



# Tiger Tracks

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October 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*

As we turn the calendar to October, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly positive and energetic start to our school year.

From the very first day of school, our students demonstrated responsibility and maturity, embracing new routines and expectations. One of the most impactful changes this year has been the implementation of the internet enabled device ban during the instructional day. I am proud to share that the results from this first month have been overwhelmingly successful. Teachers are seeing increased engagement, stronger focus, and more face-to-face interaction among students.

September was also filled with meaningful experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Students began diving into challenging coursework, reconnecting with peers, and identifying new goals for the year. We also welcomed families into our building during our Open House, reinforcing the important partnership between home and school that makes Akron such a special community.

Of course, no September would be complete without the excitement of Homecoming. This year's festivities highlighted the spirit and pride of our Akron Tigers. From the parade and pep rally to the athletic competitions and the making of a "Rock Star", it was inspiring to see our students celebrate tradition while creating lasting memories. Events like these remind us how valuable it is for students to feel connected—not just to their academics, but to their school and community as a whole.

As we move into October, I encourage you to stay engaged with your child's progress. Celebrate their successes, help them maintain focus, and continue reinforcing the importance of balance between academics, activities, and personal well-being. Together, we are ensuring that every student feels supported, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential.

The SAEBRS (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) will be conducted as a benchmark tool in high school on October 9th and 10th during PE classes. This screener is designed for all students, helping to identify and support their social, academic, and emotional needs. Participation in this assessment is essential for fostering a positive and supportive learning environment for our kids. We are also providing a review to all students of our See Something Say Something Campaign initiated last year in our district during PE classes on October 9th and 10th.

Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and support. The start of this year has already shown what is possible when we come together with high expectations and a shared belief in the success of our students. I look forward to all that October will bring.

***Nya:wëh and GO TIGERS!***

Mr. Dimitroff and Mr. Brick

## Important October Dates...

1 - BOE Meeting  
2 - Junior Financial Reality Fair  
6 - Ineligibility /Restricted Pass List Out  
9 & 10 See Something Say Something  
9 & 10 SAEBRs Screening  
10 -WNY College Consortium  
13 -Indigenous Peoples' Day (No Classes)  
14 -Niagara University Field Trip

15 - BOE Meeting  
16 – HS Student Government Leadership Conference  
22 - Petition Sheets Due  
22 - Flu Shot Clinic (3:00-6:00)  
22 - PSAT – for Reg. Students (8:00-12:00)  
24 - GSA Halloween Fun Night (4:40-6:30)  
30 - High School Portrait Retakes  
31 - Tiger Tracks Published



- \* It has been great to see the school year begin well!
- \*Students now have all their requested schedule changes.
- \*Senior meetings and the college application process have started. Counselors are meeting with all seniors individually to help them with future plans including college, trade, military, etc.
- \*The Western New York College Consortium will be at ACS on October 10th. We will be inviting all juniors and seniors to attend. This event includes over 20 local college reps in which students can meet with and gather information.
- \*The PSAT will be given on October 22nd during the school day. Students were given information in their English classes. This is a voluntary practice exam for interested students.
- \*Various College Representatives will be visiting Akron in October so any interested Seniors may sign up to meet with them in Student Support. Seniors listen to announcements.
- \*Various Armed Services Recruiters will be available monthly to talk with during all lunches. Announcements will be made prior to their visitations. \*We look forward to a fun and productive fall!

### GENESEO

#### *New York's Public HONORS COLLEGE*

SUNY Geneseo's Office of Financial Aid is hosting a Virtual Community Financial Aid Information Night on Tuesday, October 14th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm! We are opening this presentation up to all high school seniors, families, and supporters. This presentation will cover the different applications, timelines, how to prepare, and what to expect after your applications are filed. A Q&A session will be at the end of the presentation. This presentation is not exclusive to only those interested in attending Geneseo--all information is general and not Geneseo-specific. Students can register [https://connect.geneseo.edu/register/fin\\_aid\\_night](https://connect.geneseo.edu/register/fin_aid_night).



#### **Congratulations Tiger Athletes of the Week for the Month of September**

September 1<sup>st</sup> – Morgan Tomporowski – Field Hockey

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Madison Gates - Field Hockey & Blake Gerstung - Football

September 29th – Quinn O'Malley – Cross Country & Kenadee Jonathan - Volleyball



#### **Tiger Leap Award Recipients**

*Montana Burg, Gauge Herbst,  
George Laurey and James McQuestion*

**FRESHMAN  
CLASS OF  
2029**



The Class of 2029 had a great homecoming with their float "The Price is Right" taking 1st place in the parade! The class of 2029 will be holding a mattress fundraiser on November 15th in gym 3 from 10-4pm. Look out for updates and information regarding the mattress sale! We appreciate all of your support. Go Tigers!



## TIGERS INNOVATIONS

Tigers Innovations is up and running! We are in the process of creating and designing merchandise for Tigers Innovations. There is not much to choose from now but we will start to pick up different designs and styles soon. We also plan on broadening our horizon by not only creating apparel but other products as well. All profit made is put back into our student run business for the betterment of the company. The link for our Tigers Innovations store is <https://tigersinnovations.com>.

You can also follow us on Instagram @tigersinnovations.

## Native American Office News



Honoring Our Roots: Celebrating Culture & Strengthening Our Communities. Our students will have the opportunity to participate in the inaugural WNY Indigenous student conference. Later this month, 6 area school districts will bring together approximately 150 students for a day filled with cultural learning. Students will choose from a dozen different cultural activities such as fishing or beading or outdoor cooking. Then all students will participate in a college fair and a financial reality check. We got some really cool sponsors for a catered lunch, complete with a keynote speech from Dr. Darryl Tonemah. We will conclude with a social dance so our kids can relax and socialize with each other. Our students are really looking forward to this unique opportunity!

### [Check out Media Production's first Newsletter of the School Year!](#)

This one features mostly Homecoming content, including:

- Fall Sports Team Video!
- Powderpuff Highlights!
- Senior Tigers Meet Kindergarten Cubs!
- Spirit Week Recap!
- Hallway Themed Homecoming Games!



We hope everyone's school year is off to a great start. Just last week the PTA sponsored the High School Ice Cream Social for those students earning merit and honor roll, or Tiger Leap in the last quarter of the 2024-2025 school year. Great work, Tigers! Last week the PTA also put up the \$500 prize for students taking the ½ court shot during homecoming week. We hope everyone enjoyed the homecoming festivities. Our October Meeting will be held on October 8th at 7:00pm in H190.



October is here! This month, we're expanding our understanding of health beyond just physical wellness. In addition to our focus on communication from last month, we'll explore the dimensions of health and learn how to make informed decisions that positively impact our well-being. With Homecoming upon us, this is the perfect time to reflect on how to make well informed decisions, and reflect on how our decisions can impact more than just ourselves.

Decision Making for Health: We'll learn a decision-making model to help guide choices related to health. Whether it's deciding what to eat, how to manage stress, or choosing safe behaviors, we'll explore strategies to make informed, responsible decisions.

This month, we are very fortunate to have a guest speaker from Universal Pediatric Dentistry to discuss the importance of oral hygiene, and how our dental health can contribute to our overall health and wellness.

**Healthy Habit of the Month: Be a Mindful Decision-Maker**

Before making a choice, pause and ask yourself:

Is this safe?

Is it healthy?

Does it align with my goals and values?

How might this affect me and others in the future?

**Community Service Reminder**

Remember, you need 5 hours of community service by the end of the year. October is a great time to get involved! Think about fall festivals, local events, or school activities where volunteers are needed.

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716.972.0265

ALL HIGH  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS  
WELCOME!



**On Campus**  
**Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**During Lunches!**

BRING A \$60 DEPOSIT TO ORDER WITH US IN SCHOOL OR ORDER ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.

**Q? TEXT OR CALL US!**  
**716-972-0265**

**Ring Measuring + Ordering**



**HS Picture Retake Day**  
**October 30, 2025**

**PreOrder Pictures**

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



The High School Picture Retake Day will be Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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>

# Akron School LMC's 25-26 Events



2025  
Día de los  
**MUERTOS**

NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup>  
7:45 AM - 2:45 PM

Please Contact  
Laura Penn @  
L.Penn@akronk12.org

or  
Nikki Thompson @  
NThompson@akronk12.org  
for more information

Board Approved  
Volunteers Needed



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
FAIR 2026**

May 18<sup>+</sup> -  
22<sup>+</sup>  
7:45 AM -  
2:45 PM

Any time you have to  
volunteer would be greatly  
appreciated.  
You do not have to commit to  
all the days.



**2026**  
Chinese New Year  
FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> - 11<sup>TH</sup>  
7:45 AM - 2:45 PM

Please feel free to  
contact us with any  
questions.  
(716) 542-5040  
ext. 5607



## Trick-Or-Treating Safety



- Wear a costume that's bright and reflective.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Utilize the "buddy system" and DON'T walk alone or wander away from the group.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and use a crosswalk if available. Don't assume cars will stop!
- Trick-or-treat on well-lighted roads and plan a route before heading out.
- Plan a spot to meet for an emergency or someone gets separated from the group.
- Do not go inside someone's home or vehicle for any reason.
- Wait to eat any candy or treats until a parent, guardian or other adult checks it! It is uncommon, but candy or treats CAN be tampered with. Be cautious of the way candy or treats are packaged, opened, or damaged.
- If carrying a cell-phone, make sure it is fully charged before leaving your house.

**\*\*If you notice someone or something suspicious, call 911 and  
find a safe adult!\*\***

### 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.