



Tiger Tracks

April 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:

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

Spring break is a time for relaxation, rejuvenation, and exploration. Whether you're planning a getaway with family or simply enjoying some well-deserved downtime at home, make the most of this opportunity to unwind and recharge. Remember to prioritize self-care, engage in activities that bring you joy, and return refreshed and ready to tackle the remainder of the school year with renewed vigor.

On Monday, April 8th, a rare and spectacular total solar eclipse will grace the skies above our region. This awe-inspiring event occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, casting a shadow that temporarily obscures the sun's light. In the direct path of totality, this is a remarkable opportunity for scientific observation and wonder. Be sure to safely observe this celestial spectacle using proper eye protection previously sent home before break.

When we return from break, regents review classes will be in full swing. We expect that our students are fully engaged in class instruction and review classes to ensure a strong finish to the school year. Continue to utilize 9th periods with teachers and the Academic Learning Center for individualized support. Do not be afraid to ask for help! The last day of student attendance in the high school is Tuesday, June 11th. We will include our end of year exam schedule in our May newsletter.

The success of our school depends on the collaborative efforts of students, parents, staff, and community members. We would like to give a special shout out to the Akron music department for the beautiful performances this past month, both Music and Munchies and Cabaret. Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your input is invaluable as we work together to create a positive and nurturing learning environment for all. Additionally, thank you to our amazing staff members who organized attendance at the College Fair, Reverse Career Fair, and for hosting sessions during Wellness Day.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable spring break, and looking forward to the month ahead!

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

Important April Dates...

- 1-8 Spring Recess (NO CLASSES)
- 8 Solar Eclipse
- 12 MP3 Ends
- 13 ACT Exam not at Akron
- 16 BOE Mtg (BOCES Budget/Elections)
- 18 SOM Luncheon
- 19 SAT Reg. Deadline for May 4 exam
- 20 Interact Club Food Drive Drop Off
- 24 Report Cards On-line
- 24 Ineligible/Restricted Pass Lists Out
- 25 WNY Youth Leadership Conference
- 27 Interact Club Food Drive Pick Up
- 30 Tiger Tracks Published

We have provided 2 pairs of glasses for each student along with a copy of the flyer to the below.



As part of a full educational program, the Akron Central School District is pleased to provide families with two pairs of glasses to be used for the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. Please review the INSTRUCTIONS and WARNINGS printed directly on the INSIDE of the glasses prior to use. Further information on the use of the glasses may be obtained directly from the manufacturer listed on the inside portion of the glasses. It is also important that there be ADULT SUPERVISION during all periods of use. The failure to use or the improper use of these glasses can result in permanent eye damage. Please remember that you should never look directly at the sun at any time without appropriate safety glasses. These glasses should be used prior to and subsequent to the totality phase of the eclipse. Since the district will not be present during the use of the glasses, it hereby disclaims any warranties and liability with respect to such use.

On April 8, 2024, WNY will experience a total solar eclipse. This occurs when the moon passes between the sun and Earth, completely blocking the sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk!

HOW LONG?

The duration of the eclipse in Akron will be approximately 2 hours, 27 minutes.

Partial eclipse begins: 2:00 pm
Totality begins: 3:15 pm
Totality ends: 3:18:45 pm
Partial eclipse ends: 4:30 pm

100% COVERAGE

The entire sun will be covered!
This will allow you to see the sun's corona.
The totality will last 3 minutes, 45 seconds!

PROTECT EYES

NEVER look directly at the sun without proper eye protection. Solar glasses must comply with ISO standard for direct solar viewing.

FUN FACT

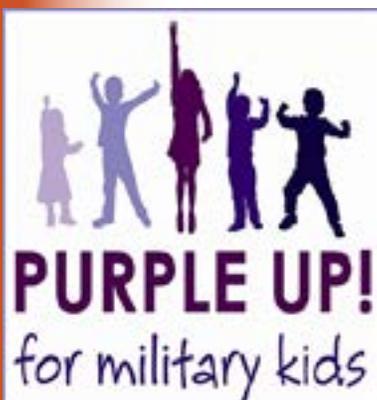
The next total solar eclipse in WNY won't occur until October 26, 2144!

FUN FACT

The last total solar eclipse in WNY occurred on January 24, 1925.



<https://www.iloveny.com/events/eclipse-2024/>



On April 17th- Akron staff and students are asked to wear Purple to honor the critical role military children play and to recognize the unique challenges that they face while their service member parents serve our country.

Social Worker Support Center



Earth Day is an opportunity to recognize and appreciate nature and its beauty, to bring awareness to environmental conservation and sustainability, and to learn small but impactful ways to keep our planet healthy. Join us

in celebrating Earth Day by creating a DIY Bird Feeder during our:

Wellness Club Meeting in Mrs. Bowen's office on Tuesday, April 23rd during 9th period (open to all HS students)

Tiger Talk Meeting in C-120 from 3:30-4:30 pm on Wednesday, April 24th (MS and HS girls)



February- Students of the Month

ART- Kaylee Marble
BAND- Margaret Middaugh
BUSINESS- Gracie Leiker

CHORUS- Amon Bentley
ENGLISH- Julia Klodzinski
BOCES- Paige Mazurek
HEALTH- Morgan Tomporowski
MATH- Kylie Mangione
ORCHESTRA- Ashley Morehouse
PHYS. ED- Sloan Jonathan
SCIENCE- Trenton Paxton
SOCIAL- Madeleine Weeg
SENECA- Thunder Hallett
TECH- Nathan Felski



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

Andrew Bedford-
University at Buffalo
Olivia McClaine-
D'Youville University

Lucas Possinger-
University at Buffalo
Colton Cleveland-
University at Buffalo

SENIORS
Class of **2024**

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!



Safety & Security Zone

April already?! This year is flying by! We have all heard about the big event happening April 8th, and if the weather is right for it, Akron will be able to experience the Solar Eclipse. This is literally a once in a lifetime event!

There are a lot of tips that are required, helpful, and useful for the day of the eclipse:

* One important thing that the District has already done is close school that day. One reason is because of the timing of the eclipse, the main event is around the time of school dismissal, and buses dropping kiddos off.

* Another important thing is that the District is providing each kiddo with two pairs of certified eclipse glasses. (You should have received them, along with a letter on the event)

Know if the glasses are safe, and how to use them properly: (if they are scratched or damaged, they are compromised and unsafe). They should be labeled: ISO 12312-2:2015 (these are certified as safe). There is a three part test to make sure they are safe:

1. Try them indoors, you should not be able to see anything, not even shadows of objects. If you do, they are considered unsafe. Very bright lights may be seen, but will be faint.

2. Try them outside on a sunny day, but don't look at the sun. You still should not be able to see anything, except a faint reflection of the sun on a shiny surface or puddle.

3. Lastly, glance at the sun with the glasses on for less than a second. You should see a sharp edge round disk that is comfortably bright. It may appear white, bluish white, yellow or orange depending on the glasses filter.

* NEVER look at the eclipse without the proper glasses or another safe way, it can permanently damage your retina and even cause blindness.

* KNOW where your kiddos are at all times, and supervise them during the eclipse viewing.

* Have a PLAN in place for meeting spots and times, as there may be heavy cell usage and interruptions that can overwhelm cell towers.

* ANTICIPATE heavy traffic, before and after the eclipse. As this is a main viewing stop, there will be a lot of outside visitors. Stay home if you can.

* KEEP roads passable if you do venture out, First Responders will need to be able to make it down any roadway if needed.

STAY SAFE AND ENJOY THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT!

JUNIORS
Class of **2025**

The junior class is looking forward to starting to plan and prepare for next year's events. Look out for any upcoming fundraisers the juniors might be planning soon! Go Tigers!



Did you know you can help support our PTA just by doing your grocery shopping? The Tops in Education program will donate 5% of your qualifying purchases to our PTA! It's as easy as registering your Bonus card and then shopping! To sign up and register your Bonus Card visit: <https://www.topsmarkets.com/education/>

Here's how it works:

1. Register your Tops BonusPlus ® .
2. Select your school(s) of choice (grades K-12) from the list of schools that have registered (you may select up to three schools).
3. Purchase participating TOPS Brand, Full Circle, TopCare, Tippy Toes, Crav'n Flavor, Simply Done, That's Smart, Paws, Pure Harmony, Tippy Toes, Wide Awake and Best Yet products with your Tops BonusPlus ® throughout the 2023-2024 Tops in Education program year.
4. Tops contributes up to 5% of your purchase to the school(s) you have chosen. The more you shop, the higher percentage we donate!



Happy Spring! The student support office is busy with the scheduling process. Many variables go into scheduling students such as teacher recommendations, diploma types, etc. Our student support team will continue to work diligently with students to make sure they understand courses needed for graduation and answer any questions they may have. Parents and students are encouraged to refer to our curriculum guide posted in the guidance section of the school website for further information.

Counselors are finishing meeting with all of our sophomores individually. We will have now completed meetings with all grade levels on an individual basis this school year. We have enjoyed getting to know the students on a more personal level and look forward to working with them as they continue through their high school journey.

Our Sophomore career day took place March 20th. All sophomores had the opportunity to visit several area businesses to see if these careers would be of interest to them. We are thankful to these businesses for sharing their time with us as well as their valuable experiences, insight and expertise.

Students are reminded to keep working hard to succeed in their classes and extracurricular activities. We will soon be in the home stretch for the end of the school year. It is important to have fun with all of the end of the year activities along with staying focused as well. Students are reminded to keep checking their email on a daily basis for important information.



The students at the Tiger's Den would like to thank everyone who supported us in last month's March Madness promotional campaign!

We would also like to give a huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported us at our Elementary Easter Pop-Up event! There was a great turn out and we appreciate all of the support!

This month the Tiger's Den will be closed the first two weeks of April but we will be back up and running for April 16 and 17th. We're excited to keep moving along in the school year and look forward to the next upcoming months. Be sure to come visit us to kick off the spring season with a new short sleeve shirt!

We appreciate all of your support throughout the course of this school year! Your support will help us reward Class of 2024 senior(s) who are pursuing a business related field with \$2000 in scholarship funds.

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.



Native American Office News

Geometry was the death of me (and my mom) when I was in high school. I would come home from school and sit at the table to do my homework. Proofs + my 14 year old mind were not compatible and thus the whining. My poor mom would try to explain proofs and she would try to teach me the way she was taught. And that made me more mad because she was sooooo old and there was no possible way she could know 1990s math!! (Both statements were not true!) What made me more mad is that she told me she understood proofs and geometry and she did well in the class. Hmmm????!!!! Did that mean I should have understood proofs and geometry and done well in class??

I hear a lot of comments from parents that they did not do well in ____ class. It made me wonder if a parent does not do well in something, does that mean their child won't be able to do well? Or vice versa? So I did some quick research. Turns out that skills and talent are not fully genetic. Simply put by thelearnerlab, "Skills are built, not born. A simple phrase that can become the bedrock for great learning. Of course it takes time, effort, some experiments, and struggle to earn a skill. But, if it's a skill and you do the work, you can build it." Just because a parent did not do well in ____ class does not mean their child is doomed. And vice versa. What it does mean is that if a child doesn't do well, skills need to be sharpened. And if skills exceed a parent's ability, children should be encouraged to press on!



Students in Mr. Ilardi's newly formed Media Production elective have been working on several projects this semester. Click on a photo below to view some second round projects that students have completed.



The HS Orchestra held their annual Music and Munchies Concert on Tuesday, March 19th in the HS Cafeteria.



The HS Cabaret Concert was held on Saturday, March 23rd.



The sophomore class attended a Reverse Career Fair on Wed., Mar. 20th. Students traveled to local businesses to see what they were all about. Thank you to Akron Airport, Akron Animal Hospital, Akron Bugle, Bank on Buffalo, MGA, Niagara Label, Perry's Ice Cream, Schrock Metals, Seal and Design, and Summit Truck and Auto.



Congratulations goes out to Emma Leonard who participated in the Sr. Hi All County Festival on March 22-23. The group performed at Slee Hall on the University of Buffalo campus.



As part of Wellness Day- students were able to experience a Mobile Planitarium from the Challenger Learning Center.



On Thursday, March 28th- the High School hosted a Wellness Day- students participated in different health and wellness activities. At the end of the day Mental Health Advocates of WNY held a presentation to students in the auditorium.

Some of the days activities included: wool felting, coloring, making smile bags, pickleball, time in the pool, egg dying, karaoke, planting seeds, vision boards, board games, puzzles, journal making, yoga.



Just Tell ONE TEEN CHAT LINE
An MHA Program



Monday through Friday
from 2pm to 8pm EST

Youth Peer Advocates (YPAs) operate this **anonymous and confidential** warmline to provide support **for youth experiencing emotional concerns or stress** in non-crisis situations.

WE CAN RELATE

YPAs are between the ages of 18 and 30 with their own identified lived experience with mental health (or other) systems.

For more information visit JustTellOne.org

Mental Health Advocate's (MHA) Youth Peer Advocates (YPA) operate this free, anonymous and confidential warmline to provide peer support for young people dealing with emotional concerns or stress in non-crisis situations. Connect with a YPA Monday through Friday from 2 PM to 8 PM.