



Tiger Tracks

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November 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

Nya:wëh and GO TIGERS!

November gives us three special reasons to reflect and celebrate. We recognize **Native American Heritage Month**, honoring the history and traditions of Indigenous peoples, including the Tonawanda Seneca Nation—an important part of our Akron community. We also observe **Veterans Day** on November 11, thanking those who have served and sacrificed for our country. And as **Thanksgiving** approaches, we take time to appreciate our families, friends, teachers, and the caring spirit that makes us **OneAkron**.

Let's carry that gratitude and respect with us all month long! 🍷 ❤️

We want to take a moment to express our gratitude and thankfulness for each and every one of you. It is a privilege to work alongside such dedicated families who are committed to the growth and success of our students. In the spirit of open communication, we strongly recommend that all parents and guardians participate in our upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 25th from 4:30-7:30 PM and Wednesday, November 26th from 8-11:30 AM in the High School. The link to our conference letter can be accessed here. [Parent Teacher Conference Letter and Location](#).

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Important November Dates...

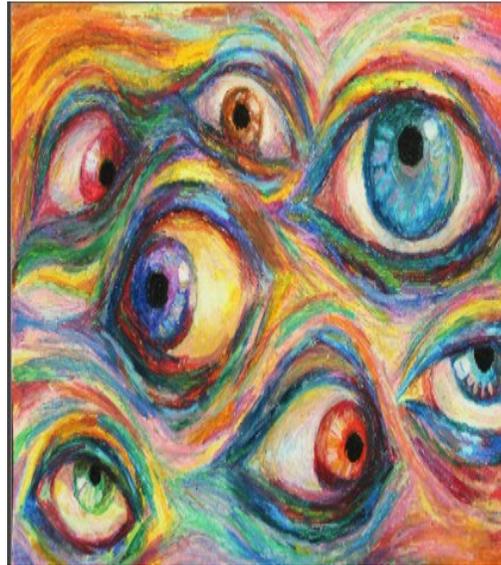
- 4 BOCES Staff Development Day – (No Student Attendance)
- 5 Blood Drive (8-2:30 pm)
- 5 BOE Meeting
- 7 MP1 Ends
- 11 Veterans Day (No Classes)
- 13 SOM Luncheon
- 14 HS Staff PM Development – HS Dismissal 11:30 am
- 19 BOE Meeting
- 20 Report Cards on line
- 20 Ineligible/Restricted Pass Lists Out
- 21 NYSSMA Music Festival
- 22 NYSSMA Music Festival
- 24 NHS Candidacy Meeting
- 25 Parent/Teacher Conf. (4:30-7:30 pm)
- 26 Parent/Teacher Conf. (8:00-11:30 am) (No Classes)
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Recess (No Classes)
- 12.1 Tiger Tracks Published

I'm so happy to share that we have 3 artworks shared in the current NYSSBA online art show for the Board of Education via NYSATA (New York State Art Teachers Association.) Students represented include Ben Gerstung, Carly Hoffman, and Kenan Hatswell. Their slides are numbers 44-46. - Mrs. Cornell!

CARLY HOFFMAN



BENJAMIN GERSTUNG



KENAN HATSWELL



Grand Opening!

NYSSBA Exhibit

2025 NYSSBA Conference Exhibit
October 23-25, 2025 in New York City

Online on the NYSATA Website Through June, 1, 2025



The 2025 New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Show is now live!

You can view and share the link with your students, families, colleagues and friends. Please use the QR code above. A big thank you to our membership for setting a new record and submitting 610 pieces of artwork representing 94 school districts throughout New York state.

Special recognition goes to **Rylie McInerna**, grade 12 (teacher Marielle Martin) from Bethlehem Central High School and **Stella Zappia**, grade 4 (teacher Tom Finn) from Ogden Elementary School. These young artists' work were selected for our NYSATA/NYSSBA show cards presented to over 1500 attendees at this year's conference.



Check out the [Media Production Halloween Newsletter!](#) Featuring:

Akron News Show Season 2 Episode 1!
The First Ever Akron Pumpkin Challenge!
A Media Halloween Costume Contest!
GSA Halloween Night Recap!
Indigenous People's Day Recognition!



During the Board of Education Appreciation week, Seniors Emma Leonard and Landon Polkowski performed a Halloween themed duet on behalf of the High School Orchestra. The music department is incredibly thankful for all the support they receive from the Board of Education and this is just a small token of appreciation. Both Emma and Landon are hoping to pursue Music Education in college - thanks to the many musical opportunities they have had here at Akron.



Social Worker Support Center

The Giving Tree will be in the HS Cafe starting Tuesday, November 21st 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 Ms. Prout's office (H-111) by Friday, December 15th. Please contact Ms. Prout with any questions and thank you in advance for your support.



AKRON GIVING TREE

LOCATED IN THE HS CAFE STARTING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

**GIFTS DUE BY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**

Gifts can be returned unwrapped, with the ornament attached, to Ms. Prout in H-111



PLEASE CONTACT MS. PROUT WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:
LPROUT@AKRONK12.ORG - (716) 542-5070



November:

Counselors are finishing up meeting with all seniors for their individual meetings. A review of their transcript and graduation requirements has been completed as well as college and career readiness. We will continue to assist our seniors with their post high school career plans. Those seniors who plan to attend college need to make sure they submit their college applications in a timely manner. You also need to complete the financial aid process.

Marking period, one is always a good indicator of where students are headed academically. If students are failing, focus needs to be on working hard to turn things around before the year progresses. Students are reminded to utilize 9th periods working with their teachers for help as well as our academic learning Center.

Representatives from surrounding colleges, including Tech colleges, and Recruiters from the Armed Service Branches continue their visitations during all lunch periods to be able to reach out to students and answer any questions they may have.



Congratulations Tiger Athletes of the Week for the Month of October



- October 6th - Olivia Novak (Soccer) & James Crooks (Football)
- October 13th - Naomi Romesser (Soccer) & Mackenzie Tomporowski (Field Hockey)
- October 20th - Marissa Brege (Field Hockey) & Shelby Ceratt (Cheerleading)
- October 27th - Madigan Regan (Field Hockey) & Kylie Mangione (Volleyball)



Congratulations September Student of the Month Recipients



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| Art - Benjamin Gerstung | Boces – Ethan Robinson |
| Band - Whitley Koopman | Health – Samuel Reagan |
| Business - Logan Meyers | Math – Emily Callard |
| Chorus - Elijah Reigle | Phys. Ed. – Kyra Tobin |
| Orchestra – Emma Leonard | Science – Thatcher Ranney |
| English – Tressa Bergman | Social Studies – Alissa Bull |
| Spanish – Kylee Karmazyn | Technology – Jackson Schlabach |



It's been a busy and exciting first month for Tigers Innovations, our new student-run manufacturing company! The teams have been hard at work getting operations off the ground, providing students with invaluable hands-on experience in design, production, and business management. We are excited to announce that one of our first major goals has been met: Our official company website is now complete and live for you to explore! This is a huge milestone as we continue to build our company from the ground up. Our production team is hard at work as we finalize our first product release, the ugly Christmas sweater. Keep an eye out for announcements on when the online store will be updated with ordering information and other new items. The link for our Tigers Innovations store is <https://tigersinnovations.com>. You can also follow us on Instagram @tigersinnovations.



As we move into November, we'll be focusing on **Stress, Coping Strategies, and Mental Health** — topics that are especially important as the semester gets busier.



November Focus: Stress, Coping, and Mental Health

Understanding Stress:

- What causes stress (stressors)
- How our bodies and minds react to it
- The difference between positive (motivating) and negative (harmful) stress

Healthy Coping Strategies:

- Time management, mindfulness, and relaxation techniques
- Exercise, hobbies, journaling, and talking to trusted adults
- Avoiding unhealthy coping methods like withdrawal or risky behaviors

Introduction to Mental Health:

- Breaking down myths and stigma
- Recognizing signs of common mental health concerns
- Learning when and how to seek support for yourself or a friend

We are excited to welcome the Erie County District Attorney's Office this month for a presentation on Cyberbullying and Internet Safety. This session will cover online responsibility, the effects of cyberbullying, and how to stay safe and respectful in the digital world.



Healthy Habit of the Month: Practice Positive Self-Care

Take time every day to do one thing that helps you recharge—whether that's listening to music, going for a walk, or spending time with supportive friends.



Community Service Reminder

Don't forget—students must complete **5 hours of community service** by the end of the school year. November is a great month to help out at local food drives or community events!



Native American Office News

The Native American Office in November is buzzy!! Of course, Native American Heritage Month is celebrated in November. However, there are different ideas about how schools should present that month. Some schools go all out with programs, dance shows, socials or powwows, and other ways to showcase Indigenous history, culture, and contributions. Other schools believe that celebrating Native presence and resilience should be done all year thus having programs throughout the year. I believe at Akron, we try to balance both. We do have some cool things happening in all three buildings this month. But we also try to highlight our presence throughout the year too! Happy Thanks-Heritage Month!!



Our November Meeting will be held on November 12th at 7:00pm in H190. We encourage all to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences this month and be an active participant in your student's education. Additionally, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! The PTA is thankful for our opportunity to positively impact the lives of Akron students.



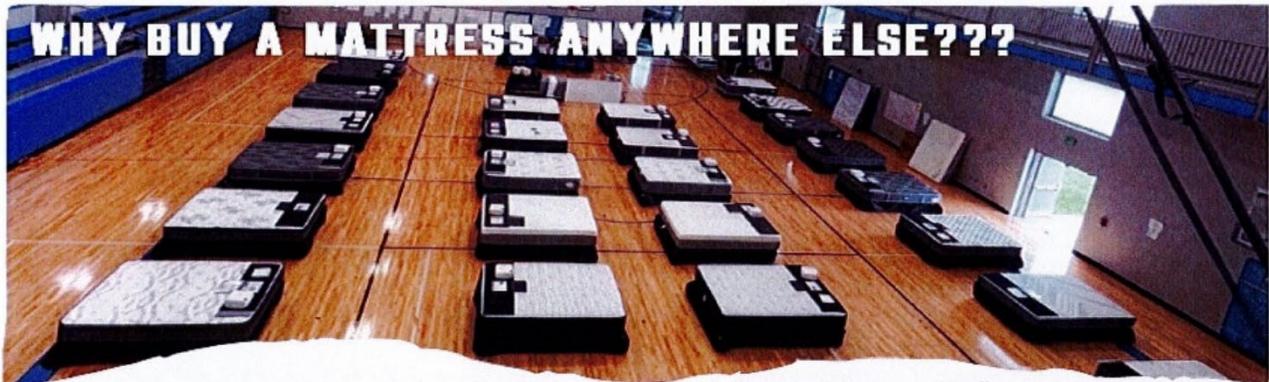
The Akron High School Chess and game club will meet on Wednesday's from 2:40 pm - 4:30 pm in room H201 starting November 5, 2025.





**FRESHMAN
CLASS OF 2029**

The Class of 2029 will be holding a mattress sale/fundraiser on November 15th from 10am-4pm at Akron High School in Gym 3. If you are in need of a new mattress for your home, summer home, cabin, etc. wait and purchase one from the Akron Class of 2029 for a discounted rate! Setup and removal are available. Box spring, bases, frames, and platforms available as well. If you have questions, please contact Miss.Lucarelli in the Middle School. See you in November! Go Tigers!

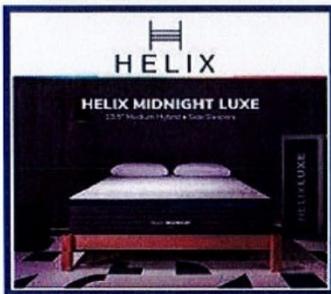


WHY BUY A MATTRESS ANYWHERE ELSE???

**Akron High School
MATTRESS FUNDRAISER**

**Sat. Nov. 15th 10am-4pm
@ Akron High School
47 Bloomingdale Ave
Akron NY**

EVERY PURCHASE BENEFITS THE CLASS OF 2029



- BRAND NEW, BRAND NAME MATTRESSES
- ALL SIZES AVAILABLE
- 25+ DIFFERENT STYLES ON DISPLAY
- DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME

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**30-50% OFF
PREMIUM MATTRESSES
AND ADJUSTABLE BASES**



- ALL SIZES – STARTING AT JUST 199
- SHEETS, PILLOWS, MATTRESS PROTECTORS
- LATEX, GEL, MEMORY FOAM, HYBRIDS
- COOLING TECHNOLOGIES
- ADJUSTABLE BASES
- CASH, CREDIT CARD, CHECK, FINANCING
- SETUP AND REMOVAL ARE AVAILABLE

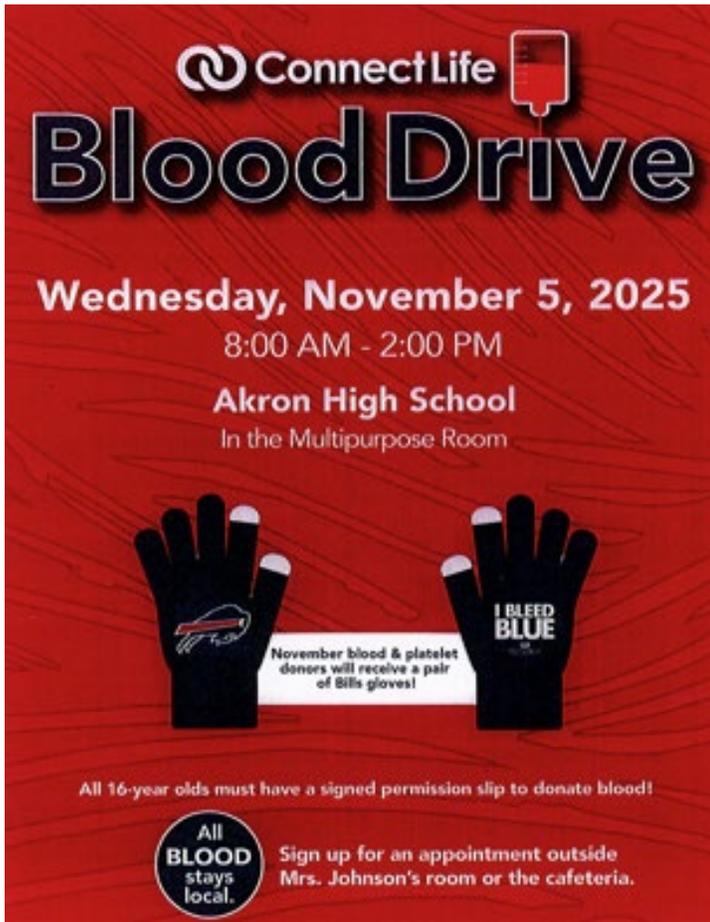
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pci Torch 2022 WINNER

QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT Mike.Nowak@CFSBEDS.COM

Interest will be charged to your account from the date the purchase balance is not paid in full within the promotional period.



ConnectLife 

Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 5, 2025
 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Akron High School
 In the Multipurpose Room



November blood & platelet donors will receive a pair of Bills gloves!

All 16-year olds must have a signed permission slip to donate blood!

All BLOOD stays local. Sign up for an appointment outside Mrs. Johnson's room or the cafeteria.



November brings the end of the first marking periods and trimesters throughout the school. It is also the time of year when the leaves have mostly fallen, cooler weather, warmer foods, and busy holidays are approaching. During all of this, let's not forget some safety tips to help out.

Don't be afraid to reach out for help for your kiddo if they are struggling. There are many resources in the school that can help keep, or get your kiddo on track.

Never drive through piles of leaves on the side of the roadway, you never know what is in the pile, and if they are wet, it becomes extremely slippery.

Deer are more active, be extra cautious, especially when it's dark and on country roads.

If you have not already, begin preparing for the colder months at your home and in your vehicle.

With daylight savings happening November 2nd, it will get darker sooner, and lighter later. Make sure your kiddo wears reflective or bright colors if walking to or from school. Flashlights are always good to have on hand as well.

Enjoy the good times, stay on track, reach out for resources and help if needed, and communicate with your kiddos!

Go Tigers! 

Operation Toothbrush

ACS is once again participating in Operation Toothbrush, a collection of hygiene items that will be donated to the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry.

Students can bring items to their homeroom. Community donations will also be accepted at the main entrance.



The following hygiene products are being collected

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Socks

Oct. 30 - Nov. 13



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@akron12.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.