



# Tiger Tracks

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September 2025

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:

### *Greetings and Nya:wëh sgë:nö*

We are excited to begin a new year together! The start of school brings energy, fresh opportunities, and the chance to grow as a “OneAkron” community. We would like to welcome several new staff members this year: Assistant Principal, David Brick; High School Social Worker, Lindsay Prout; School Counselor, (A-K) Britney Benthien, Tech/Consumer Science, Meghann Brown; and Wellness, Jenna Grazen.

The district has created an [Organizational Chart](#) to help distinguish the chain of command and who to call. Please refer to this when reaching out.

### Open House

Join us for the **High School Open House on September 17th from 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm**. Meet teachers, explore classrooms, and learn how you can support your student’s success this year. Letters will be mailed home along with student schedules to follow the Letter Day.

### Internet-Enabled Device Policy

To keep learning the focus:

- Personal devices (cell phones, smart watches, EarPods) should be put away in lockers from 8:00 am - 2:34 pm. Our students are doing an outstanding job adhering to this policy. Thank you for helping us ensure that technology supports learning, not distractions.

### A Message to Our Students

- **Get Involved!** Join a club, team, performance group, or service opportunity. The more you engage, the more rewarding your high school years will be.
- **Find a Trusted Adult.** Every student should have someone in the building they can turn to—whether a teacher, counselor, coach, or staff member.
- **Take Risks in Learning.** Don’t be afraid to try, stumble, and grow. Asking tough questions, stretching your skills, and tackling challenges are how you’ll discover your strengths.

### Moving Forward Together

This year, let’s work toward progress, persistence, and resilience—not perfection. Thank you for partnering with us to make Akron High School a place where every student belongs, learns, and thrives.

With appreciation and excitement,

Nya:wëh and Go Tigers!  
Mr. Dimitroff and Mr. Brick

## Important September Dates...

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| 1 Labor Day (No Classes)      | 22-26 Homecoming Week  |
| 2 First Day of Classes        | 24 HS Powderpuff Game  |
| 3 BOE Meeting                 | 24 Homecoming Bonfire  |
| 17 MS/HS Open Hous            | 26 HS/MS Homecoming Pep Assembly   |
| 17 BOE Meeting                | 26 Senior Group Photo  |
| 19 Picture Day                | 26 Homecoming Football Game  |
| 19 Homecoming Hall Decorating | 30 Senior Portrait Retakes   |
| 22-25 Indigenous Ceremonies   | 30 "Every Child Matters Day"/"Orange Shirt Day" & "Truth and Reconciliation Day" |



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

If you did not get an elective that you wanted it is due to a conflict with another course.

**You have the first 2 weeks of school to make any schedule changes.**

Seniors - We will begin our individual meetings with all of you starting mid-September to support you all with the college application process and post high school plans. Please see your counselor with any questions. We will also begin the college and military representative visitations for students mid-September.

## Picture Day



The High School Picture Day will be Friday, Sept. 19th during students' social studies classes.

Pre-Order your photos-scan the QR code or go to their <https://inter-state.com> and enter the order code.

Sign up for Picture Day reminders at

<https://inter-state.com/kiosk>

### PreOrder Pictures

Scan QR Code below and enter Order Code **0164VVF**



**SENIORS**

**CLASS OF 2026**

"Come support the Class of 2026 on 9/5, 9/26, 10/17, and 10/24 at the Varsity football games. All profits from the concession stand will help support the senior class. Thank you for your support and Go Tigers!"



**SOPHOMORES**

**CLASS OF 2028**



Drop your buffs, we're back! The class of 2028 is excited to get ready for homecoming and outlast the other classes. Excited to see you all back at school!

The Homecoming bonfire is on Wednesday, September 24 from 7:00 - 9:30 pm.



We have a new program at Akron High School this year called Tigers Innovations. Tigers Innovations is a manufacturing business within the walls of the high school. Our goal is to help students understand the entire process of owning and operating a business. They will create products in house and sell them to community members and Akron businesses. Some products that the students will create include apparel and engraved pavers for the new stadium. Business students will be completing market research, marketing, sales and finances for the new business structure.

Tigers Innovations will be selling apparel at homecoming that will support the program's growth and student scholarships.

## TECHNOLOGY / Telecast



### Chromebooks - Be sure to charge for the start of school!

Students in grades 9 through 12 should locate their Chromebook and charge the device for the start of 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 for elementary students will be available in classrooms on the first day of school.

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. Chromebooks are an integral part of a student's education at every grade level. 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](http://akronschools.org/techsupport) for both students and their parents.

Any questions regarding the Chromebook program may be directed to the Technology Department at (716)542-5045 or by email at [akronitdept@akronk12.org](mailto:akronitdept@akronk12.org).



## Native American Office News

Phones - Not to rehash the obvious but students no longer have access to their phones. I told my students I will hang on to them during the day, if they choose not to use their lockers. I also hold on to smart watches and headphones. In the event of necessity, I am willing to be a messenger from parents to kids and kids to parents. Please reach out if you need my cell number.

Finally, we still continue to commemorate September 30th. Some call it "Every Child Matters Day" or "Orange Shirt Day" or "Truth and Reconciliation Day". It is a day to remember victims and to support survivors of Indian Boarding Schools. I know the atrocities have impacted me personally so seeing orange shirts that day takes away a little bit of my hurt. ACS students will be creating a visual representation of the number of students who were residents at Thomas Indian Boarding School. Thomas was a residential boarding school in WNY, closest to ACS and we need to encourage awareness!

## [Akron Media Production Scholastic Newsletter 2024-2025 Highlights](#)

Akron Media Production is excited for the new school year and a brand-new group of students to provide you video content this year! While they train their skills, please enjoy this highlight newsletter of some of the top videos from the previous school year!

Our first official Newsletter for this school year will be released in October - but look out for our homecoming content at the end of the month! As always, all of our content is available on the Akron Central Schools Youtube page!

Have a great start to the school year!



**Welcome Back!** As we kick off the new school year, it's a great time to focus on our health and wellness. This newsletter will keep you informed about important health topics, tips, and events happening each month.

Throughout the year, we will explore a variety of important health topics, including:

- **Personal Health & Wellness**
- **Mental Health & Stress Management**
- **Nutrition & Healthy Eating Habits**
- **Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD)**
- **Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships**
- **Consent, Sexual Health, and Preventative Measures**

We will also have **guest speakers** joining us to share real-world expertise and insights.



### **September Focus: Getting Started with Health**

This month, we'll begin by:

Introducing the **Dimensions of Health** (physical, mental, emotional, social, spiritual, and environmental)  
Practicing mindfulness and self-awareness to manage stress and start the year strong



### **Community Service Requirement**

All students are required to complete 5 hours of community service before the end of the school year in order to receive credit for this class. Start planning early and look for opportunities to get involved in your community!



### **Tips for a Healthy Start to the Year**

- **Stay organized** – Use a planner or calendar to keep track of assignments and activities.
- **Prioritize sleep** – Aim for 8–10 hours each night to feel your best.
- **Find balance** – Make time for schoolwork, friends, and self-care.
- **Ask for help** – Remember, your teachers and counselors are here to support you.



The PTA is excited to start the 2025-2026 school year. Our 1st meeting will be 9/10 at 7:00pm in H190.

We are always looking for new members and ideas, and we would love for you to join us. To become a PTA member please visit <https://19western.memberhub.store/>

Welcome back Tigers!



September brings a lot of changes. The start of the 2025-2026 school year, the first day of the fall season, and many other important awareness events.

It is **Attendance Awareness Month** and **National Preparedness Month**, among many others. With being back to school, it is important to start off on a positive stride. Attendance can help with that.

Regular school attendance plays a critical role in student success.

There are several ways to prepare for emergencies that are simple and help increase safety for you and your family.



Have an emergency plan for in and out of the home



Know who to call in an emergency, 911 is always the first call



Have extra food, water and a first aid kit readily available



It is always important to know CPR and other lifesaving options, as emergencies happen fast and there isn't always a first responder nearby. There are several classes offered for life saving training.

It will be a great school year! Go Tigers!



## 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.