebra IB
American Government	Government
American History (Credit recovery only)	American History A and/or American History B
Biology (Credit Recovery only)	Biology A and/or Biology B
Economics	Economics
English 9 (Credit recovery only)	English 9A and/or English 9B
English 10 (Credit recovery only)	English 10A and/or English 10B
Financial Literacy ((Required for class of 2026 and younger)	Financial Literacy
Geometry (Credit recovery only)	Geometry A and/or Geometry B
Health	Health
Physical Education	Physical Education
Physical Science (Credit recovery only)	Physical Science A and/or Physical Science B
World History (Credit recovery only)	World History A and/or World History B

Credit Flexibility – Course Application (Summer 2024)

This form must be returned to the AHS Guidance office prior to registering for a summer course through any online provider, outside district, or college/university in order for credit to be approved.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____
Parent email address: _____
Name of Course Provider (i.e. TRECA): _____
Course Title: _____ Amount of credit: _____
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Credit Flexibility – Course Commitments and Acknowledgements

Classes provided through credit flexibility offer Ashland High School students a chance to earn credits outside of what is offered by Ashland High School. Students and parents must understand and agree to the following terms before enrolling in a summer program.

- Students and parents realize that while Ashland High School may accept the courses above for credit, AHS is not responsible for any technical or other issues that arise in the summer. Any issues must be resolved directly with the course provider.
- Students and parents are responsible for having their grades sent to the AHS Guidance office when the course has been completed. **Grades will count on the student's high school transcript.**
- Online courses count toward a student's credits for the purposes of graduation, but students planning on participating in college level athletics should know that they may **not count** toward their NCAA or NAIA eligibility.

To the parents/guardians of the student submitting a credit flexibility application:

Please read and discuss the above policies with your student. Your signature indicates that you have read and agree to the policies set forth above by Ashland High School.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent signature: _____ Date: _____