

# ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Fall Update

Dear Arrow Families,

We have had an outstanding start to our school year! Our students have done a great job both in the classroom and in their extracurricular activities! As we move deeper into fall, there are some important dates you will want to be aware of on page 1 of our newsletter.

The first is our two hour early release on Tuesday November 25th prior to Thanksgiving Break. The 2nd is that our End of Semester Schedule will be December 16th-19th this year. A detailed schedule of those days is available later in the newsletter.

You'll also notice that the second round of parent teacher conferences is on Thursday, November 20th from 3:30 to 7 PM. If you want to get an early start on scheduling those please feel free to call our main office at 419-289-7968

Thanks again for a great start! We're looking forward to the next part of our year with your students!

- Mr. Packard

**Ashland High School will be on a 2 hour early release bell schedule on Tuesday, November 25th**

## Important Dates

November 3rd & 4th - Safe Haven Presentation to 9th Grade  
 November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - Safe Have Presentation to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 November 13th - Fall Jazz Band Concert  
 November 20th - Parent Teacher Conference Night  
 November 25th - 2 hour Early Release  
 November 26th - 28th - Thanksgiving Break

December - Fall State Testing dates (See Page 6)  
 December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Athletic Signing Day  
 December 5<sup>th</sup> - Senior Citizen Luncheon (Special Schedule)  
 December 7th - Winter Choir Concert  
 December 8th - Winter Band/Orchestra Concert  
 December 16th-19th - End of Semester Schedule  
 December 20th - January 4th - Winter Break

January 5th - School Resumes following break  
 January 14<sup>th</sup> - Annual College Credit Plus Info Meeting  
 January 16th - End of the First Semester/2nd 9 weeks  
 January 17<sup>th</sup> - Winter Formal Dance  
 January 19th - MLK Day - No School

February 16<sup>th</sup> - President's Day - No School  
 February 24<sup>th</sup> - State ACT test for all juniors

### 2 Hour Early Release Bell Schedule

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|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>1</b>        | <b>7:40</b>  | <b>8:17</b>  |
| <b>2</b>        | <b>8:21</b>  | <b>8:55</b>  |
| <b>3</b>        | <b>8:59</b>  | <b>9:33</b>  |
| <b>4</b>        | <b>9:37</b>  | <b>10:11</b> |
| <b>6</b>        | <b>10:15</b> | <b>10:49</b> |
| <b>5A Lunch</b> | <b>10:53</b> | <b>11:19</b> |
| <b>5A Class</b> | <b>11:23</b> | <b>11:57</b> |
| <b>5B Class</b> | <b>10:53</b> | <b>11:27</b> |
| <b>5B Lunch</b> | <b>11:31</b> | <b>11:57</b> |
| <b>7</b>        | <b>12:01</b> | <b>12:35</b> |

## Ski and Board Club

It's time to get discounted season passes to Snow Trails from the AHS Ski & Board Club! This is available to all students, parents, & friends of Ashland High School.

### How to order:

Visit [www.SnowTrails.com/BuyNow](http://www.SnowTrails.com/BuyNow) and select the Season Passes category to find Standard Pass options.

Enter the Promo code: SEA26CLUB and Club ID: X91CS to receive the discount through Mon, Dec 1st. The discounted price will show up after you enter the promo code and club ID.

Please contact Mrs. Duncan at [krduncan@goarrows.org](mailto:krduncan@goarrows.org) if you have any questions!



## Medical Appointments

If your student will be absent due to a medical appointment, please be sure to have the doctor's office write an excuse for that day.

Participation in an organized team/extracurricular activity requires that the student be in attendance for a full day on the day of the scheduled activity. A full day is determined by the time a student "arrives at" or "leaves from" school. To be eligible, a student must arrive by 9:15 a.m. If leaving early, the student must arrive on time and leave no sooner than 1:00 p.m.

## Virtual Medical Appointments

Occasionally our families have scheduled virtual medical appointments for their students so that they do not have to miss school and can meet with a medical professional at a scheduled time here. We would ask that when this occurs the parent or guardian let us know so that we can find a private place for that virtual appointment to occur.

## Work Permits

Students who are between the ages of 14-17 and have obtained after school jobs will need a work permit signed by the school. Work permits are available in the AHS main office. Students should fill out the top portion of the permit, then have their employer fill out the bottom part. They may also need a physical from their physician. After these parts are completed, they can return the form to AHS and we will issue the work permit.



## Parking Passes

All students who drive and wish to park in the student parking lot must purchase a parking pass. This applies to CCP and part-time AHS students as well. These are available in the main office for \$10 and *must be purchased annually. Students may not park in the staff parking lot, designated visitor spaces, or painted reserved senior spaces.*

## Extracurricular Eligibility

In order to be eligible for extracurricular activities, students must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent, have at least a 1.5 GPA and have no more than 1 F on their report card.

Students who have between a 1.5 and 1.8 GPA will remain eligible but will be placed on probation during the following grading period and may be required to meet regularly with their Arrow Time teacher.

**December 12** - Senior Baby Photos due, submit to [ahsguide@goarrows.org](mailto:ahsguide@goarrows.org) (physical pictures are NOT accepted)

**February 20th** - Deadline for senior photos—3:00 PM; submit to [ahsguide@goarrows.org](mailto:ahsguide@goarrows.org) (physical pictures are NOT accepted)

- Pictures not submitted by this deadline **will not** be included in the senior section of the yearbook. Submit senior photos in .jpg OR .jpeg format.
- Direct all questions pertaining to the yearbook & senior picture submission to Mrs. Nikki Fisher OR Mr. Rich Wasowski, yearbook advisors, using [ahsguide@goarrows.org](mailto:ahsguide@goarrows.org)

**Tuesday, March 3rd** PCTC Jostens Delivery (tentative)

**Tuesday, March 24th** AHS Jostens Delivery (caps, gowns, announcements) Date

- Payment in full is required at the time of pick-up. Payment must be in the form of cash or money order...no checks!
- Items may be picked up in the basketball concession stand during all two lunch periods, or in the main office afterwards.

**Wednesday, March 25th** ACWHCC Jostens Delivery (tentative)

**Friday, April 24** Senior Recognition ads AND yearbook orders are due, [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)

**Monday, May 18** Senior Social/Sunset Viewing, after Scholar Recognition Night, 8:00ish.

**Wednesday, June 3rd** Farewell Assembly Practice, 12:45-2:35 AHS Gym

- Seniors who are planning to participate in the Farewell Assembly must attend practice

**Thursday, June 4th** Farewell Assembly, 8:00 AM AHS Gym

- Seniors report to Archer by 7:40 am in order to robe

**Thursday, June 4th** Graduation Practice, 12:00-2:30, AHS Gym

- You must attend practice to participate in the ceremony
- Students who have not finished their curricular requirements by the time graduation practice begins will not walk at graduation.

**Friday, June 5th** Baccalaureate, 7:00 pm at Grace Church

- Participation is voluntary
- Graduates are to report to the church chapel by 6:30 pm

**Saturday, June 6th** Graduation, 10:00 am, Community Stadium OR 7:00 pm

- In the case of inclement weather, graduation will be held in Arrow Arena at Ashland High School; tickets required for entry to Arrow Arena; ceremony broadcast to Archer Auditorium
- If weather conditions are questionable for an outdoor ceremony, information will be posted on Channel 72, the website, and communicated via Parent Square

## Important Names and Contact Information

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Yearbook Questions [ahsguide@goarrows.org](mailto:ahsguide@goarrows.org)

Walsworth Yearbooks [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)

# College Credit Plus (CCP) Updates

## SAVE THE DATE

January 14, 2026 - 6pm - AHS Little Theatre  
CCP Info Night for 2026-27 school year

### Spring Semester Registration

*Information below is only for classes students are taking at AU, NCSC or OSU - - this info does NOT apply to the CCP classes taken at AHS.*

#### Ashland University

Ashland University Spring Registration will begin on November 11th. There is a new required online Orientation you must watch in order to register on the 11th. Students taking classes at AU must frequently check their AU email and look for updates from Heather McKay (as well as regular course information and emails from their professors!) Students are still able to meet directly with Ms. McKay upon request ([hmckay@ashland.edu](mailto:hmckay@ashland.edu)). Remember: Ashland U classes are truly AU classes and we do not see any grades until final grades are submitted to us at the end of the semester. It is up to your student to be actively engaged in their learning and be aware of their course grades, attendance policies for their college classes, etc.

#### New CCP Students

Any students not currently enrolled in CCP courses, but would like to take CCP courses next semester should see Mrs. Thomas as soon as possible. They will need to apply to the college through which they would like to take CCP courses by that college's application deadline for spring classes. ACT or Accuplacer may also be necessary to get enrolled in the classes.

#### North Central State College

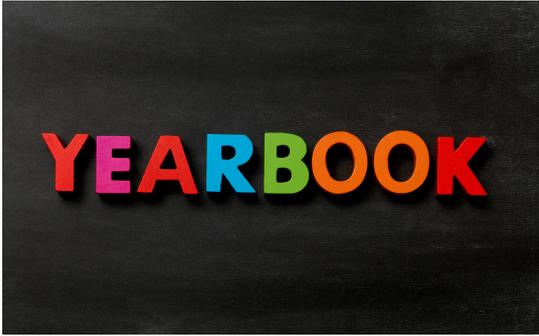
Spring Registration will begin in early November for students taking classes on NCSC's campus or online through NCSC (this does not apply to students taking the NCSC CCP classes at AHS from AHS instructors). Contact Marissa Hamilton ([mhamilton@ncstatecollege.edu](mailto:mhamilton@ncstatecollege.edu)) with any questions.

#### CCP Textbooks

All students taking classes at Ashland, NCSC or OSU-Mansfield MUST return their textbooks at the end of each semester directly to AHS Guidance or else they will be charged for them.

#### Scholar Recognition/Honor Roll for CCP Students

Honor Roll & Scholar Athlete Recognition: For classes taken at Ashland U, NCSC, or OSU-Mansfield, students must complete a form from the AHS Guidance Office at the end of the 1st 9 weeks and the 3rd 9 weeks. The colleges do not provide quarterly grades like the high school does, so students must have their college professors sign off on their current grade in the course. Forms will be available through Guidance and are due back by specific dates.



2025-2026 yearbooks are on sale  
NOW!

You can order online at  
[yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com). Yearbooks are  
\$80.

## College Visits

Ashland High School students get several excused college visit days during their junior year and senior year. Check the schools you want to visit to see if there are any special visit days and schedule a time to go. Remember to grab a college visit form from the Guidance Office and check with your counselor first. You will need the college visit form signed by the college in order for the visit to be excused.



## Potential College Athletes

### 9th Grade

- Keep your grades up and attend our annual eligibility and recruitment meeting.

### 10th Grade

- Register for a free profile page (Option #1) with the NCAA Eligibility Center at: [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org)
- Check with your counselor to make sure you have taken the right number of approved courses and keep your grades up.
- If you have questions about the process, see your school counselor.

### 11th Grade

- Prepare to take the ACT. If you are not happy with your score, take it again.
- Submit ACT scores to the NCAA eligibility center.
- During 2nd semester, sign up for Option #3 (Academic and Amateurism Certification Account) if you are planning to be recruited (It does cost \$100)
- Check with your counselor to make sure you are taking the correct number of approved courses.
- Keep your grades out and reach out if you need help.

### 12th Grade

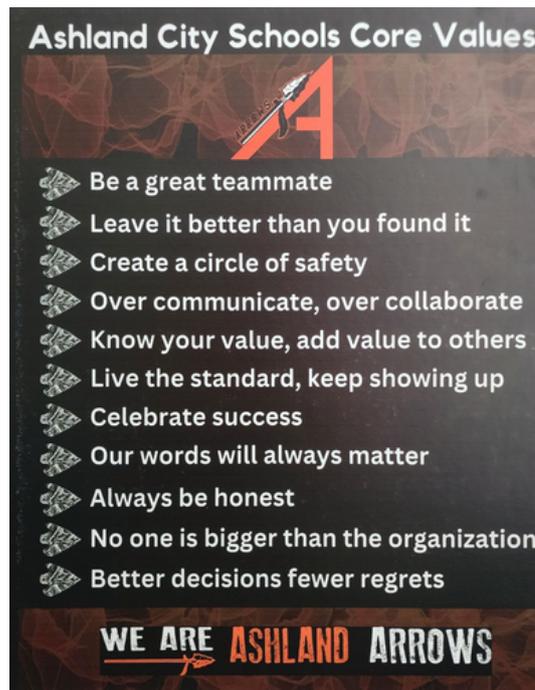
- Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1st in your NCAA eligibility account.
- Continue to check in with your counselor and coach if you have questions
- Work with the college to make sure you are doing everything you need to do with them.

# Students of the Month

Each month AHS recognizes one student at each grade level for demonstrating our core values. Students are nominated by their peers and teachers.

## September

Camryn Wires - 9th Grade  
Will Benjamin - 10th Grade  
Hunter Smith - 11th grade  
Haley McNaull - 12th Grade



## October

Faith Wolfe - 9th Grade  
Trey Carver - 10th Grade  
Lavender Kline - 11th grade  
Braden Burns - 12th Grade

# Fall State Testing Dates

State Testing Dates listed below do not require a special schedule. AHS will be on a regular schedule on these dates.

December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> - ELA 10 Retesting

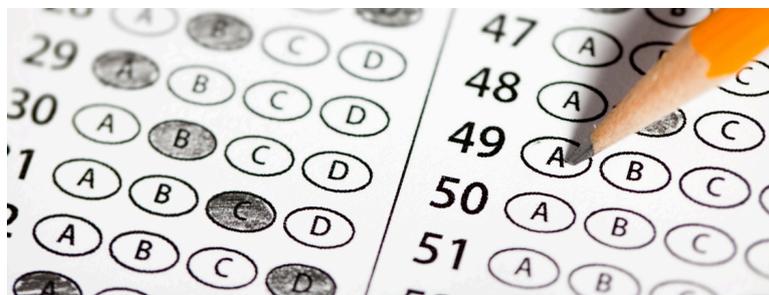
December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> - Algebra I Retesting

December 8<sup>th</sup> - Biology Retesting

December 9<sup>th</sup> - American History Retesting

December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - Geometry Retesting

December 10<sup>th</sup> - Government Test for students currently enrolled in government or who took it over the summer.



# ACT State Testing for Juniors

February 24, 2026

The ACT is a college entrance exam that measures students' academic readiness for college. Each February, AHS juniors may take the test one time for free. The ACT assesses four key areas: English, Math, Reading, and Science and takes roughly four hours to complete. Many colleges and universities use ACT scores as part of their admissions and financial aid process.

## Opt-Out Option:

While we encourage all students to take advantage of this free opportunity if college is one of their goals, we understand that it may not be the right fit for all students. Some families may wish to opt their student out of the exam. If you prefer that your student does not participate in the free ACT test offered for juniors at our school, please indicate your decision by completing the form below and returning it to the school. Your student could opt to take any national ACT test on a Saturday, but they will have to register online and pay for that test themselves.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this opportunity further, please do not hesitate to contact your student's school counselor.

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## ACT Opt Out Form

Please complete this form if you do not wish for your student to participate in the free ACT test for juniors at Ashland High School. Please return this form to the guidance office by November 12, 2025.

I do not wish for my student to participate in the free ACT test for juniors at Ashland High School. I understand they may choose to take the ACT at another time but that they will have to register online and pay for the test themselves.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ashland High School End of Semester Schedule December 2025

| Tuesday, December 16th   | Wednesday, December 17th   | Thursday, December 18th   | Friday, December 19th   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Period 1</b> - 7:40 to 9:25<br><b>Period 2</b> - 9:29 - 10:11<br><b>Period 3</b> - 10:15-10:57<br><b>Period 4</b> - 11:01-11:43<br><b>5A Lunch</b> - 11:47-12:13<br><b>5A Class</b> - 12:17 -12:59<br><b>5B Lunch</b> - 11:47 -12:29<br><b>5B Class</b> - 12:33-12:59<br><br><b>Period 6</b> - 1:03 - 1:46<br><br><b>Period 7</b> - 1:50 - 2:35 | <b>Period 4</b><br>7:40 to 9:25 AM<br><br><b>Period 7</b><br>9:40 to 11:25<br><br><b>Lunch</b><br>11:30 to 12:00 PM<br><br><b>Early Release</b><br>12:05 to 2:35 | <b>Period 2</b><br>7:40 to 9:25 AM<br><br><b>Period 5</b><br>9:40 to 11:25 AM<br><br><b>Lunch</b><br>11:30 to 12:00 PM<br><br><b>Early Release</b><br>12:05 to 2:35 | <b>Period 3</b><br>7:40 to 9:25 AM<br><br><b>Period 6</b><br>9:40 to 11:25 AM<br><br><b>Lunch</b><br>11:30 to 12:00 PM<br><br><b>Arrow Time</b><br>12:05 to 12:35<br><br><b>Early Release</b><br>12:35 to 2:35 PM |

The AHS end of semester schedule is designed to provide flexible learning options to meet the needs of our students as they finish up the 1st semester of our year. While there are still two weeks in our semester after break, holding exams prior to break helps prevent learning loss for our students and gives them time to make sure grades are in good standing. During this time some classes may have exams while other classes may use it as a cumulative learning experience or to have an opportunity to accomplish more in class with a longer bell schedule.

### All Students

Must be in attendance during times they are scheduled for class. Students may leave after 11:30 on December 17th-19th only if they have turned in the Dismissal Authorization Form. Students may also opt out of study hall time during these days providing they have filled out the Dismissal Authorization Form found on the last page of our newsletter. Students staying after 11:30 must stay in the cafeteria and their Arrow Time classrooms the rest of the day.

Students not present at Ashland High School during the school day are expected to not be on any ACS properties during the hours of 7:40 AM to 3 PM. This includes the Fieldhouse, Stadium, Ashland Middle School and all Ashland elementary schools.

### Early Release

Students are encouraged to stay at AHS on December 17th-19th if they need to make up missing work or exams. Any student staying on campus will be monitored in their Arrow Time classrooms during that time. Buses will run at their normal times. Any student needing transportation home will need to stay at Ashland High School during this time as buses will run on a regular schedule. The exception to this is December 19th where it is a whole district early release day and buses will run home at 12:35 PM

**CCP Students** - Students taking CCP classes off campus should notify their AHS teachers of any conflicts but in general should prioritize their college class during its regular time and arrange to make use of make-up times at AHS. Note that most colleges are not in session this week so there should not be issues.

**LTI and CBI Students** - Students are responsible for letting employers know ahead of time that their academic classes take priority on these days and should schedule work and internship placements accordingly.

# Ashland High School Dismissal Authorization Form

Turn in to your 1st period teacher or the main office by 12/15/2025

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student grade: 9 10 11 12

My student has permission to leave at 11:30 AM on (circle all that apply)

December 17th

December 18th

December 19th

My student has permission to opt out of their study hall during the end of the semester schedule from December 17th-19th. Their study hall is \_\_\_\_\_ period.

I understand that my child must arrange for transportation from school and that once they have left school grounds parents/guardians are responsible for their safety on the days and times above. Students who have failing grades in any subject are highly encouraged to stay and spend time working in those classes.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_