



Tiger Tracks

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A message from the Principals:

It is officially Springtime and while the weather in Buffalo certainly does not feel spring-like, longer, warmer, and brighter days will soon be upon us. Spring is a time of refocusing, gaining a refreshed mindset, and appreciating the little things. As we prepare to step into this new period of revitalization, let's remember that we have the entire fourth marking period to recommit ourselves to learning and growing.

The fourth marking period is a very important marking period as it accounts for 40% (20% final and 20% quarter) of your overall grade for most courses. With that said, please refer to our [High School Webpage](#) for information for [AP review](#), [Regents Review](#), and [SAT review](#). Please reach out directly to teachers should you have a question.

This past month, our music department was hard at work preparing for several events. If you did not have the opportunity to attend the Cabaret performance, you may watch it [here](#). Our students did an incredible job in The Wizard of Oz; we truly have talented students!

As we say goodbye to March, we also sadly say goodbye to Kenneth Kasperek. Ken was always at important ACS events and captured memories for all to cherish. Ken will be missed by the entire Akron Central Schools community.

We look forward to your safe return from Spring break. Let's return back to school refocused and ready to take on the home stretch of the school year. Enjoy your break and GO TIGERS!

Important April Dates...

- APRIL**
- 3 AP Exam Schedule Parent Mailing
 - 3-7 Spring Recess (No Classes)
 - 7 Deadline for SAT Registration for May 6 test
 - 11 Native Am. Field Trip to NCCC
 - 14 Kids Escaping Drugs Youth Leadership Summit
 - 15 ACT Test (not at Akron)
 - 18 Leadership Summit at Cheektowaga
 - 18 BOE Mtg. Budget/Elections
 - 19 Report Cards On-line
 - 19 Ineligibility List/Restricted Pass List
 - 20 SOM Luncheon
 - 21-23 Music Trip- Pittsburgh
 - 25 NA Ganondagan Hist. Field Trip
 - 28 District Wide Evacuation Drill

giveaway and a special promotion introducing our Den Dollars!! You will earn a Den Dollar for every ten dollars you spend which can be spent on a future purchase.

Our PJ Pants have been a hit and we have just received another order including youth and adult sizes.

Look forward to visiting the Tigers Den at the Annual Budget Vote and at Graduation to see your new school store and all the hard work put in by the students and maintenance staff.

We would like to thank maintenance for all their help with the clothing racks and signage and to Mr. Clouse for laser cutting our Tigers Den sign.

Remember that profits made at the Tigers Den go directly back to students in the form of scholarships. We are happy to announce that, with your help, we will be giving two scholarships of \$500 each to two students that are continuing in business related fields.

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



The Tigers Den is preparing for our official Grand Opening Event which will be held on Tuesday, April 11 in H113. We will have samples, a gift basket

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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 meeting 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.

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.

SAT MATH Review Classes:

This is open to 10th and 11th graders. You may sign up for a first half-session Monday or Tuesday 9th period sessions from 2:35-3:20 or a second half-session Wednesday or Thursday 9th period sessions from 2:35-3:20

In person review classes will be held in C119 Mrs. Bordon's room.

Dates are as follows:

Monday or Tuesday (2:35-3:20)
March 20 or 21; March 27 or 28
April 10 or 11; April 17 or 18
April 24 or 25
May 1 or 2

Wednesday or Thursday (2:35-3:20)
March 22 or 23; March 28 or 29
April 12 or 13; April 19 or 20
April 26 or 27
May 3 or 4

Items needed: Barron's SAT Study Guide, Premium, 2023 (it is listed @ \$30.46 on Amazon, but you may purchase anywhere available).



February- Students of the Month

ART- Kendall Vohwinkel
BAND- Trevor Martin
BUSINESS- Julian Farley
CHORUS- Katerina Ryszka
ENGLISH- Willow Kumro
BOCES- Matthew Cummings
HEALTH- Ashley Abrams
MATH- Kayleigh Carey
ORCHESTRA- Ava Lombard
PHYS. ED- Sophia Jones
SCIENCE- Whitley Koopman
SOCIAL STUDIES- Tiana Kabangira Kipendo
SENECA- Trace Hill
TECHNOLOGY- Zander Borton



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



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

SENIORS Class Of 2023

Mark your calendars! The 2023 Junior/Senior Prom will be held at The Creekside Banquet Facility (Camelot Room) on Friday, June 9th from 6:00-10:00 pm. The cost will be \$40 per ticket. We will be meeting again the week after Spring Break to continue discussing details. We are also planning the Senior picnic, so feel free to attend the meeting if you have any ideas you'd like to share!

JUNIORS Class Of 2024

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!

SOPHOMORES Class Of 2025

The class is looking forward to next year when planning the semi formal will be all up to them. Many ideas are coming about not only about the dance but possible fundraisers too.



Safety & Security Zone

Spring Break Safety Tips: Spring break is upon us! Whether you are going on vacation, working, or at home during break, these important safety tips can help keep you and your kids on track:

Know where they are, and where they are planning to go: It's important to keep an open line of communication with your kids, no matter what.

Know who they are with, and if another adult will, or should be with them: Depending on age, and the activity, it may be necessary to make sure an adult is present.

Set a curfew, and transportation if necessary: Know the curfew times for the area you reside, or where your kids are going to be. Set a fair curfew time that is manageable, and attainable. Make sure they have a way to get to and from their destination safely.

Lastly, enjoy the time off, do family activities to stay engaged with one another.

Have a wonderful Spring break!



Native American Office News

Student Council Elections

Student Council is an educational staple. Running for office appears to be very competitive. Becoming a school leader is an important task. Indigenous students do not often participate. In my years at ACS, approximately 3 students have been involved in Student Council. I've often wondered why they don't get involved because our students always have great ideas on how to make this school a better place! So why don't they fill out the application packet, write an essay, get recommendations, create campaign posters and solicit votes at lunch tables..... Right!?! Indigenous students, for the most part, do not participate in voting for any office. (That is not to say we can't participate. Some Indigenous people choose to participate in political races and elections.) Our traditional governments at Tonawanda, Onondaga, and Tuscarora continue to use a consensus model for choosing our leaders. The process involves a gathering of minds to make a decision that everyone agrees to. It can be time consuming but it is harmonious. And it is much different than voting. Voting is based on an individual and not the community as a whole. And voting can be done very quickly.

So if the barrier is voting (and the campaigning process) - how do we ensure that Indigenous students have an opportunity to participate in Student Council. Easy! Gather the indigenous students and have them decide a representative to participate - consensus style. We have discussed this with administration and Student Council advisors. It is happening! Indigenous students will be meeting after Easter Break to choose an Ambassador/Runner from each grade in the middle and high school. The Ambassador/Runner will be a life position for the duration of middle or high school. All Indigenous students will be offered a chance to participate in the deliberations. More details will be rolled out to families in early April. This is groundbreaking and very exciting!! We are looking forward to engaging in the process and fostering leaders in school!

Athletic Director's Clipboard



It wouldn't be the start of Spring Sports without persistent rain, clouds, and chilly evenings! Our Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Tennis, and Flag Football teams have been working hard to prepare for the start of their competitive seasons! Unified Basketball will start practicing on Tuesday April 11th.

Please visit the athletics webpage for the most up to date schedule. Please follow the Athletics Twitter page at @AkronHSSports for updates.

Social Worker Support Center



Our next Tiger Talk meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19th from 3:30-4:30 in C-120. All middle school and high school girls interested in being a mentor or mentee are welcome to attend.

The Wellness Club will have its next meeting on Thursday, April 20th from 3:30-4:30 in Mrs. Bowen's office. We will be planning various wellness events to support students for the remainder of the school year to help and alleviate end of the school year stress and pressure.



The Wellness Club celebrated March- Making A Difference-Madness by supporting the Comfort Cases fundraiser created by sophomore, Peter Sokolofsky. Comfort Cases provides children in foster care with new hygiene and comfort items. During the Spirit Week there were over 240 items donated.



The following 9th grade students participated in the Junior High North All County Festival this weekend, held at Franklin Middle School in KenTon. These talented musicians were named to these ensembles because of their top scores in January's Solo Festival. Rehearsals took place Friday evening and Saturday morning, March 10th and 11th. Performances for each ensemble took place throughout Saturday afternoon. Band: Whitley Koopman - percussion, Emma Leonard - clarinet. Orchestra: Ava Lombard - violin, Landon Polkowski - cello, Dylan Whiting-Popielski - violin. SATB Chorus: Phoenix Abrams, Mark Molitor (not pictured)



Pictured above: ACS Seniors were invited by the Akron Newstead Senior Center to attend a Senior Valentine's Day Dance on Tues., Feb. 14th. Students had dinner, a DJ/photo booth along with connecting with some members of our community.

Pictured to the left: The Interact Club has been busy as they raised \$328 during parent teacher conferences and donated it to UNICEF. They also teamed up with the Akron Senior Citizens Center once again in service. They fundraised for and made 23 tie blankets for children staying at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.



The HS/MS Orchestra held their annual Music and Munchies Concert in the HS Cafeteria on March 21st.



The HS Choral and Bands held their annual Cabaret Concert on Sat., March 25th in the Performance Gym.

