



# Tiger Tracks

September 2023

[www.akronschools.org](http://www.akronschools.org)

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 Families,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year filled with possibilities, growth, and achievement! We are thrilled to have each of you return to our close-knit community as Akron Tigers. As we embark on this journey together, our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and enriching learning environment that empowers every student to excel academically, socially, and personally. This year, we look forward to fostering connection, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration, while also offering a range of extracurricular activities to cater to diverse interests. Your active participation and enthusiasm play an integral role in shaping the vibrant tapestry of our school.

Please take a few minutes to review our [Code of Conduct](#) located on our District webpage under District Code of Conduct and note the proactive supports AHS has in place to ensure that all students' needs are met. Additionally, we would like to remind all students and families of our expectations as outlined within the Code of

Conduct:

- \* Essential Partners (page 9)
- \* Cell Phones/All Electronic Devices/Social Media (page 16)
- \* Dress Code (page 15)
- \* Prohibited Student Conduct (page 17)

For specifics on attendance policies, please refer to page 15 in our High School

[Student Handbook](#). The code of conduct will be reviewed with all students on September 7 and 8th.

Sept 18-22 is "Start with Hello" week. "Start With Hello" 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. Let's work hand in hand to make this academic year one of



Class gift from Class of 2020 found his forever home

growth, compassion, and success. As always, we are stronger together. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

## Important September Dates...

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|-----------|----|-------------------------------|
| SEPTEMBER | 1  | Superintendent Conf. Day      |
|           | 4  | Labor Day (NO CLASSES)        |
|           | 4  | Oakfield Labor Day Parade     |
|           | 5  | Superintendent Conf. Day      |
|           | 6  | First Day of Classes          |
|           | 6  | BOE Meeting                   |
|           | 12 | Fall Parent-Athlete Mtg.      |
|           | 20 | Picture Day during SS classes |
|           | 20 | BOE Meeting                   |
|           | 29 | Tiger Tracks Published        |
|           | 29 | Every Child Matters Day       |



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'!



**Akron Central School**  
**2023-24 Student**  
**Parking Permit Form**

Please click the QR code below to submit your information



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## TECHNOLOGY Telecast

### Chromebooks

Get your Chromebook on the charger so you're ready for school!

If you are missing your charger, replacement chargers can be purchased for \$20 through the Technology Office in room M212. Replacement chargers are billed through MySchoolBucks or payment can be made at the Business Office.

Devices needing repairs should be brought to the Technology Department in room M212. Parents are reminded that charges for repairs are for the cost of parts only, up to \$100; there is no charge for the labor as per the Chromebook Agreement. Repairs are important to keep devices in working order so that students are prepared each day.

Troubleshooting tips and helpful tutorials are available on the school website at [akronschools.org/techsupport](https://akronschools.org/techsupport) for both students and their parents.

Questions? Call or email the Tech Dept. at (716)542-5045 or [akronitdept@akronk12.org](mailto:akronitdept@akronk12.org).

### Digital Resource Survey

The New York State Education Department requires parents to complete the Digital Resource Survey each year. Please complete the survey for each child at [www.akronschools.org/digitalsurvey](https://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.

## 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



The Tigers Den has had a busy summer getting ready for the 2023-2024 school year.

Student managers have set an aggressive goal to raise enough funds to award two \$1000 scholarships in June of 2024 to graduating seniors. Every purchase at the Tigers Den school store supports that goal! We have some new products available that we hope will support our fundraising efforts.

New products include:

- We have a new apparel design that will be available for purchase by mid-September. We have ordered short sleeve shirts and hoodies in both youth and adult sizes in the design to the right. Apparel will be available for purchase at the Tigers Den School Store and at Market on Main, 57 Main Street, Akron.
- We now offer school supplies (1" and 2" flexible binders, lined filler paper, index cards, mechanical pencils, pens, highlighters and spiral notebooks).
- This is the second year that we are selling the Orange Shirt Day (Every Child Matters) t-shirts. Please use the QR Code below or go to <https://carried-away-customs.square.site/s/shop> to place your pre-order no later than Friday, September 8. Shirts will be available for pickup at the Tigers Den School Store for Akron students and staff, and at Market on Main, 57 Main Street, Akron for community residents by Monday, September 25.



The Tigers 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.

## Social Worker Support Center



Transitioning back to school is an exciting time, but it can also bring some challenges and stress. These tips can help make the Back to School transition an easier one:

- 1) Set a Routine: Adjust your sleep schedule and daily routine a week or two before school starts.
- 2) Organize Supplies and Schedule: Make sure you have all needed school supplies. Use a planner to keep track of and prioritize assignments, extracurricular activities, and studying.
- 3) Create a Study Space: Designate a quiet and organized space to help with focus and concentration.
- 4) Ask for Help: Attend 9th periods and don't hesitate to reach out to your teachers, classmates, support staff, and parents/guardians.
- 5) Keep a Positive Mindset: Be optimistic, self-confident, and practice self-care.

Our Clothing Closet is available to students and families along with school supplies, non-perishable food items, and hygiene products. Looking forward to a great year ahead!



## Native American Office News

As an educator, the beginning of a new year is always so exciting! It affords the opportunity for refreshment and reflection. I also love hearing students who desire to be better than last year. Many students return with a sense of anticipated accomplishment. They have motivation! They have excitement! They are ready for a new year! This year we will be working on keeping that motivation alive!! Zig Ziglar said, "People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing - that's why we recommend it daily."

On a different note, there are a few major changes with the Native American Office. The first change is student schedules. The NAO will no longer be scheduled. Instead, students will simply sign out of study halls. If I do not see all students regularly, they will get a pass. Secondly, the NAO moved to H170, right next to the Academic Learning Center. It is a spacious room and there will be roly desks - just like college!!

A new year does bring new changes and I am looking forward to the start of a great year! Don't forget to wear your orange on September 29th to remember and support Indigenous families impacted by residential boarding schools.

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Welcome back Tigers! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for an exciting school year to begin.

We have been working hard to make sure your schedules are as close to perfect as possible. If you did not get an elective that you wanted it is due to a conflict with another course. You have the first six days of school to make any schedule changes.

Seniors - We will begin our individual meetings with all of you starting mid September. We will also be going into your Participation in Government classes with information covering several topics such as the college application process and post high school plans. Please see your counselor with any questions.

We will begin the college and military representative visitations for students mid-September. These visitations are either during all lunches or by appointment and give students the opportunity to ask questions if they are interested.



## Safety & Security Zone

Welcome back, we hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. As this new school year starts, we would like to remind everyone that your student's safety is our number one concern. To that end, please remember:

1. The school speed limit is 15 MPH on Bloomingdale Ave..
2. Personal vehicles are not allowed in the bus loop when buses are present.
3. Personal vehicles are not allowed in the bus loop from 7:15 am to 8:15 am and from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.
4. Please use the Athletic Field entrance for ES & MS drop off and pick-up .

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the School Resource Office at 716-542-5092.  
Thank You & GO Tigers



The PTA is organized into various committees that serve the needs of the entire school grades PreK-12. Each committee organizes specific activities throughout the year.

To join go to <https://19western.memberhub.store/> and pay \$5 in dues. Also join the Akron Central Schools PTA Facebook page.

## 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

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.

## Athletic Director's Clipboard



Welcome back students and parents! We hope that you were able to find joy, relaxation, and make memorable experiences with family and friends this summer. We are thrilled to have our sports teams back in action. Our coaches and student-athletes have been working incredibly hard to gear up for contests. But school sports are about much more than just competition and they go well beyond simply fostering a student's physical well-being. Athletics can be a critical piece of the overall educational experience. Participation in athletics teaches key life skills such as discipline, teamwork, and time management. One of the most important aspects of school sports is that it promotes social interaction and can help to forge friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Stay tuned for the October edition of Tiger Tracks for an update on how our teams are doing!

We will have our Parent & Student Athletics Department informational meeting in the Aud on Tuesday, September 12th at 7pm.

Please visit the Athletics Webpage at [www.akronschools.org](http://www.akronschools.org) for more information, including the most up to date contest schedule for all sports.

Please follow us on twitter/X: @AkronHSSports and be sure to follow the District's new facebook page!

If you need to contact the office:

Mrs. Wendy Pazderski- Athletics Secretary 716-542-5088

Mr. Kevin Wartinger- Athletic Director 716-524-5087

Go Tigers!

## Picture Day

The High School Picture Day will be Wednesday, Sept. 20th during students social studies classes. Pre-Order your photoscan the QR code or go to their website <http://www.inter-state.com> and enter the order code.



INTER-STATE.COM

ORDER CODE:  
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Every Child Matters Day is held across the US and Canada on September 29th to support reconciliation and to foster awareness on the intergenerational trauma these institutions created. An orange shirt was adopted for the movement ([orangeshirtday.org](http://orangeshirtday.org)).

Our Indigenous high school students will be reading various publications on Every Child Matters Day in all the elementary classes. Over the past few years, our Indigenous students at ACS have been uplifted by the increased support and recognition that Every Child Matters Day has cultivated. Please consider wearing an orange shirt on September 29th! For more information on the dark history of Native American Boarding Schools, please see <https://www.theindigenousfoundation.org/articles/us-residential-schools>

SENIORS  
Class Of 2024

The date for this year's prom will be June 21st from 6-10 pm at Templeton Landing.

JUNIORS  
Class Of 2025

Welcome back! The class of 2025 can't wait to start their junior year! The class of 2025 will have upcoming meetings this month regarding homecoming floats, decorations, and our semi formal dance that will take place this winter!

## Community Education Offerings

Akron Schools is pleased to offer the Fitness Center and the hall walking program to community members for the 2023-2024 school year. Registration is required for both programs. A fee is charged for the Fitness Center. While Hall walking is Free, all participants must register.

Information and registration forms are available on the school's website at <http://www.akronschools.org/comed>. Any applicable fees must be paid prior to the start of a class.

# AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for broadband service
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

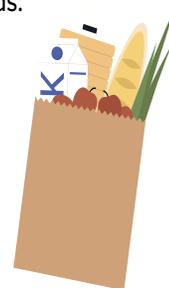
The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?



A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Participates in the Free and reduced-Price School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program
- Participates in one of these assistance programs:
  - SNAP
  - Medicaid
  - Federal Public Housing Assistance
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - WIC
  - Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
  - or Lifeline;
- Participates in one of these assistance programs and lives on Qualifying Tribal lands:
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
  - Tribal TANF
  - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
  - Tribal Head Start (income based)



Check out [fcc.gov/ACP](https://www.fcc.gov/ACP) for a Consumer FAQ and other program resources.

## TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

**Step 1:** Go to [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://AffordableConnectivity.gov) to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.

**Step 2:** Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.



Call 877-384-2575 or find more information about the Affordable Connectivity Program at:

**FCC.GOV/ACP**



# Freshmen and New Student Orientation

held on August 30, 2023

