



Tiger Tracks

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A message from the Principals:

This past Friday we conducted a district wide evacuation drill. The drill itself was a true testament to the high level of communication, collaboration, and commitment our district and community members have with one another and holds true to our belief that we are stronger together. To say our students did a fantastic job is an understatement. We are so proud of our Tigers!

Several of our students recently engaged in multiple leadership summits: KEDS Face2Face Leadership Summit at Orchard Park Community Center and Courageous Leadership Summit at Cheektowaga High School. Students had the opportunity to team build, make connections with students from neighboring districts, and create a service project to benefit the Western New York Community.



Face2Face Leadership Summit

Remembering the importance of communication and collaboration over the next few weeks is critical as we inch closer to the culmination of the 22-23 school year. It is important that motivation remains high and that students take every opportunity to finish the year off successfully. Arriving at school on time, completing work on time, asking for help, attending review courses, and taking care of your mind and body will lead to good results. If you have questions regarding



Courageous Leadership Summit

the progress of your child, please do not hesitate to reach out to their teacher. Specific information regarding end of year events for the Class of 2023 will be forthcoming.

GO TIGERS!

Important May Dates...

MAY	2	AP Environmental Science Exam
	3	Petition Sheets Due
	3	AP Eng. Lit. Exam
	5	AP US Hist. Exam
	5	AP Studio in Art Exam
	8	AP Calculus AB Exam
	9	BOE Meeting
	9	BOE Budget Hearing
	10	AP Biology Exam
	11	AP Physics 1 Exam
	11	SOM Luncheon
	15	Progress Report On-Line/ Failure Lists Due
	16	Annual Budget Vote/Elections
	16	District Wide Art Show
	18	Ineligible/ Restricted Pass List
	19	Spanish Field Trip
	24	BOE Meeting
	29	Memorial Day (NO CLASSES)
	31	Honors Breakfast Students only (8-8:45 am)
	31	Honors Ceremony (6:00 pm)

May 5th is the day that we recognize MMIW - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. All across the United States and Canada, thousands and thousands of girls and women have gone missing. Either these women are trafficked or murdered. Thousands of women sold! Thousands of women killed! Unfortunately a ridiculous and disproportionate number of these cases are unresolved.



On Friday, we will wear red to acknowledge the injustice and lack of answers for these women and their families. Some people also have a red hand print across their mouths to signify all the voices that are not heard - voices of the missing and murdered women. Feel free to join us in supporting the movement to recognize the injustice for Native women across the United States and Canada - wear red!!



Native American Office News

Akron was fortunate to have some VIP visitors after spring break. Let me take a step back so you can see why they visited ACS. Last year, we were given a small grant to help increase Seneca Language accessibility. The stipend was such a wonderful surprise! The grant came from the NYSED Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages. Even more awesome - the small grant was provided again this year. The majority of the grant was designated to close a language learning gap that existed at ACS. Grades 4, 5, and 6 were lacking a continuation of the language. Closing that gap has been a goal of ours for years. While the gap isn't 100% closed, there is progress - thanks to this gift.

Back to the visit, the Associate Commissioner of OBEWL came to Akron. Ms. Elisa Alvarez came with a delegation from several other programs around the state, including Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES and Erie 1 BOCES. They were so positive and supportive! They wanted to hear from our Seneca language students, specifically how important it is to have Seneca Language as an option in schools. Ms. Alvarez is very passionate about hearing student voices!

My biggest takeaway was the fact that our visitors made the effort to visit Akron Central Schools. There are over 700 school districts in New York State and they visited us. Seneca Language is only taught in 5 districts and they visited us. Akron has less than 50 students taking Seneca Language and they wanted to hear their voice! It is refreshing to know such a small percentage of the greater whole is important. Positivity in school is not something we hear on a regular basis so we would welcome them back anytime!!



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

Cydney Brandl- Alfred State;

Rebecca Higgins- Alfred State;

Coleman Schrock- Alfred State;

Audrey Smith- Univ. of Buffalo;

Jeff Owen- ECC;

Trevor Martin- RPI;

Carter Wiechec- Alfred State;

Noah Wight- Alfred State;

Katherine Mento- NCCC, SUNY Canton Univ.;

Natalie Ginestre- UB, St. John Fisher, Hope College;

Kaylee Orr- NCCC;

Emma Orr- NCCC;

Emery Funseth- Bowling Green State University;

Quinn Regan- Canisus, UB and Buffalo State

The TIGERS DEN School Store

The Tigers Den held our official Grand Opening Event the week of April 11. The winner of our basket giveaway was Kylie Karmazyn. Congratulations Kylie! Thank you to everyone who came to the Grand

Opening.

Special School Store dates to put on your calendar: Special Mother's Day pop-up store in the Middle School Foyer on Monday, May 8th during 9th period. We will have a selection of jewelry, candles, soaps, chocolate and other goodies to spoil moms.

Annual Budget Vote, Tuesday, May 16 at the Tigers Den H113 from 5:30-7:30pm. Come and see all the students have accomplished this semester getting the school store ready to open.

Graduation, Friday, June 23rd from 6-9pm in the Auditorium Foyer. We will have alumni and Tiger apparel for sale.

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.



March- Students of the Month

ART- Eva Sage

BAND- Natalie Ginestre

BUSINESS- Rebecca Higgins

CHORUS- Emily Fox

ENGLISH- Alec Boyer

BOCES- Caydence Sundown

HEALTH- Madilyn Halicki

MATH- Clear Ground

ORCHESTRA- Devin Rodriguez

PHYS. ED- Ethan Fowler

SCIENCE- Sarah Lumberg

SOCIAL STUDIES-

Nathan Felski

SPANISH- Shelby Ceratt

TECHNOLOGY-

Sly Sundown



Happy Spring!

The student support office has begun the scheduling process for the 2023-24 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 as well. Please remember to check your emails, lots of important information will be shared this way.



Congratulations to the following Harkness Students who have been chosen by their CTE instructors as Students of the Month

January

- Cole Akin- Auto Technician Training II
- Lucas Possinger- Auto Technician Training I
- Emma Olszewski- Health Careers II



We are making progress in our prom and picnic planning. Be sure to listen to announcements and check your emails as these events come closer! We're almost to the finish line, let's finish out strong!



The Class of 2024 would like to thank everyone who has supported our efforts throughout the year! Currently we are in the process of planning and will keep you updated with our upcoming fundraisers, as well as the initial plans for Prom next year!



The Class of 2025 is starting preparations for their 2023-24 elections. Anyone interested in being part of student government and have a say in the float, dances and dress up days see Mrs. Bennett by May 1.



Safety & Security Zone

It's getting to be that time of year again, SUMMER! Time for family and friends to get together. Barbecues and parties, they can have an impact on you and your community. DON'T allow your children to have unsupervised parties.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE:

- IF alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are given to minors at your house.
- IF there is unreasonable noise at your house.

YOU MAY BE SUED IN CIVIL COURT:

IF someone is injured after obtaining alcoholic beverages of drugs at your house. Even if you are not home at the time.

**YOUR HOUSE, YOUR CHILDREN
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

PLEASE, stay safe and have a wonderful summer.

What 's Happening in the ALC?
May 2023 : Month of Review

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p> <p>Schedule Prep Week Swing into the ALC to create a study schedule that includes exam dates, review sessions and study plans.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Schedule Prep Week Swing into the ALC to create a study schedule that includes exam dates, review sessions and study plans.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Schedule Prep Week Swing into the ALC to create a study schedule that includes exam dates, review sessions and study plans.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Schedule Prep Week Swing into the ALC to create a study schedule that includes exam dates, review sessions and study plans.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Freebie Friday Swing by for a Regents Exam tip!</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Study Method Week Swing in and learn the best method to study for each style of final exam – or the best way that works for you!</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Study Method Week Swing in and learn the best method to study for each style of final exam – or the best way that works for you!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Study Method Week Swing in and learn the best method to study for each style of final exam – or the best way that works for you!</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Study Method Week Swing in and learn the best method to study for each style of final exam – or the best way that works for you!</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Freebie Friday Swing by for a Regents Exam tip!</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Prep Your Materials Week Use a studyhall to prepare all the materials you need to study independently. Revise notes, collect review packets - get organized in one place for effective studying.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Prep Your Materials Week Use a studyhall to prepare all the materials you need to study independently. Revise notes, collect review packets - get organized in one place for effective studying.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Prep Your Materials Week Use a studyhall to prepare all the materials you need to study independently. Revise notes, collect review packets - get organized in one place for effective studying.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Prep Your Materials Week Use a studyhall to prepare all the materials you need to study independently. Revise notes, collect review packets - get organized in one place for effective studying.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Freebie Friday Swing by for a Regents Exam tip!</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sketch your Exam Week Swing by to see a previous exam and discuss a plan of attack to succeed on your test!</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Sketch your Exam Week Swing by to see a previous exam and discuss a plan of attack to succeed on your test!</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sketch your Exam Week Swing by to see a previous exam and discuss a plan of attack to succeed on your test!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Sketch your Exam Week Swing by to see a previous exam and discuss a plan of attack to succeed on your test!</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Freebie Friday Swing by for a Regents Exam tip!</p>

Swing by the ALC during any study hall or free period to see what we can do for you!

Social Worker Support Center



May is Mental Health Awareness Month and with the stress of the end of the school year, it's more important than ever to take care of yourself. With the warmer temperatures of Spring and the blooming flowers, spending

time in nature is a great way to promote positive mental health outcomes, including improved focus, lower stress, better mood, reduced risk of developing mental health conditions, along with a sense of connection to yourself, community, and purpose. Being around nature doesn't have to mean hiking in a forest! It can be walking in a park, bringing a plant inside, or sitting in your backyard.



Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Storr's All High Photo Show at the Kenan Center in Lockport. The show opened on Sunday, April 2 and runs through Friday April 28. Kendall Vohwinkel earned a merit award for ACS. Other participants include: Cyrene Blackley, Cheyanne Ellis, Aiden Ellsworth, Madi Halicki, Rebecca Higgins, Ryleigh Pruner, Quinn Reagan, Jacob Steinman, and Matthew Weeg.



Spring Spirit Week Dress Up Days

- Mon., May 1st- College Day
- Tues., May 2nd- Twin Tuesday
- Wed., May 3rd- Adam Sandler Day
- Thurs., May 4th- May the 4th Be With You
- Fri., May 5th- Anything But a Backpack

Flag Football came to Akron at their inaugural game against Health Sciences on Saturday, April 15, 2023. The Lady Tigers came away with a 30-12 win.



Athletic Director's Clipboard



Spring Sports are off and running!! Here is the latest:

The Varsity Lady Tigers softball team boasts an undefeated record in league games this year. With 4 games played, the team has collected 76 hits in 178 at bats, an astounding .427 TEAM batting average. They've accrued 58 singles, 13 doubles, 3 triples and one homerun so far this season. The numbers don't lie, this team loves to hit the ball. As of this writing, they are the 8th ranked small school in WNY according to the Buffalo News! The JV Softball team is very young, but also has enough talent to win some games this year. Watch out for this strong mix of middle and high school ball players!

Akron Tigers Lacrosse (Varsity, JV, and Modified) has a record number of 76 student-athletes playing for the program this year. The Varsity team has a 27 student-athlete roster, also a program record. Senior, Sly Sundown, and Junior, Trace Hill, each both surpassed 100 Total Career Points this season. The JV team has a young roster, with a lot of room for growth, learning, and development and they are working hard. They are also off to a strong start.

The Varsity Baseball team got off to a 4-2 start in non-league play. Senior Andrew Romesser compiled 12 hits and hit .500 through the early part of the season. Sophomores Aiden Romesser and Jack Julicher both earned their first career wins at the varsity level. The JV baseball team has a lot of youth in the starting line up to start the season. Hunter Haist, Jackson Schlabach, and Gavin Miller have emerged as starters to start the season. The youth added with veteran returners of Mason Massaro, Collin Miller, and Conlan Luck have the team ready for an exciting season.

Akron Unified Basketball started practices earlier this month as they prepare for their first game of the year on Tuesday, May 2nd at home against Pembroke. Come out and show your support!

The Akron Varsity Tennis team is off to a strong start this year with a record of 5-0. The team has made great progress in the past month of practice with thirteen of the nineteenth players being in their first year. Looking forward to our upcoming matches.

Boys & Girls Track and Field have a few meets under their belt. Despite losing talent in many different events, the Girl's team will still be a force to deal with for league opponents. They have strong runners, jumpers, hurdlers, and throwers. The Boys have a mix of returning talent and young developing talent. They will look to build off of a season where they saw progress from previous years.

Girl's Flag Football won the first game in program history earlier this month in front of a large crowd on their home field. A lot of credit is due to coaches and players for putting in the work to learn a brand new sport and translating that to success on the field. They stand at 1-1, with four division games left to play. Their next home game is Monday, May 15th.

Akron Lacrosse will host Clarence on Friday, May 5th in the 8th Annual Fundraiser Lacrosse Games. The JV game is scheduled for a 5:00 start with the Varsity game to follow. All proceeds benefit AFRICA STICKS - Bringing Lacrosse Equipment to Africa's Youth. There will be a Theme Basket Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and Baked Goods sale.

Be sure to check the schedule on the Akron Athletics Webpage for the most up to date information. You can also follow us on Twitter at @AkronHSSports.

Go Tigers!!



On Monday, April 24th we celebrated 11 student-athletes who have committed to continue their athletic careers at the college level. They will represent Akron well. Congratulations and Good Luck!