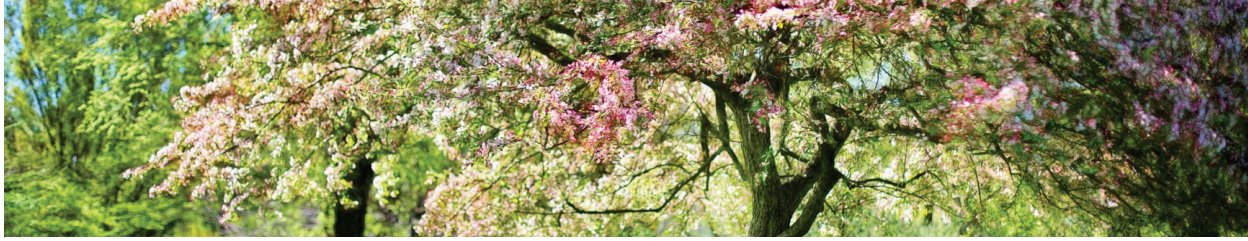


ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

Arrow Families,

We hope you enjoyed a great spring break with your family. There are lots of important pieces of information you'll want to make sure you know as we head into the end of the year. Please be sure to check our information on the end of the school year schedule later on in the newsletter. If you have a fall athlete, it is a good time to remind them that their extracurricular eligibility for fall depends on this 9 weeks. For our seniors, we want them to finish strong and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments with you on June 6th.

Go Arrows!

Mr. Packard

Extracurricular Eligibility

In order to be eligible, 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.

The 4th 9 week grading period determines eligibility for extracurricular activities in the fall.

Upcoming Dates

April 7th - Safe Haven Presentation on Stalking to 12th graders
 April 8th - Safe Haven Presentation on Human Trafficking to 11th graders
April 9th - ELA II Part 1 State Testing - 2 Hour delay
April 10th - ELA II Part 2 State Testing - 2 hour delay
 April 10th - Last Day to buy Prom Tickets

April 13th - Accuplacer Test for CCP at AHS
April 14th - American History Parts 1 & 2 - State Testing - 2 hour delay
April 14th - Government Parts 1 & 2 State Testing - 2 hour delay
April 15th - Biology Part 1 State Testing - 2 hour delay
April 16th - Biology Part 2 State Testing - 2 hour delay

April 21st - Algebra I Part 1 State Testing - 2 hour delay
April 23rd - Algebra I Part 2 State Testing - 2 hour delay
 April 23rd - Parent Teacher Conferences
 April 24th - Last Day to Order Yearbooks
 April 25th - Ashland High School Prom

April 27th - Geometry Part 1 State Testing - 2 hour delay
April 28th - Geometry Part 2 State Testing - 2 hour delay

May 8th - Mandatory Senior Class Meeting day at 7:45 AM - AHS
 May 13th - Career Day (Field Trip to Niss Center for grades 9, 11, &12)
 May 18th - Scholar Recognition Night 7 PM - AHS Gymnasium
 May 18th - Senior class Social 8 PM
 May 25th - Memorial Day - No School

June 1st - 4th - End of the Year Schedule
 June 3rd - Farewell Assembly Practice - 12:45 PM
 June 4th - Farewell Assembly - 8 AM
 June 4th - Farewell Bus Tour - 9:50 AM
 June 4th - Graduation Practice - 12:00 PM
 June 4th - Last Student Day
 June 6th - Graduation at Community Stadium at 10 AM

***State Testing dates will be 2-hour delay days for students who are not testing in that area. Busing will run on a normal schedule.**

Prom 2026

Date - April 25, 2026

Location - Ashland University Convocation Center

Grand March - 6:00 PM at Archer Auditorium

Grand March will be open for spectators. Students should plan on arriving at 5:30 to check in and line up. Going to Grand March is optional and students may choose to go directly to the dinner portion of prom if they wish. Grand March is free.

Dinner - 7:00 PM at Ashland University's Convocation Center

Dinner will be catered by Ashland University at the Convocation Center. Doors will open at 7:00 PM for students to check in with their tickets. Dinner will be served at approximately 7:30 PM when most of our guests have checked in and found their seats. **Please remember that only AHS juniors or seniors or their guests who are juniors, seniors, or recent graduates under 21 years of age may attend prom.**

The Dance - 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM

The dance portion of Prom will also be held at Ashland University's Convocation Center. The dance will last from approximately 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM. **Students bringing a guest must have filled out and turned in the guest form by Wednesday April 22nd or their guest will not be allowed into the dance.** Students may leave before 11:00 PM, but will need to sign out as they leave and will not be able to re-enter the dance if they choose to leave. Any student needing something from their vehicle may ask a chaperone to accompany them.

Post-Prom 11:30 PM to 2:30 AM at the AU Recreation Center

Post-Prom will begin at 11:30 PM in the Ashland University Recreation Center. Our junior parents organization does a fantastic job of creating a fun atmosphere of games, food, and amazing prizes. Students may leave before 2:00 AM **but may not re-enter once they have left.** Juniors and Seniors from AHS who did not attend the dance portion of Prom are still welcome to attend Post Prom. Post Prom is free but students must register for tickets and fill out the Ashland University waiver form. The waiver form will be sent to students online after they register for a ticket or can be picked up in the main office.

Ticket Sales

Prom tickets can be purchased online this year. They are **only on sale through April 10th.** To purchase them go to www.ashlandcityschools.org and click on the tickets and payments link on the far right. (see below) or follow the QR code.



Ashland City School District

Administration Guidance Library Free/Reduced Meal Application Staff Directory Logins Forms Maps Search **Tickets & Payments**

Ashland High School Ashland Middle School Taft Intermediate Edison Elementary Reagan Elementary Arrow Athletics Fine Arts

Ashland High School

Mr. Parsons will be available to help with online purchases at the Career Center on April 9th from 7:30 to 8:30

April 24th - Senior Recognition Ads due to the Guide by 3:00 PM and yearbook orders are due.

May 8th - Senior Class Meeting at AHS at 7:45 AM in Archer. Please wear your senior t-shirt.

May 18th - Senior Social following Scholar Recognition Night (8:00 - 10:00 PM)

June 3rd - Farewell Assembly Practice 12:45 to 2:35 - **(Required if participating)** - AHS Gym
Fees & Obligations must be paid and Chromebook & charger returned to participate in practice

June 4th - Farewell Assembly at AHS - 8:00 AM - Graduates report to Archer by 7:40 AM
Students should wear their cap and gown over business-casual clothes.

June 4th - Senior Farewell Bus Tour to elementary/middle schools leaves at 9:50 AM

June 4th - Graduation Practice 12:00 to 2:30 PM **(Required if participating in graduation ceremony)**

June 5th - Baccalaureate at Grace Church 7 PM (optional) Graduates report by 6:30 PM
Students should wear their cap and gown over business-casual clothes.

June 6th - Graduation Ceremony - 10 AM (Livestreamed on ACS YouTube Channel) **See specific info below.**
Students should wear their cap and gown over business-casual clothes.

Graduation

Graduation for the Class of 2026 will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 6th. If there are unfavorable weather conditions on Saturday at 10 AM, we will move to our backup time of 7 PM. At that time if weather conditions are favorable, we will hold our ceremony outdoors in Community Stadium. If conditions are unfavorable, the ceremony will be moved to the Ashland High School Gym. There is no limit to guests for an outdoor graduation; however, if weather conditions force us indoors, each graduate will be given four tickets to distribute to their guests. The ceremony will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel as well and there will be overflow seating in Archer Auditorium.

Time and Location

Saturday, June 6th

10:00 AM at Community Stadium

7:00 PM at Community Stadium (backup time if there is inclement weather at 10:00 AM)

OR

7:00 PM at Arrow Arena (AHS GYM) if inclement weather. If graduation is inside each student will be limited to 4 tickets for the gym, but there will be overflow seating in Archer Auditorium.

The following conditions must be met by June 4th at 12 PM in order for students to participate in the Ashland High School commencement ceremony:

- All curricular graduation requirements met
- All fees and obligations paid
- Chromebook and charger must be returned
- The student must have attended the AHS Graduation practice

Career Exploration for Juniors

9th, 11th, and 12th Grade Students at Ashland High School will be traveling to the Ashland University Niss Athletic Center on the morning of May 13th to take place in the Destination Career Event sponsored by Junior Achievement. Students will have the opportunity to participate in hands on demonstrations of many different careers in Ashland County and gain insight into what opportunities are available to them in our area both as students and later on as adults.



Keeping our School Community Safe

Later this spring we will be giving presentations aimed at informing our upperclassmen about two important safety issues. As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and well-being, Ashland Safe Haven will be conducting sessions on the dangers of human trafficking and stalking during Arrow Time. The dates of the presentations are below:

Stalking - Know It, Name It, Stop It	12th graders - April 7th during Arrow Time
Human Trafficking in Ohio	11th graders - April 8th during Arrow Time
State Highway Patrol Safety Presentation	11 th and 12 th grader - April 24 th during Arrow Time

These presentations will equip our students with insights and strategies to recognize, prevent, and respond to these threats. Ensuring the safety of our students remains our top priority, and these sessions are invaluable to preparing our students to stay safe.

We encourage all parents to discuss these topics with their children and reinforce the importance of staying informed and vigilant. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in keeping our school community safe.

If for some reason, you would object to your child attending these presentations, please call our main office at 419-289-7968 and let us know you would like your student to be excused from them.



End of the Year Schedule

SPRING 2026

Monday, May 25th	Tuesday, May 26th	Wednesday, May 27th	Thursday, May 28th	Friday, May 29th
Memorial Day No School	Regular "A" Schedule	Regular "A" Schedule	Regular "A" Schedule	Regular "A" Schedule <i>Seniors will take their 5th period exam if they have one, but follow a regular schedule the rest of the day.</i>
Monday, June 1st	Tuesday, June 2nd	Wednesday June 3rd	Thursday, June 4th	Friday, June 5th
2nd Period 7:40 - 9:25 (Grades 9-12) 6th Period 9:40 - 11:25 (Grades 9-12) Lunch 11:30 to 12:15 Early Release 12:25 to 2:35	3rd Period 7:40 - 9:25 (Grades 9-12) 4th Period 9:40 - 11:25 (Grades 9-12) Lunch 11:30 to 12:15 Early Release 12:25 - 2:35 Senior Chromebook & Charger Return (Kiva) 9:30 AM to 2:35 PM	1st Period 7:40 - 9:25 (Grades 9-12) 7th Period 9:40 - 11:25 (Grades 9-12) Lunch 11:30 to 12:15 Early Release 12:25 - 2:35 Chromebook & Charger Return (Kiva) 9:30 AM to 2:35 PM Farewell Assembly Practice (Seniors) 12:45 -2:35 PM	Farewell Assembly 7:40 to 9:25 AM Senior Bus Tour 9:50 AM 5th Period 9:40 - 11:25 Lunch 11:30 to 12:00 Arrow Time 12:00 to 12:35 Early Release - 12:35 Chromebook & Charger Return (Kiva) 9:30 AM to 2:35 PM Graduation Practice for Seniors. 12:00 to 2:30 Student Last Day	Baccalaureate 7 PM @ Grace Church

The AHS End of the Year Schedule is designed to provide flexible learning options to meet the needs of our students as they finish up the year. 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.

Seniors

Senior Exams begin on May 29th for 5th period: this is a full day of school for seniors. Seniors will take exams with the rest of the student body for periods 1,2,3,4,6 and 7. The last day in class for seniors is June 3rd. **If they are participating in Farewell Assembly students are required to be at Farewell practice. If they are participating in Graduation, students must attend Graduation practice.** All fees and obligations must be paid to participate in graduation ceremonies.

All Students

Must be in attendance during times they are scheduled for class. Students may leave after 11:25 on June 1st - June 4th 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.

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 Time

Students are encouraged to stay at AHS on June 1st - June 4th to make up missing work or exams from 12:20 to 2:35 PM. 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 June 4th where it is a whole district early release day and buses will run home at 12:35 PM

Farewell Assembly

Following our Farewell Assembly in the gym students will return briefly to their Arrow Time classroom. All students are expected to attend Farewell Assembly on Thursday, June 4th. Students without a 5th period class may leave at 9:25 following our arrow time period. Students who do not have a ride home will be supervised in the cafeteria until 12:35.

Chromebook and Charger Return

All student Chromebooks and their chargers must be returned before students leave for the summer. Senior Chromebooks must be returned before they may participate in Farewell Assembly or our Graduation Ceremony. Chromebooks and chargers that are not returned will be added to the student's obligation as a charge.

End of the Year Chromebook Return

All student Chromebooks and chargers must be returned at the end of the year.

For Seniors: Chromebooks and chargers must be returned prior to practicing for Farewell Assembly on Wednesday June 3rd at 12:45 PM. Seniors may begin turning in their Chromebooks and chargers Tuesday, June 2nd at 9:30 AM in the Kiva.

For 9th-11th Graders: Underclassmen may begin turning in their Chromebooks and chargers on June 3rd and June 4th at 9:30 AM.

Students should not turn in Chromebooks unless they are completely done with them for classes.

Chromebooks or chargers that are not returned will be automatically charged to the student's account as an obligation beginning on Thursday, June 11th.

Parent Survey

Parents and guardians, we value your input on our building climate and culture and would like for you to tell us how we're doing by taking a brief moment to complete this annual survey. Please follow the link or scan the QR code to get started.

<https://forms.gle/j9TZVsTzYxZWfHSY7>



Summer School Process

For students interested in summer school, information is now available. Ashland High School partners with TRECA to offer students a wide variety of course options. Parents and students should be aware that some courses are only offered as credit recovery options.

1. Look over available courses and fill out the AHS Credit Flexibility Course Application
2. Turn in Course Application form to your school counselor*
3. Register with TRECA prior to their deadline. (see forms)**

*Turn in your Credit Flexibility Form to have it approved before registering online.

****Turning in your course application form to AHS does not automatically register you for the class. You must do this online with TRECA**

Ashland High School Summer School Policy

To help Ashland students who want to earn credits over the summer, Ashland High School will accept summer school high school credit from various accredited online summer school programs. All registration and payments should be completed through the summer school provider of your student's choice. **If your student chooses to take online summer school classes, please complete the credit flexibility form on the next page and return it to the AHS Guidance Office by mail or email.**

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Below is the contact information for TRECA online summer school, an online summer school program that AHS students have successfully used in the past. Also provided is a list of the most commonly taken TRECA Summer School classes. **The registration window runs from April 1st to June 2nd at 4:00 PM.** Classes will begin on June 8th and must be completed by August 3rd at 11:59 PM.

TRECA Website:

<https://treca.org/summer>

1-888-828-4798 ext 1149

Cost for each class is \$95 per ½ credit course. Students taking multiple courses will need to register for **all** courses prior to June 2nd.

Ashland High School Course	TRECA Summer School Equivalent
Algebra I (Credit recovery only)	Algebra IA and/or Algebra IB
American Government	Government
American History (Credit recovery only)	American History A and/or American History B
Biology (Credit Recovery only)	Biology A and/or Biology B
Economics	Economics
English 9 (Credit recovery only)	English 9A and/or English 9B
English 10 (Credit recovery only)	English 10A and/or English 10B
Financial Literacy ((Required for class of 2026 and younger)	Financial Literacy
Geometry (Credit recovery only)	Geometry A and/or Geometry B
Health	Health
Physical Education	Physical Education
Physical Science (Credit recovery only)	Physical Science A and/or Physical Science B
World History (Credit recovery only)	World History A and/or World History B

Credit Flexibility – Course Application (Summer 2025)

This form must be returned to the AHS Guidance office prior to registering for a summer course through any online provider, outside district, or college/university in order for credit to be approved.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____
Parent email address: _____
Name of Course Provider (i.e. TRECA): _____
Course Title: _____ Amount of credit: _____
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Credit Flexibility – Course Commitments and Acknowledgements

Classes provided through credit flexibility offer Ashland High School students a chance to earn credits outside of what is offered by Ashland High School. Students and parents must understand and agree to the following terms before enrolling in a summer program.

- Students and parents realize that while Ashland High School may accept the courses above for credit, AHS is not responsible for any technical or other issues that arise in the summer. Any issues must be resolved directly with the course provider.
- Students and parents are responsible for having their grades sent to the AHS Guidance office when the course has been completed. **Grades will count on the student’s high school transcript.**
- Online courses count toward a student’s credits for the purposes of graduation, but students planning on participating in college level athletics should know that they may **not count** toward their NCAA or NAIA eligibility.

To the parents/guardians of the student submitting a credit flexibility application:

Please read and discuss the above policies with your student. Your signature indicates that you have read and agree to the policies set forth above by Ashland High School.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

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**See Mrs. Gibbons
in Guidance Office**



Please reach out to Liaison Nikki Gibbons for additional information

nigibbon@goarrows.org

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AHS GYMNASIUM

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2 Hour Delay Schedule

Period 1 9:40 – 10:17

2 10:21 – 10:55

3 10:59 – 11:33

4 11:37 – 12:11

5A - Lunch 12:15 – 12:41

5A - Class 12:45 – 1:19

5B - Class 12:15 – 12:49

5B - Lunch 12:53 – 1:19

6 1:23 – 1:57

7 2:01 – 2:35