



Tiger Tracks

June 2024

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Akron Central School District acknowledges that we gather on the traditional lands of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation and honor the sovereignty of all of the members of the Haudenosaunee. We honor the contributions of the Indigenous Peoples and will make a commitment to honor the land of those who have walked before us.

A message from the Principals:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the school year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past months and express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership. This year has been filled with remarkable achievements, growth, and memorable experiences for our students.

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Village Department of Public Works for installing all of our 2024 Senior Banners. Your support is very much appreciated and I know our seniors and their families feel the same. Thank you!

This past month, 5 seniors took part in our 1st ever offering of the seal of Civic Readiness. The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition by New York State that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, skills, civic mindset, and civic experiences. Congratulations Emily Fox, Kuuchut Grijalva, Ashlee Henning, Elexis Mitten, and Hailey Reigle.

Finally, as we wrap up the 2023-2024 school year there have been additional correspondences shared with families referencing "[May letter](#)," "[Regents Week Exam schedules](#)," and "[Graduation Letter \(Class of 2024\)](#)". Students are expected to clean their lockers out by the end of the day on June 11th. Textbooks can be returned to teachers before the start of Regents Week or directly to teachers on their exam day. Beginning June 12th, only students scheduled for an exam should be in the building during their specified exam time. Transportation will continue to be available at regular arrival time, in addition to regular dismissal time (2:35pm;3:30pm). If students are taking a morning exam and need transportation home, they will report to the MPR immediately following the conclusion of that morning exam. Transportation will be available to take those students home. Summer school will be held on July 9th-August 15th and specific courses are to be determined.

We are excited about the upcoming school year and the opportunities it will bring. Our dedicated staff is already planning innovative and engaging programs to ensure that our students continue to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Please keep an eye on your email and our school website for updates and important information over the summer. We also encourage you to follow our social media channels to stay connected with the latest news and events. Once again, thank you for your partnership and trust. Wishing you and your family a safe, enjoyable, and restful summer break. Nya:wêh and Go Tigers!



Please adhere to the expectations sent out in the graduation letter when decorating your graduation cap. Failure to follow these expectations will result in the removal of the cap at the ceremony and may result in your senior not participating in Graduation. Students will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony without an Akron-issued cap and gown. Indigenous students may request to wear their complete traditional outfit to the building principal or assistant principal no later than June 2nd.

Gowns cannot be altered or decorated.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Use the link below to purchase a digital download image of your graduate with their diploma.

Images will be avail. by Sun., June 30th
<http://gretchendoktorphotography.gotphoto.com/>

Access code: akron2024

Digital Download Image is \$15. Gretchen Doktor Photography 716-864-3285

Important June Dates...

- 3-11 Quiet Campus
- 4 Music Awards Concert (7:00 pm)
- 10 MANDATORY Sr. Safety Seminars (8-11)
- 11 MP4 Ends
- 11 Awards Assem. (Special Time Order)
- 11 Senior Picnic
- 11 Last Day of Classes
- 12 BOE Meeting
- 12-13 Local Exams
- 14-25 Regents Exams
- 19 Juneteenth (NO SCHOOL)
- 21 Prom Templeton Landing (6:00-10:00)
- 26 BOE Meeting
- 28 Graduation Rehearsal (9:00 am)
- 28 Graduation (7:00 pm)





Technology News

Senior Chromebooks and chargers are due to be turned in no later than Monday, June 10, 2024. For your convenience, a table will be set up to collect both Chromebooks and chargers outside GYM 3 prior to the Mandatory Senior Safety Seminar on June 10th. Any Chromebooks or chargers not turned in will be billed to students at \$100 per Chromebook or \$20 per charger. Seniors may opt to turn their Chromebook and charger in prior to June 10th if they choose by visiting the Technology Office, Room M212.



Native American Office News

I need to reflect and show gratitude. This year has been incredibly challenging. I have had a lot of training and meetings and work days that have taken me out of my office. I had to be at BOCES so much. Some of the work included: Seneca Language Curriculum, DEI training, Racial Healing, Native American Regional Forum, Seal of Civic Readiness, National Dropout Prevention Conference, field trips, among regular meetings and training. It has been excessive. I need to send a huge, ginormous nya:weh to my students. Despite their surface-level exasperations, they have been incredibly gracious and kind. I know they don't really understand why all of my time away is important. And all of these projects may seem like I was pulled away from the very students I am supposed to be there for. Yet, I am working for the kids more than ever! I know, I know, I know it doesn't seem like it. I assure you that I see positive change and I feel change. There are so many student celebrations that I could go on and on about - individual and group. Some of my long term goals are finally being realized!! I am pleased with so many things I have seen this year!!!



The end of the school year is nearly upon us! The PTA would like to wish all of our Tigers good luck on final exams, and extend all of our best wishes to our Class of 2024 graduates as they embark on a new chapter. With graduation in mind, the PTA is once again excited to be able to sponsor The Crystal Tiger Scholarship of \$1000 to a graduating senior. Have a great summer, Tigers!



The Class of 2024 is continuing to plan the Senior Picnic and this year's Prom at Templeton Landing on June 21st. Tickets are \$45 and are available through June 7th. Thank you to everyone who has contributed throughout the school year. Go Tigers!



Safety & Security Zone

We made it! Though school is almost out for summer, it is important to stay on track and prepare yourself and your kiddos for whatever path is next for them.

June is National Safety Month:

This is just one month to observe ways to keep yourself and others safe, but safety is important all year around.

Ways to be, and stay prepared include:

Have a house plan, know what to do in the event of a natural disaster, fire, medical event, or any other emergency.

- * Have a first aid kit readily accessible
- * Take a CPR class
- * Take a defensive driving course (it also saves on vehicle insurance too!)
- * Know/learn how to change a tire
- * Open communication is important in any situation

Enjoy the summer! Go Tigers!

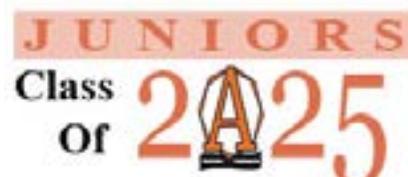


Excitement is always in the air as we make it to the end of another school year. Congratulations go out to the Class of 2024! We wish you much success in your future endeavors. Seniors, we remind you to enjoy all the fun events while balancing academics to finish on a strong note.

All students are reminded to continue to work hard until the school year is over. Final exams are an important part of your final grade. Please take the time to study and do all that you can to ensure successful completion. Your course selections have been processed for the upcoming 24-25 school year. Further scheduling information will be forthcoming as we approach our next academic year.

Emergency Forms for the 2024-2025 school year will be mailed home to parents the first week of June. You are asked to please review, revise if needed, sign, and return to Secretary Mrs. Jones in the Student Support Office.

Have a wonderful summer!



The Junior class is looking forward to starting to plan and prepare for next year's Senior events. Look out for any upcoming fundraisers the Juniors might be planning for the summer and the fall. Go Tigers!



The Tigers Den School Store will be closing after June 6 for the school year.

We look forward to seeing you at the following events/locations:

June 15 - Sidewalk Sales.

We will select tiger apparel on clearance at Market on Main, 57 Main Street.

June 28 - Graduation

We will be set up in the Auditorium Foyer with some great graduation gift ideas such as an Akron alumni shirt before the graduation ceremony.

June - July:

Market on Main will be offering school supplies (binders, notebooks, lined paper, index cards, plastic and paper three prong folders, pens, mechanical pencils, and highlighters. Save gas and help fund student scholarships by purchasing your school supplies at Market on Main.

Check the akronmarketonmain.com website in August for a new apparel design pre-sale.

The Tiger's Den school store takes debit/credit cards and Apple Pay!

Follow us @akronschoolstore on Instagram! We post updates on promotions, sampling, and everything the school store has to offer.



Akron Media Production Newsletter May 7th and 23rd

UPCOMING: Here's what to look forward to in the coming weeks!

- Senior Advice in the Hallways!
 - Sports Review episode 3 (season recap)
 - A final newsletter highlighting the best projects of the semester!
- Click on the below photos to view video's



Morgan Maggiore, Olivia Asmus, and Madelyn Monkelbaan: Akron Sports Review Ep 2. Get a recap of what has been happening on the Athletic Fields!



The Athletes of the Week for 4/22-4/26 were Kuuchut Grijalva (Track) and Ella Liss herself (Flag Football). Check out the video!



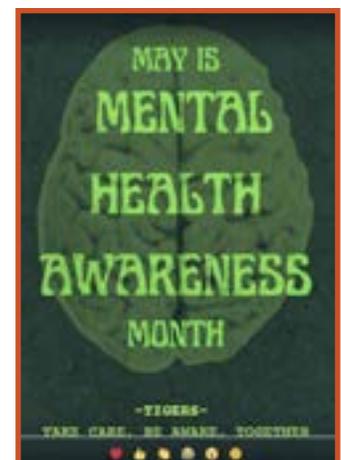
Hailey Reigle and Ella Liss: Documents Akron High School's Roswell Cancer week. This video was submitted into a competition at Roswell!



Additionally, Hailey Reigle and Ella Liss caught up with Middle Schoolers to see what they appreciate about their teachers!



Megan Wruck and Bella Bratek: Were there as the Flag Football and Softball teams raised money for cancer during their dual Strike Out Cancer/Crucial Catch night!



Peter Sokolofsky: Created the first ever Zine to come out of Media Production class. This one focuses on Mental Health! You may see some hard copies and minis around campus.



Left: Morgan Maggiore, Olivia Asmus, and Madelyn Monkelbaan: Give you some must see tips before prom! Don't forget to watch this before you attend.



April- Students of the Month

ART- Peter Sokolofsky
BAND- Emma Gerstung
BUSINESS- Julia Klodzinski
CHORUS- Rosemary Mest
ENGLISH- Kayleigh Carey
BOCES- Kaleb Hucker
HEALTH- Aron Gehl
MATH- Anthony Consiglio
ORCHESTRA- Emily Collopy
PHYS. ED- Katie Leeds
SCIENCE- Ava Fox
SOCIAL- Blake Gerstung
SPANISH- Matt Kalinowski
TECH- Noah Crockford

May- Students of the Month

ART- Kendra McConkey
BAND- Hayden Wight
BUSINESS- Willow Kumro
CHORUS- Gabe Mekarski
ENGLISH- Lilyanna Valadez
BOCES- Aleyna Susfolk
HEALTH- Daniel Snyder
MATH- Kenadee Jonathan
ORCHESTRA- Nevada Bergman
PHYS. ED- Julian Farley
SCIENCE- Devin Rodriguez
SOCIAL- Andrew Bedford
SENECA- Kitana VanPelt
TECH- Jacob Leach

Social Worker Support Center



Summer break allows us to rest and reset for the next school year. However, social emotional needs and stressors may continue to be present or may surface. Should your family or student need social emotional support, basic needs, or community resources and referrals, I will be working limited hours and will be available if needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out by phone (716) 542-5070 or email kbowen@akronk12.org.



Akron High School's top three seniors were honored at the 44th Annual Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner (SARD) held May 23, 2024, at Salvatore's. The Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association hosts the annual event that honors the outstanding educational achievement of the top three graduating seniors from public, private, and parochial schools in Erie and Niagara counties for their academic success. Attending the dinner and representing Akron Schools were Dawson Stone, Akron's valedictorian, Dylan Crockford, salutatorian, and Margaret Middaugh, who earned the third top spot in the class ranking for 2024. The students attended the dinner with Akron's Superintendent, Mrs. Andrea Kersten, High School Principal Mr. Stephen Dimitroff, and Board of Education President, Mr. Erik Polkowski.

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Student Government Officers for the 2024-2025 School Year.



Student Council

President: Ava Fox Vice President: Tony Consiglio
Secretary: Peter Sokolofsky
Treasurer: Tiana Kabangira Kipendo
Delegate: Riley Doctor

Class of 2025

Pres.: Kendall Vohwinkel Vice-Pres.: Aubri Baltzley
Secretary: James Bower Treasurer: Kayleigh Carey
Delegate: Wakinyan LaFromboise
Members-at-Large: Jamie Bower, Monica Naples

Class of 2026

Pres.: Christopher Ginestre Vice-Pres.: Ben Gerstung
Secretary: Alex Parisi Treasurer: Bruce Karmazyn
Delegate: Jackson Pragle
Members-at-large: Cara Swader, Ava Lombard, Whitley Koopman

Class of 2027

Pres.: Luke Piscitelli Vice-Pres.: Kylee Rebmann
Secretary: Madilyn Jelson Treasurer: Daniel Blask
Delegate: Samantha Crooks
Members-at-large: Alex Brandl, Austin Vandenbosch, Audrey Garverick

Class of 2028

Pres.: Hannah Liss Vice-Pres.: Adelaide Mandell
Secretary: Isis Whitmarsh Treasurer: Evan Iversen
Delegate: Sahpur Grijalva
Members-at-large: Ashley Koziej, Gabrielle Dispenza, Cassie Judge

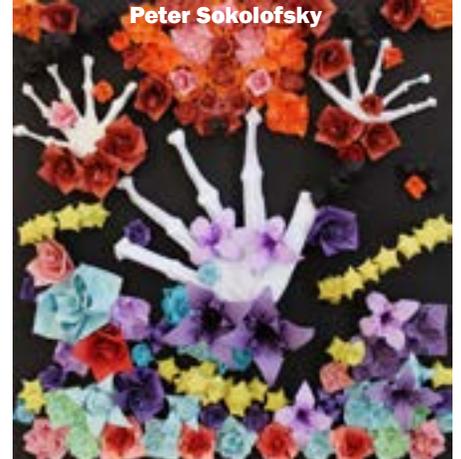


Katelyn Haley (Animal Science) was awarded the EXCEL Award by the administration at Erie 1 BOCES. The EXCEL award is given to students who exhibit excellence in school, contribute positively to their communities, excel academically and are ambassadors for the Erie 1 BOCES program. This ceremony took place on Wed., May 8th

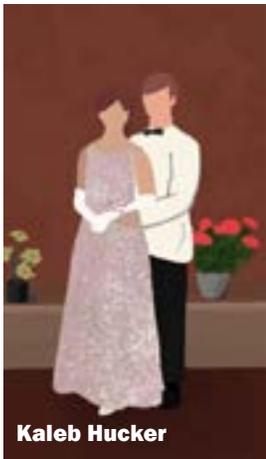
Congratulations to Ms Cornell's Art students whose artworks were chosen for display at the Kenan Arts Center in Lockport, NY as a part of the Storr's All High Art Show. Represented were Colten Cleveland, Jordan Durick, Kaleb Hucker, Hayden Jago, WakinyanWin LaFromboise, Emma Leonard, Ava MacDonald, Kaylee Marble, Kendra McConkey, Leo Muck, Ben Printup, Peter Sokolofsky, Rosemary VanEvery, and Ayden Wilson. Many attended, and two ACS students earned prizes: Hayden Jago earned a Merit Award, and Peter Sokolofsky earned a publication award. His work was used on the show's program. Work was on display until May 5.



Ayden Wilson



Peter Sokolofsky



Kaleb Hucker



WakinyanWin LaFromboise



Emma Leonard



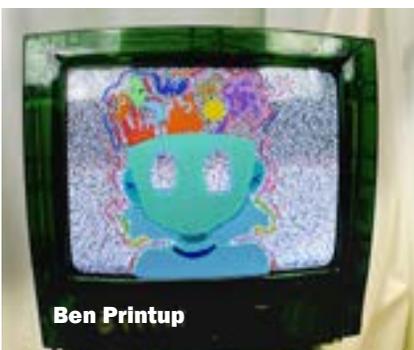
Ava MacDonald



Jordan Durick



Kendra McConkey



Ben Printup



Rosemary VanEvery



Leo Muck



Hayden Jago



Colten Cleveland



Kaylee Marble



Members of our Student Government had a day for servant leadership on May 23rd! Volunteering for the Hearts for the Homeless preparing food and picking up trash in the neighborhood. Thanks @CrossTrainingA for the opportunity!



Akron High School celebrated seven Tigers who will continue their athletic careers at the college level in the fall. The event was held in the school's Library Media Center with many family members, coaches, administrators, and friends in attendance. Pictured seated are: Trace Hill (Onondaga Community College, Lacrosse), Katie Leeds (Genesee Community College, Soccer), Olivia McClaine (D'Youville University, Field Hockey). Standing: Maggie Middaugh (Daemen University, Soccer), Braley Abrams (Onondaga Community College, Lacrosse), Alanna Daniel (Roberts Wesleyan University, Track & Field), Shanna Thomas (Onondaga Community College, Volleyball). The event was hosted by the Athletic Department led by Mr. Stephen Dimitroff, Interim Director of Interscholastic Athletics.



On May 24th Mr. Clouse's Civil Engineering and Architecture classes took a field trip to explore Buffalo's Architecture

37th Annual Scholastic Recognition Ceremony

The Edward Allen Auditorium was host to the 37th Annual Scholastic Recognition Ceremony on May 29th. The pictured students were honored for maintaining a 90 or above average for each of the first 3 marking periods of the 2023-2024 school year. Students with an (*) have maintained a high honor average for each of the three marking periods and students with a (!) have maintained an overall high honor average for each of the four years.



Class of 2027 Honorees: Ava Beck, Alexander Brandl, Audrey Garverick*, Madison Gates, Alyssa Jago, Madilyn Jelson*, Paige Kozlowski*, Kylie Mangione, Jamie Mapes*, Kendra McConkey, Brooke Milhollen*, Emily Odachowski, Natalie Pafk, Luke Piscitelli, Sawyer Ranney, Kylee Rebmann, Madigan Regan*, Molly Rooney*, Alexis Salmon, Addison Schrock, Rilyn Snyder*, Gabrielle Truglio*, Austin Vandenbosch.



Class of 2026 Honorees: Jacob Beideck, Marissa Brege*, Grace Caprio*, Shelby Ceratt*, Sianna Crooks, Aron Gehl*, Nathan Geiger, Benjamin Gerstung, Christopher Ginestre*, Joseph Higgins, Carly Hoffman*, Cooper Holland, Bruce Karmazyn*, Whitley Koopman*, Muira Kreher, Emma Leonard*, Ava Lombard*, Sarah Lumberg*, Ava MacDonald, Collin Miller, Mark Molitor, Averi Monkelbaan, Olivia Novak, Alexander Parisi*, Landon Polkowski*, Jackson Pragle, Eva Sage, Cara Swader*, Kristine Wall.



Class of 2025 Honorees: Aubrienne Baltzley*, Alexa Bauer, Andrew Bergman, Jamie Bower, Kayleigh Carey Anthony Consiglio, Noah Crockford*, Ava Fox*, Mason Gerstung, Payten Haley, Madilyn Halicki, Zachary Hollenbeck, Kaleb Hucker, John Julicher, Matthew Kalinowski*, WakinyanWin LaFromboise, Brayden Lamont, Gracie Leiker*, Aiden Parker*, Coy Patterson, Devin Rodriguez, Alexander Schrock*, Hunter Sears, Peter Sokolofsky*, Aleyna Susfolk, Ephraim Vohwinkel, Clarise Wawrzyniec, Hayden Wight, Brianna Wilber, Avery Wolfe.



Class of 2024 Honorees: Olivia Asmus, Gary Baehr, Andrew Bedford*!, Michael Bentley, Nevada Bergman, Ava Blochwitz*!, Zackary Borton*, Jazmine Borynski*, Alec Boyer, Kayla Cebulski, Aidan Coffta, Dylan Crockford*!, Jordan Durick*, Joseph Farinacci*, Nathan Felski*, Cole Fleming, Meron Forrestel*!, Emily Fox, Emma Gerstung, Liam Haak*, Katelynn Haley*, Autumn Hall*, Ashlee Henning*!, Trace Hill*, Jack Holland, Jacob Leach, Chelsea Lynch*, Kaylee Marble*!, Logan McClaine*, Olivia McClaine, Margaret Middaugh*!, Elexis Mitten, Madelyn Monkelbaan, Austin Penn, Lilly Pietrowski, Hailey Reigle*, Emily Snyder*, Jonathan Steen*!, Dawson Stone*!, Canyon Sundown.



Pictured to the left: are seniors who have maintained an overall high honor average for each of the four years: Meron Forrestel, Margaret Middaugh, Kaylee Marble, Ava Blochwitz, Ashlee Henning, Dawson Stone, Dylan Crockford, Jonathan Steen and Andrew Bedford.



Pictured with Mr. Mike Masters are the Inside Out Schools Character Students of the year: Dawson Stone and Ava Fox.