



Tiger Tracks

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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:

Greetings and Nya:wëh sgë:nö', Students and Families!

As the end of the school year approaches, we wanted to take a moment to highlight some important events and reminders for the upcoming weeks. First, the majority of students' overall average can be determined by their success during the fourth marking period and final exam. We continue to encourage the use of our review opportunities both during 9th period and review sessions while also frequently checking your progress on the student/parent portal. Advanced Placement (AP) exams will be beginning shortly and [regents review sessions](#) have been in full swing! Student attendance and punctuality the last few weeks of school is crucial. Please ensure that your child attends school daily and reach out immediately with any attendance concerns. The following are upcoming events and additional information:

- * Scholastic Awards Ceremony on May 29th (6pm)
- * Mandatory senior safety seminar is scheduled for Monday, June 10th.
- * The Academic and Athletic Award Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th from 8:15-10:45 in the Auditorium.
- * Senior Farewell Walk is scheduled for June 11th. The Senior picnic will be held following the Academic Award Ceremony.
- * Last day of regular High School student attendance is Tuesday, June 11th. Linked [here](#) is the exam week schedule.
- * Study Resources: Encourage your child to take advantage of study resources available, including review sessions, study guides, and tutoring support. Additionally, our Academic Learning Center will be available to students during exam week.
- * Prom is scheduled for Friday, June 21st at Templeton Landing. For important information regarding prom, please read [here](#).

Thank you for your attention to these important updates, and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students together. Finally, Mrs. Fial will be transitioning into her new role within the district as Director of Special Education. She will continue to support the MS and HS during this transition and will also be a support for the new Assistant Principal, when appointed.

We look forward to our remaining weeks together. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Go Tigers!

Nya:wëh and Go Tigers!
Mr. Dimitroff and Mrs. Fial

Important May Dates...

- 3 Student Council Elections
- 6 AP Chemistry Exam
- 8 AP ELA Exam
- 9 SOM Luncheon
- 9 Petition Sheets Due
- 9 AP Enviro Science Exam
- 10 AP US History Exam
- 10 AP Studio in Art Portfolios Due
- 13 AP Calculus Exam
- 14 BOE Mtg (Annual Budget Hearing)
- 15 Seal of Civic Readiness Gallery Walk
- 16 SAT Reg. Deadline for June 1 exam
- 17 Student Council Elections
- 20 Progress Report On-line
- 21 BOE Mtg (Budget Vote/BOE Elections)
- 21 District Wide Art Show
- 22 Ineligible/Restricted Pass Lists Out
- 27 Memorial Day (NO CLASSES)
- 29 Honors Breakfast (8-8:45)
- 29 Honors Ceremony (6:00)
- 29 BOE Meeting



May 1st is National College Decision Day. Let's celebrate by wearing our collegiate gear! Seniors are encouraged to represent the college they will be attending and all students can wear their favorite college or university.

March- Students of the Month

- BAND-** Ava Blochwitz
- BUSINESS-** Aleyna Susfolk
- CHORUS-** Michael Bentley
- ENGLISH-** Amelia Perry
- BOCES-** Kaitlyn Bower
- HEALTH-** Christopher Ginestre
- MATH-** Molly Rooney
- ORCHESTRA-** Muira Kreher



- PHYS. ED-** Charles Rebmann
- SCIENCE-** Avery Wolfe
- SOCIAL-** Ava Fox
- SPANISH-** Dylan Crockford
- TECH-** Aron Gehl
- ART-** WakinyanWin LaFromboise

Social Worker Support Center



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This is an opportunity to bring recognition and awareness to mental health issues and reduce the stigma and barriers associated with mental health care. There will be opportunities for students to engage in different self-care and coping skill opportunities throughout the month, so stay tuned for more information! If you have questions or are in need of referrals to mental health supports, please don't hesitate to contact me at kbowen@akronk12.org or (716) 542-5070.

Join us in raising awareness for cancer by dressing up during the Schools Against Cancer Spirit Week Showdown

Please consider donating any amount to our Akron CSD fundraising page by scanning the QR code. Thank you in advance for your support!



Akron High School is thrilled to be partnering with the Erie County Board of Elections for our Student Council Elections again this year. This partnership provides students with an authentic voting experience using real ballots and polling machines. High

School Student Council elections will take place on Friday, May 3rd during lunches and High School Class Officer elections will take place on Friday, May 17th during lunches.



Safety & Security Zone

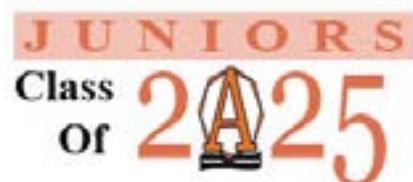
SEXTORTION – the practice of extorting money or sexual favors from someone by threatening to reveal evidence of their sexual activity, usually inappropriate images.

Sextortion is more common than most people think. Homeland Security Investigations received more than 3000 reports in 2022 alone. One current trend targets young boys and girls. Predators pretend to be young girls or boys and feign romantic interest in the victim on social media sites or gaming platforms.

It starts when a child responds to an online request to expose themselves on a webcam or send inappropriate photos to their new online “friend”. The next thing these children know is their new friend threatens to post the photos publicly – unless they provide more explicit photos or send money.

This terrifying and dehumanizing violation feeds on the victim's shame. The emotional result for victims – especially kids – is devastating.

You can protect your child against sextortion by monitoring their online activity and letting them know that they can talk to you about anything without being judged. If someone you know is victimized, contact your local police or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



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 soon! Go Tigers!



Happy Spring! The student support office has begun the scheduling process for the 2024-25 school year! Please reach out to your counselor with any questions. We also want to remind you that the fourth quarter is important, as well as finals, to keep up the continued efforts. There are less than 40 days left this school year!

As graduation approaches we will also be communicating with the Seniors. Please remember to check your emails, lots of important information will be shared this way.



The last quarter of the year is under way! Once again the PTA will help to recognize those Tigers with high academic achievement at an ice cream social on Friday, May 17th. Congratulations on your hard work, Tigers! The month of May also brings about our School Board Elections and Budget Vote. Again this year the PTA is honored to host a Meet the Candidates Night. Meet the Candidates Night will be held at 6:00pm in the multipurpose on Tuesday, May 14th, directly preceding the budget hearing, which will follow at 7:00pm in the Auditorium.



Native American Office News

Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women. MMIW. On May 5th, we recognize MMIW. It is not a celebration or remembrance. It is a day to bring awareness that there is an epidemic in Indian Country. The problem is widespread violence against Native people. Sadly, that violence leads to missing and often murdered Indigenous people. Although MMIW is about women, the problem is not just toward women. Native men are also targeted. There are also disparities in the efforts to find our people or solve their cases. The missing and murdered simply remain silent. "The National Crime Information Center reports that, in 2016, there were 5,712 reports of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, though the US Department of Justice's federal missing person database, NamUs, only logged 116 cases."

Silenced. So on May 5th many Indigenous people will be wearing red. Some may even be wearing red handprints over their mouths. Because May 5th is on a Sunday this year, we will be recognizing the day on May 3rd. We need to bring awareness to this issue. We need to give a voice to those who are silenced.



The Tiger's Den will be open the first two weeks of May during 9th period. The store will be closed from May 15 - May 28.

As the warm weather begins to roll around the Tiger's Den has you covered with our short sleeve t-shirts. We have both adult and youth tiger apparel year round for your school spirit needs.

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.



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



Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted into college:

[Lisa Lin](#)- University at Buffalo



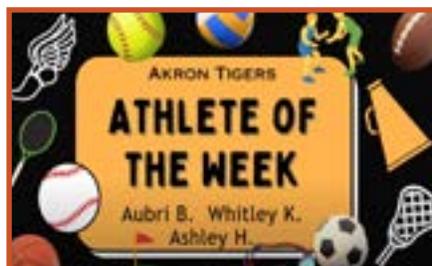
Akron Media Production Newsletter April 19th

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

- Athlete of the Week continued for spring sports
- More episodes of the Akron Sports Review
- An Earth Day Video
- Lucas and Ella's first episode of Hallway Tours!



Click above to see Morgan Maggiore, Olivia Asmus, and Madelyn Monkelbaan video: These ladies created the first ever episode of the Akron Sports Review! It gives a recap of recent games in Akron Sports and what's coming up. More episodes to come!



Click above to see Peter Sokolofsky's video: Peter produced the Athlete of the Week video for the week of 4/9-4/12. The winners were Ashlee Henning for softball and Whitley Koopman and Aubri Baltzley for doubles tennis!



Click above for Hailey Reigle's video: Hailey went with the 4th graders to the Niagara Power Vista to explore and learn more about how we get our energy!



Congratulations to our Winter 2023-2024 All-WNY Scholar-Athlete Winners pictured to the right



Dylan Crockford
Boys Swimming



Ashlee Henning
Girls Basketball

The following seniors were selected as Winter 2023-24 All-WNY Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention:

- Zackary Borton- Boys Basketball
- Emma Gerstung- Girls Basketball
- Liam Haak- Boys Basketball
- Autumn Hall- Girls Basketball
- Emily Snyder- Girls Swimming



Trace Hill
Boys Basketball



Dawson Stone
Boys Swimming



The Library Media Center held their Environmental Fair for the High School on April 22-23! Students learned about beekeeping, met an entomologist with an extensive bug collection, learned about wildlife, touching pelts, skins, or shells, and colored the symmetrical wings of a butterfly. They had an opportunity to plant seeds or taste honey, watch webcams of bats and birds, learn about our water supply, and so much more! #OneAkron



Nine of our Student Council and Class Officer Indigenous Delegates attended the Action Youth Conference held at the Niagara Falls Convention Center on April 23rd. Not only did they attend but they gave a presentation on our school's process for creating the Delegate positions, their presentation was well-received! #OneAkron



Akron High School Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

members joined forces with other SAAC athletes from the Niagara-Orleans League for a community service project April 26th. They completed a spring clean-up at Krull Park in Olcott, edging and mulching flowerbeds and cleaning up playgrounds! Seniors Emma Gerstung and Dawson Stone were recognized for their leadership and Cara Swader and Dawson Stone for their win at a competition held during the last SAAC gathering. Go Tigers! #OneAkron



Rain could not stop the generosity of Akron-Newstead residents! The ACS Rotary Interact Club and Akron-Newstead Rotary Club members collected a bus load of food on Saturday, Apr. 21st for the Akron Newstead Food Pantry. The group also did clean up at the Octagon House that day.