



# Tiger Tracks

October 2023

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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 Tigers,

As October unfolds, we're gearing up for one of the most exciting events of the school year - Homecoming! This festive occasion is a time for our entire school community to come together and celebrate the spirit, unity, and pride that define us.

Here's a glimpse of what you can look forward to:

1. Homecoming Week - A Week of Fun and Excitement! Get ready for a week full of spirited activities, including themed dress-up days, pep rallies, and special events that will showcase our school pride. This is your chance to let your creativity and school spirit shine!

2. Engage, Connect, and Share! We encourage everyone to get involved in the various Homecoming activities.



Class gift from Class of 2023.

Additionally, please listen to announcements daily and consider getting involved in the various clubs and extracurricular activities we offer. This month we are excited to host a Leadership Summit where students from Akron will collaborate with other leaders from Pembroke, Cardinal O'Hara, and Franklinville. Be sure to follow our district on Facebook.

3. Parental Support - Please continue to use the parent portal and ensure your child is staying on top of their coursework. If you have any questions, please reach out directly to your child's teacher. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st (4:30-7:30pm) and Wednesday, November 22nd (8-11:30am). More information will be sent home with our November newsletter.

We look forward to sharing our homecoming celebration with each and every one of you. Let's make this Homecoming a memorable event that reflects the strength and unity of #OneAkron.

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

## Important October Dates...

- OCTOBER 2 Senior Portrait Retakes
- 4 BOE Meeting
- 5 Ineligible/Restricted Pass Lists Out
- 6 WNY College Consortium (10:30-11:15)
- 9 Indigenous Peoples' Day (NO CLASSES)
- 10-13 Spirit Week
- 11 AP Lit Field Trip
- 11 PSAT for Reg. Students (8:00-12:00)
- 11 Powder Puff
- 13 Homecoming
- 13 Senior Group Picture (11:25)
- 18 BOE Meeting
- 19 Petition Sheets Due
- 20 1/2 Day
- 23 Flu Shot Clinic (3:00-6:00)
- 27 GSA Halloween Fun Night (4:30-6:30)
- 31 Tiger Tracks Published



The Akron Central Schools PTA has hit the ground running this school year, and we hope you have too! We have already had our 1st meeting and are organized for the year. This month we delivered Amazon gift cards to the high school that your Akron Tiger may win or earn throughout the year. With Homecoming happening this month, the PTA is once again putting up a \$500 prize for the half-court shot during the pep assembly...so earn those tickets, Tigers, and get a shot at the prize! Our October meeting will be held October 11th at 7:00pm in H190, we would love to have you join us. At that meeting we will be starting to ramp up planning for our annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair. The Craft fair is one of our largest fundraisers that helps support many of the programs and initiatives the PTA provide for student throughout the year. The Craft Fair will be December 9th, mark your calendars and join us!



## TECHNOLOGY Telecast

### Digital Resource Survey

The New York State Education Department asks parents to complete the Digital Resource Survey each year. Please complete the survey for each child at [www.akronschools.org/digitalsurvey](http://www.akronschools.org/digitalsurvey). Thank you!



### Reporting Absences

The District has a dedicated phone line and email address in each building for a parent or guardian to report a child's absence from school. Absences should be reported as early as possible to:

High School (716)542-5009 OR [HSAttendance@akronk12.org](mailto:HSAttendance@akronk12.org)

If the absence is reported by phone, the parent or guardian will receive an automated call from the District alerting and/or confirming the student's absence. The student must present a note to the main office, signed by the parent or guardian indicating the date(s) and reason for the absence upon their return to school. If the absence is reported by email, the parent must indicate the child's name, grade level, and reason for the absence.

Attendance can be the single most important factor in a student's academic success. Akron Central School takes student attendance very seriously and works to assist students with poor attendance in both policy and practice.



Akron Schools now has a district Facebook page! Please visit [akronschools.org](http://akronschools.org) and click on the Facebook icon.

Check it out! Be sure to 'Like' and 'Follow'!

### School Rings

Looking to get a school ring go to [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) or Scan the QR code to see the catalog.



Questions Text or call  
Balfour  
at 716-972-0265



It was great to see the school year begin with a good start!

Students now have all their requested schedule changes. Senior meetings and the college application process have started. Counselors are meeting with all seniors individually to help them with future plans including college, trade, military, etc.

The Western New York College Consortium will be at ACS on October 6th. We will be inviting all juniors and seniors to attend. This event includes over 20 local college reps in which students can meet with and gather information.

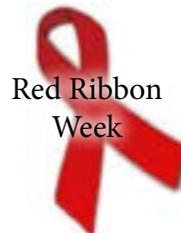
The PSAT will be given on October 11th during the school day. Students were given information in their English classes. This is a voluntary practice exam for interested students.

Various College Representatives will be visiting Akron in October so any interestd Seniors may sign up to meet with them in Student Support. Seniors listen to announcements.

Various Armed Services Recruiters will be avaiable monthly to talk wth during all lunches. Announcements will be made prior to their visitations.

We look forward to a fun and productive fall!

## Social Worker Support Center



Red Ribbon  
Week

Red Ribbon Week, October 23rd through 31st, is an opportunity to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of drug-free communities. With this year's theme of, "Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free.", here are some ways you can "Be Kind to Your Mind" and "Live Drug Free":

Spend time outside. Going for a walk or just sitting on the grass soaking up some sunshine can reduce stress and make you feel more calm.

Read. Reading before bed can help you fall asleep faster and it's a great self-care activity.

Connect with peers who help you make healthy choices. Sometimes making healthy, positive choices can be hard, but having someone make them with you can make it easier.



Look for the Tigers Den school store at the homecoming game! We will be selling all the merchandise shown in the picture to the left and more! We will be there through half-time.

We just received a new order of Akron apparel, including new hoodies and crewnecks! We have many sizes to choose from and all items are available at the Tigers Den school store and at Market on Main.



Throughout the 23-24 school year, the Tiger's Den will be open Tuesday-Thursday during 9th period. During the month of October we will have homecoming spirit accessories for purchase so you can cheer on our football team at the homecoming game.

We appreciate all of your support throughout the course of this school year! Your support will help us reward two Class of 2024 seniors with \$1000 scholarships pursuing a business related field.

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

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



The Class of 2024 would like to congratulate everyone for an amazing start to the new school year! We are looking forward to celebrating Homecoming week Oct. 10th through the 13th. The Senior class will be hosting concessions during Tigers' home games this year to raise money for our upcoming events, including the Junior/Senior Prom, which will be held at Templeton Landing on June 21st, 2024 from 6-10 pm! Go Tigers!



The class of 2025 is in the midst of preparing for a great homecoming week! They are busy working on their parade float, hall decoration ideas, and preparing for the big powder puff football game on October 11th. The parade will take place on October 13th. We can't wait!



## Safety & Security Zone

The first few weeks of school are in the books! With the weather starting to change, and the Holidays beginning, here are some safety tips to take into consideration:

1. The sun is rising later, and setting earlier. Make sure your kiddos can be seen, whether walking to school, going home from late school events, or just out and about. Dress them appropriately for the weather, make sure they have bright colored clothing or shoes, and/or reflective or small flashlights to bring with them to be seen better.
2. The leaves are starting to change. Be cautious of leaf piles, whether raking them in your yard, or onto the side of the roadway. Supervise young children, do not drive into leaf piles on the roadway, they can be slippery if wet, and there could be hazardous objects under them.
3. Halloween! Make sure younger kiddos are supervised, have reflective on their trick or treat bags and/or costumes, make sure their costume fits correctly to prevent trips and falls, use face paint over masks that limit their vision, teach them how to cross streets safely, monitor their candy intake, and make sure they brush their teeth!

Have a safe, and fun Fall season! Go Tigers!



Please come support the sophomore class as they run the concession stand on October 10th at the volleyball games vs. Roy-Hart, and at the homecoming Bonfire from 7-9 PM on Wednesday October 11th. Go Tigers!"



The class of 2027 can't wait to continue with the start of freshman year! The class of 2027 will have upcoming meetings this month regarding homecoming floats, decorations, and fundraising.

Please reach out to Ms. Nicole Johnson and Mr. Robert Meek if you have any questions or are willing to help!



## Native American Office News

“Did you do your homework?”

As a parent, have you asked this question?? Did you get responses like: “I didn’t have any” or “I finished it at school” or “yeah” or, worse yet, “yeeeeesssss”? I hear parents all the time tell me that they have asked their child if they did their homework. But that question is easily dismissed by the child. The question feels obligatory. The question invites a minimal response. So what are you, as a parent supposed to do?? You could scour PowerSchool and Schoology, daily. You could email teachers, daily. Or... You could simply tweak the question. “Did you” invites a yes/no response. But if you ask “What homework did you have today?” It is an open ended question. It requires a response. Personally, I ask the follow-up question - “what did you have for math,” “what did you have for science”, and so on. I pause after each subject to help the child remember what they did in class or what they had for homework. If you had an extra 30 seconds, you could ask what they are learning in a specific class. I have found that the “what” question really does help the child remember if they had work to do.

Don’t fret! If you were a habitual “did you” asker, switching to the “what” question may take some time. Your child may have to get used to that type of questioning too! If you accidentally revert back to “did you” it is easy to add on and ask more “what” questions. Many parents talk about how their middle schooler or their high schooler won’t talk to them - this may be an easy way to start conversations!

## Advanced Studies

Why not get a jump on your college career while still in High School?

SUNY Erie’s Advanced Studies Program is open to all high school juniors or seniors of average or better academic ability interested in beginning their college studies while still in high school. Sophomore students may be recommended by their teacher or school counselor.

Benefits:

Reduced tuition costs

College credits earned through this program are transferable to other colleges/universities.

The following courses at Akron High School can be taken for SUNY Advanced Studies credit:

Introduction to Accounting

Personal Finance

Drawing 1

Painting 1

Digital Arts

Photography

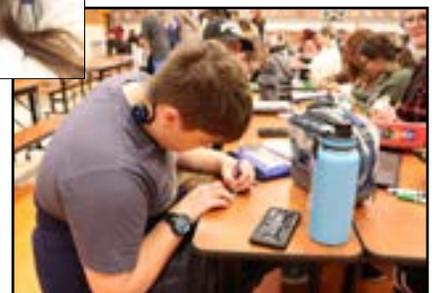
If your student is enrolled in one of these courses, look for more information regarding this program to come home during the first two weeks of school.



**Nya:wëh sgë:nö'**

“Start With Hello/ Nya:wëh sgë:nö' ” Week is a national call-to-action week dedicated to making new and closer social CONNECTIONS and creating a sense of BELONGING and INCLUSION among youth.

### High School Students took part in “Start with Hello” activities the week of Sept. 18-22nd





## Athletic Director's Clipboard



We are in the dead heat of league competition across all sports. Here is the latest update as teams gear up for post-season play:

Boys and Girls cross country are off and running, with many of our runners already reaching their PRs from last season. Most of their competition to this point has been invitationals, as league matches started just last week. The girls performed well on their road trip to the Queensbury Invitational. Our boys all ran very well at East Aurora last weekend. Come support our seniors on October 11th!

JV Volleyball is currently 2-1 in league play. With wins over Albion, Roy-Hart and a loss to Medina. The girls went 3-5 at the Starpoint tournament. Varsity Volleyball has not skipped a beat as reigning champs in the N-O. They are undefeated in league play and will look to make a deep postseason run.

JV Boys Soccer started joint practices with Newfane and they will have their first game this week. They have been working hard in practices and they will be ready for competition. Our Varsity team plays hard every game, even with a shorthanded roster. They are 3-4 and will look to string together some wins as the season goes on.

JV Girls Soccer has compiled a 3-1-1 league and 3-3-1 overall record. Clara Bodgon has been a leading goal scorer for the girls, but they are a complete team and work hard to support each other at all levels of the field. The Varsity girls are 5-4 overall with a league record of 3-2. Avery Wolfe has stepped up big time as a first year goalkeeper. The girls will look to win the Alden Soccer Tournament for the third year straight. They finish off league play with 2 big games against Royhart and Wilson before entering post season.

The Spirit Squad Cheerleaders have been working hard on their stunts and performances at games along with preparing for HOCO. The Game Day Competition Squad has also been preparing for competitions and will host the Akron Fall Classic Game Day Competition on Thurs., Oct. 5th. Come out and support!

Varsity field hockey is demonstrating their strength early this season, with 5 wins in a row. The team is 4-0 in league, and they plan to defend their League Championship crown. October games to watch are 10/3 vs Medina at Akron, 4:30. Marissa Brege has returned to the goalkeeper's position after a season off and has accumulated 13 saves on 16 shots faced and only 2 goals allowed so far this season. She ranks number 4 in the section with a 0.813 a save percentage!

Currently the JV Football team is 2-2. The season started with a heartbreaking nail-biter against Fredonia ending 6-14. They followed that game up with a 63-8 win on the road at Albion. The boys will look to finish the season strong with matchups against Depew, Alden, Cleve Hill, and Wilson still on the schedule. Varsity is 1-2 in league play, and 1-3 overall. They battled hard against a strong Medina team. This junior heavy team has games against Cleve Hill, Lackawanna, Eden and Lackawanna on the schedule. October 13th is homecoming and the boys will face off against Eden.

Akron golf is off to a quick start going 5 - 1 in the first three weeks of the season. This record gives the tigers 10 points and a share of first place going into the second half of the season. The team is led by senior captain Trace Hill who shot a personal best 37 and took medalist against Albion. Trace Hill (3), Cam Wild (5) and Brodie Hill (6) are currently top 10 scorers in the league. Aiden Romesser (12) and Thunder Hallet (13) are just outside the top 10. The tigers have huge matches ahead against Barker and Newfane this coming week.

Homecoming and our Athletics Wall of Fame ceremony are on Friday October 13th.

For the most up to date athletics game schedule, please visit: <https://www.akronschoools.org/athletics>

Follow us on x/twitter: @AkronHSSports



Photo to the right: Student Council Officers and Delegate promoting the annual PB&J Collection Drive

# HOMECOMING 2023



**Spirit Week is October 9-13th**  
 Mon., Oct. 9th- No School Indigenous People's Day  
 Tues., Oct. 10th- Dress like a Teacher  
 Wed., Oct. 11th- Throwback to Kindergarten  
 Thurs., Oct. 12th- Celebrity Day  
 Fri., Oct. 13th- Orange and Black

**Homecoming Theme- DECADES**  
 Seniors- 60's                      Sophomores- 80's  
 Juniors- 50's                      Freshman- 20's

Photo to the left: Banner created by Student Council Officers and Delegate

## Oh My Gosh...Where is Josh?

On or before every Bills game Josh appears somewhere in the HS Buiding.

