



Tiger Tracks

September 2022
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A message from the Principals:

Welcome and Nya:wëh sgë:nö' Tigers!

We are excited to welcome our staff and students back to school. We look forward to partnering with you and truly believe we are **stronger together**. As one of our Strategic Plan goals, "Tiger Tracks" will help bridge communication between school and home. It is our hope that this monthly newsletter will keep you informed and connected to AHS.

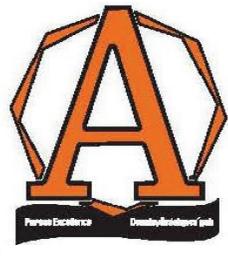
Please take a few minutes to review our [Code of Conduct](#) located on our District webpage under District Code of Conduct and note the proactive supports AHS has in place to ensure that all students' needs are met. Additionally, we would like to remind all students and families of our expectations 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 14 in our High School [Student Handbook](#).

As we begin this new year, we want to be transparent in our efforts to work as a collective team. With that said, should you have questions or concerns we encourage you to reach out directly to your child's teacher. We are confident that through collaborative communication we can meet the needs of all children because we are **stronger together!**

Mr. Dimitroff and Mrs. Fial



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Important Upcoming Dates...

September	6	First Day of Classes
	12	Senior Portrait Retakes
	19	Petition Sheets Due
	21	High School Picture Day
	23	HOCO Hallway Decorating
	26	HOCO Not a Backpack and Class Color Day
	27	HOCO Teen Beach Day (Surfers vs. Bikers)
	28	HOCO Nation Day
	28	Powder Puff Game
	29	HOCO Country vs. Country Club
September	30	HOCO Every Child Matters Day (Wear Orange)
	30	Senior Group Photo
	30	HOCO Pep Assembly
	30	HOCO Parade
	30	Homecoming Game
	30	Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

School Rings

Looking to get a school ring go to www.balfour.com or Scan the QR code to see the catalog.



Questions Text or call Balfour at 716-972-0265



Homecoming 2022

Parade Float Themes:

Seniors: Buffalo Bills & Football
 Juniors: Bandits & Lacrosse
 Sophomores: Blizzard & Soccer
 Freshman: Sabres & Hockey

Class Colors:

Seniors: Neon Blue Juniors: Red
 Sophomores: Green Freshman: Pink

Social Worker Support Center



Stressed about Back-to-School shopping? Make an appointment to visit our Clothing Closet for apparel, shoes, coats, and more. New to the Closet this year is our Food Cupboard! Non-perishable food items and basic hygiene products will be available to students and families as needed. Don't forget about school supplies! We will have some pencils, pens, binders, and more. Please contact Mrs. Bowen at 542-5070 or kbowen@akronk12.org with any questions.



Native American Office News

September is a busy time for Indigenous students! In addition to fall ceremonies, we have the responsibility to share, commemorate, remember, and support Native people who have been impacted by boarding schools. Residential boarding schools had the purpose of eliminating Indigenous identity in a cruel and inhumane manner. Many children died, languages became endangered and abuse was rampant. The last school was finally closed in 1996 and healing for Indigenous people has been ongoing. The connection to these horrible “schools” is closer than you may want to believe - my grandma was forced to attend the Thomas Indian School, less than 60 miles from ACS.

Every Child Matters Day is held across the US and Canada on September 30th to support reconciliation and to foster awareness on the intergenerational trauma these institutions created. An orange shirt was adopted for the movement (orangeshirtday.org). Our Indigenous high school students will be reading various publications on Every Child Matters Day in all the elementary classes. Additionally, a design contest for students was held last year to create a shirt that represents history and healing. Sierra Winter and Hannah Martin tied in design. A shirt depicting their designs will be available for the public through the school. 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 30th! For more information on the dark history of Native American Boarding Schools, please see <https://www.theindigenousfoundation.org/articles/us-residential-schools>

School Store

Welcome Back! Akron Tigers T-shirts and sweatshirts available now at the school store! We also have sweatshirt blankets to keep you warm at football games and lanyards for your keys or ID. Starting September 13, 2022, the school store will be open during 9th periods outside H185 (Mrs. Saeli's classroom) every Tuesday and Thursday. We look forward to seeing you there!



Order your Orange Shirt Day T-Shirt using the QR code here!



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

Incredibly proud of our students Canyon Sundown & Emily Fox for representing their classmates and ACS at the DEI Leadership Retreat. Day 2 brought a student panel which took center stage for “Listen Up Leaders.” Students shared their experiences related to DEI. It opened up important conversation around how we can make schools a safe space for all students.



Welcome to our new Counselor-

Nicole Johnson

Nicole will be taking care of students last name L-Z. She comes to us from Orleans Niagara BOCES where she was a School Counselor.

Other Notes:

- Student Schedules went live on Aug. 24th.
- Mrs. Myers is still taking care of students last name A-K.

If you need help stop in, call (716-542-5035) or email the Student Support Office.

njohnson@akronk12.org or smyers@akronk12.org

We are looking forward to a fantastic year.



Safety & Security Zone

First I would like to officially welcome Officer Jamie Givens as an SRO.

Seniors and Juniors that would like to drive to school, you will need a parking permit. Scan the QR Code and fill out the form including the pictures of your valid license and registration. You will be notified when your permit is ready.



As we have had for the past few years, there is a single - point entry system in place. If you arrived after 8:00AM you will need to use the main entry doors (by the flags). ALL visitors must use this entrance.

Remember: If you see or hear anything that causes you concern, Tell the first adult you see. SAFETY IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY. GO TIGERS

Athletic Director's Clipboard



Fall sports started on August 22nd and are in full swing.

Our Modified Cross Country team will begin on Tuesday, September 6th.

The Modified Volleyball program will begin on Monday, September 26.

Please make sure all athletic students register on our athletic registration, FamilyID. Which can be found on the school website under athletics on the lefthand side (Sports Registration).

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