



# Tiger Tracks

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## A message from the Principals:

Traditionally, the month of November is a time to reflect on all that we are thankful for. We continue to be thankful for the opportunity to educate and empower our students here in Akron. We are thankful for all our faculty and staff for putting our kids first and creating new ways to connect with our students. To that end our High School team is constantly looking for ways to bring real world opportunities and relevant experiences into the classroom. This past week Juniors and Seniors, through the hard work and guidance of business teacher, Mrs. Karen Saeli, had the opportunity to experience life after graduation through our Financial Reality Fair which was sponsored by Bank on Buffalo. Students were charged with picking a career path and had the opportunity to go through a simulation of real-life experiences related to spending, saving, and budgeting. Click [here](#) to see WKBW's news story about this awesome experience. Importantly, the cost of college has doubled in the past 20 years. Here are three websites that house scholarships available for any student interested in saving money for college and/or their career interest: [www.chegg.com](http://www.chegg.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), and [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com).

We invite parents to participate in Parent teacher conferences scheduled in-person on Tuesday, November 22nd (4:30-7:30pm) and in-person/virtual on Wednesday, November 23rd (8-11:30am). Additional information pertaining to conferences will be sent out Tuesday afternoon, including virtual sign-up.



As we prepare for the close of the first marking period, please remember to frequently check and monitor your student's progress in ParentPortal, reach out to teachers if you have questions or need clarification, and encourage your child to value and appreciate a quality education.



*Picture Retake Day*

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Wed., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>

If you are getting retakes you NEED to return your picture package on retake day to ensure you receive the same package back with the retake photo. Order online [inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order) use Order Code: 71642QB

### Important Dates in November...

2	Photo Retake (During Lunches)	16	Report Cards On-Line
2	BOE Meeting	16	Ineligible List/Restricted Pass List
3	SAT Reg. Deadline	16	BOE Meeting
3-4	Cap/Gown Measurement	18	Grade Level Mtg.
4	End of MP1	22	Parent/Teacher Conf. (4:30-7:30)
4	ACT Reg. Deadline	23	Tiger Tracks Published
8	Blood Drive (8-2:30 pm)	23	Parent/Teacher Conf. (8-11:30) (NO CLASSES)
8	Faculty Mtg.	24-25	Thanksgiving Recess (NO CLASSES)
10	SOM Luncheon	30	NHS Applications Due
10	Grades Due		
11	Veterans Day (NO CLASSES)		
14	NHS Candidacy Meeting		

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The high school student support office has been busy this fall. We are finishing up our individual meetings with seniors. These meetings have been productive covering graduation requirements and future goals and aspirations with every senior. We also administered the PSAT in October to 36 students in preparation for college planning.

In November we will be hosting guest presenters from Boces to meet with our entire sophomore class. They will be explaining in detail the process of attending Boces while highlighting many programs they have to offer our students. These vocational programs continue to be an excellent opportunity as an option for a rewarding career path.

We continue to work with students in freshman and junior seminars to provide information that will benefit them during their high school experience. We are beginning to host guest speakers to cover a range of topics while including social emotional learning.

We have been inviting Representatives weekly from the military branches and surrounding colleges to meet with students who may have an interest.

**SENIOR CAP & GOWN** measurements and payment will be taken 11/9 & 11/10 during lunch across from the Student Support Office. Please call 542-5035 with any questions.

Seniors have been notified to check their group class email on a regular basis. The student support office sends various periodic scholarship updates utilizing this email format. In addition, please check our school webpage using the following link for scholarship information. <https://www.akronschools.org/Page/4596>

In addition, please note that our local community scholarship packet is available for seniors during the spring of their senior year. Additional information will be forthcoming in the future.

## Athletic Director's Clipboard



The Fall Sports season is nearing its end. Several teams have finished up and many had very successful seasons. Check the Athletics webpage for the latest playoff game schedule. The Boys and Girls Cross Country took 3rd and 2nd respectively at All-League's and will compete in the state qualifier meet on Friday, Nov 4th. We will send out the complete list of league champions in next month's Tiger Tracks!

Winter season is approaching quickly- Please make sure all athletic students register on our athletic registration, FamilyID. This can be found on the school website under athletics on the left side (Sports Registration).

Please visit <https://www.akronschools.org> for all athletic updates and check us out on twitter, @AkronHSSports.

## Social Worker Support Center



**The Giving Tree** will be in the HS Cafe starting Monday, November 14th to provide Christmas gifts for families in need. Each ornament on the Giving Tree has an item from a child's wish list. Please consider taking an ornament before Thanksgiving break for some Black Friday shopping! Items can be returned unwrapped, with the ornament attached to the Student Support Office by Friday, December 17th. Please contact Mrs. Bowen with any questions.

**Tiger Talk** is a girl peer mentorship program that connects high school mentors with middle school mentees. This program focuses on developing leadership skills, confidence, and empowerment using lessons that cover a variety of topics from appropriate social media use to healthy relationships. If you're interested in becoming a mentor or mentee, please contact Mrs. Bowen.



## Native American Office News

"Do you celebrate Thanksgiving?" That is the question most asked of me, being an Indigenous person. When I step out the door of ACS on Wednesday before Thanksgiving, people wish me a Happy Thanksgiving and then visibly cringe a little. I am not offended! Personally, my family is all about Thanksgiving and eating and 44 pound turkeys and family and desserts and backyard football! I know other Native families who chose not to celebrate the holiday and I know some families who are all about Black Friday shopping. To be honest many aspects of Indigeneity are complex and that is the way it is.

Let's talk about the "real" Thanksgiving, though. We live in a time where truth seems to be defined by one's own perspective - which is not the actual definition of truth. Thanksgiving is a problematic and European-centric holiday based on a false premise. The truth about the "first" Thanksgiving has been muddled and sensationalized for hundreds of years. It is a shame that children are taught the erroneous narrative of a blessed meal shared by Pilgrims and Indians. I recall being taught that the Pilgrims fed the poor, starving Indians - like we were the ones that needed to be saved. In fact, there is only one paragraph in historical documents that speaks to the colonizers having a feast after their first real harvest. Nearby Wampanoag warriors happened to be in the area and joined them, as they would have during any diplomatic meeting. Yearly feasts, especially in New England, continued. Less than a decade later, Indigenous people were very quickly uninvited and their contributions unacknowledged.

No matter how one celebrates Thanksgiving, make sure one does not perpetuate the untrue story that Indigenous people needed to be saved at the time of colonization. I found a really great website that discusses ways to decolonize Thanksgiving. One suggestion is to recognize Indigenous foods at your Thanksgiving meal: turkey, potatoes, squash, beans, sweet potatoes, cranberries, corn, and pumpkin! Fascinating!



### Congratulations Goes Out to the Following on a Job Well Done!

Student Council President Sophia Janik and Senior Class Present Andrew Shea attended a Student Leadership Dinner with Board of Education Vice President, Erik Polkowski and Superintendent McCabe to discuss their possible roles as student leaders within the school as well as liaisons for the Superintendent and the BOE.



Student Council Members Sarah Gulczewski, Sophia Janik, Kaila Szczygielski and Emily Fox were recognized for their fundraising efforts for the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry by Erie County Legislator Hon. Christopher D. Greene.

### September- Students of the Month

- ART- Martha Miller-Salisbury
- BAND- Caleb Suckow
- BUSINESS- Emma Gerstung
- CHORUS- Averi Monkelbaan
- ENGLISH- Sarah Lumberg
- BOCES- Scott MacDonald
- HEALTH- Molly Adkins
- MATH- Benjamin Printup
- ORCHESTRA- Gary Baehr
- PHYS. ED- Ema Poodry
- SCIENCE- Maggie Middaugh
- SOCIAL STUDIES- Andrew Bedford
- SPANISH- Olivia Julicher
- TECHNOLOGY- Tor Nuback



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

- Macie Matusek- NCCC;
- Kieran Regan- Medaille;

Catherine Mest- Eastern Kentucky University, Eastern Oregon University, Colorado State University, MCC;

Emma Esposito- Slippery Rock University;

Nicolas Sanford- NCCC;

Emma Doherty- Medaille

Matthew Weeg- Alfred State

## School Store



The school store has a new apparel design on order just in time for the holidays! We have ordered hoodies, crewneck sweatshirts, long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts. Get yours at the school store or Market on Main at 57 Main Street.



**Coming soon -** Akron Tiger joggers will be here for all of your holiday shopping needs.



### The School Store will be sampling the following products during the month of November:

Freeze-dried strawberry banana salt water taffy - **Nov. 1 and 3**

Freeze-dried watermelon salt water taffy - **Nov. 8 and 10**

Joe's barbeque kettle cooked chips - **Nov. 15 and 17**

No school store the week of Thanksgiving

Joe's salt and vinegar kettle cooked chips - **Nov. 29 and Dec. 1**

Not sure what to give someone as a gift? The school store is now offering gift cards that can be used at the school store and Market on Main.



## Safety & Security Zone

### Vaping: What can you do as a Parent?

**BE INFORMED:** Research how they work, different potencies, effects, long lasting effects on the lungs, and the potential to turn to cigarettes down the road.

**KNOW WHAT CHEMICALS ARE IN THE LIQUID:** Metals, flavors, vegetable glycerin, tobacco, marijuana, etc.

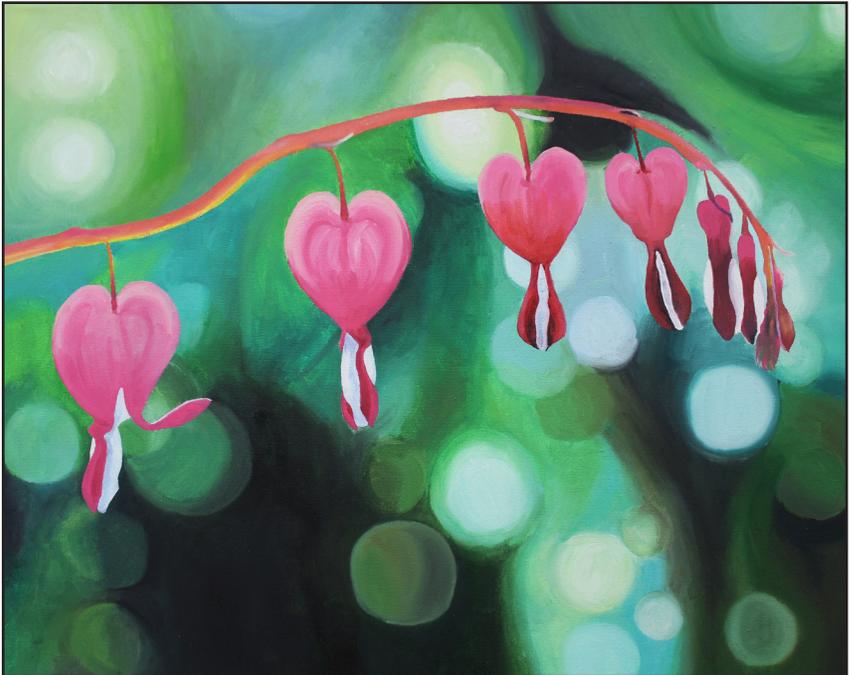
**KNOW DEVICE DISGUISES:** Pens, USB devices, phone cases, hoodie strings, backpacks, smart watches, etc.

**SHARE YOUR CONCERNS:** Be honest, teach them what you know/have learned, inform them of dangers from buying them online or from street sellers.

**RESOURCES:** [smokefree.gov](http://smokefree.gov), 1-800-QUIT-NOW, or text QUIT to 47848

## NYSSBA Exhibit 2022 Virtual Edition

Three of our talented students have artwork in this virtual show to celebrate New York State School Board Association at the annual convention on October 27-29, but you will also be able to view them virtually through December 31, 2022. Cheyanne Ellis created a digital painting of her dog in Digital Arts class, Hannah Martin painted bleeding hearts flowers as part of our Painting 1 class (which is an Advanced Studies class that can earn students credit through ECC), and Lorelei Priebe designed a painting in the style of Expressionist artist Franz Marc in our Studio in Art class.



[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the 2022 NYSSBA Show