



Akron Central School District

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Hello Tigers and Nya:wëh sgë:nö'!

We are very excited and eager to welcome you back for the 2026-2027 school year! It is our sincere hope that you enjoyed time with family and friends during the summer and will return ready to hit the ground running on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The general purpose of this letter is to send a few reminders and updates. As we welcome students back to school, we want everyone to be safe, feel a sense of belonging, and have every opportunity to succeed in their respective pathways.

Please join us in welcoming our newest Akron Tigers at the High School: Special Ed. Teacher - Joy Wandowski; Special Ed. Teacher - Caitlin Kenyon; PAWS Aide - Ashley Smith. Welcome Back Kim Bowen - Social Worker and Ally Knapp - Psychologist.

- **Parent Square:** Our district adopted a new communication platform called ParentSquare to help us keep you better informed and more connected with your school community. All school, grade-level, and classroom communications will now come through ParentSquare. We will no longer be utilizing our previous communication platform, Remind, as the product is sunsetted on June 30th. Please register if you have not done so already.
- **Arrival/Breakfast:** Students dropped off at school may arrive no earlier than 7:30 am at Door 47 (HS Flower Pot Entrance). Doors will be locked, and school personnel will be present to open the doors as students arrive. Students arriving by bus will enter the building at 7:45 am. All students will have the opportunity to eat breakfast in the cafeteria beginning at 7:45 am.
- **Dismissal:** All students will be dismissed at 2:34 pm. The only students who should be in the building after this time are students who are participating in extracurricular activities and those receiving instructional support from their teacher during 9th period. We will provide 3:30 pm buses beginning September 8th.
- **Attendance/Tardies:** A major determinant of a student's success in school is attendance. Students are expected to be in school each day, on time, and present in all classes. Homeroom begins at 8:06 am. After that time, all students will need to enter through the auditorium entrance (Door 53) and proceed to the HS Main Office to sign in with a parent note. Three unexcused tardies will result in detention.
- **Sports Study Hall:** Students in good academic standing may attend Sports Study Hall during 9th period. All other students must be with a classroom teacher during this time if they remain on campus.
- **9th period:** Students must stay with a teacher if requested to do so by their teacher. Ninth period is considered part of the school day; students are encouraged to seek additional support from their teachers during this time. Any student receiving support during 9th period may be transported home on the 3:30 pm buses Monday-Thursday.

- **Extra-Curricular Activities/Clubs:** We have numerous clubs and extracurricular activities - we encourage students to get involved! They include, but are not limited to: Audio-Visual Club, Care Team (Wellness Club), Chess Club, Music Ensembles, GSA, Interact, Musical/Drama Club, Outdoor Club, Photography Club, Scholastic Bowl, Ski Club, Spanish Club, Student Government, Trap, E-sports, and Yearbook.
- **Lockers:** All students have been assigned a locker. Students may only store their belongings in the locker issued to them. There should be no “sharing” of lockers. Students utilizing lockers in the basement will have access to combination locks provided by the district. ALL cellphones and internet-enabled devices must be stored in your locker during the school day.
- **Visitors:** Guests will have access to the building by appointment only. Items to be dropped off during the school day must be left at the greeter’s desk at the auditorium entrance (Door 53) by the flagpoles.
- **Schedules:** Student schedules were released on August 10th. Any questions regarding scheduling should be directed to your school counselor.
- **Restrooms:** Please be advised that during breakfast, lunch, and after-school activities, the only multi-stall restrooms available to students are in the HS cafeteria.
- **Communication:** We value teamwork and collaboration and strongly encourage open lines of communication with your child’s teacher and the school. To that end, “Tiger Tracks” will be posted on the High School website monthly. “Tiger Tracks” will highlight student achievements as well as inform our community about school-related activities. Furthermore, Parent Square will also be used to push out messages from the school, teachers, coaches and advisors.

Parents and Guardians: We ask for your support and assistance in helping to maximize your child’s potential and success.

We believe that through collaboration, increased communication, and shared respect, our students will feel greater connectivity and thrive at AHS! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Go Tigers!

Sincerely,

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