



# Tiger Tracks

February 2024

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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', Students and Families!

This month, we celebrate the theme of love in education. Love is at the core of what we do at AHS. Our dedicated teachers and staff are committed to creating a positive and nurturing environment where students feel supported and encouraged to explore their potential. We encourage parents to share messages of encouragement and love with their children as they navigate the challenges and successes of high school. The second semester is full of exciting opportunities, from academic achievements to extracurricular activities. It is important for all students to enter this semester with a growth mindset and a strong focus on learning!

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 15th and 16th. These conferences are an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, address any concerns, and collaborate on strategies for their success. We value the partnership between home and school, and your active participation is key to ensuring the well-being and academic growth of your child. For more information, please visit [www.akronschools.org/ptconf](http://www.akronschools.org/ptconf).

Finally, get ready for a night of glitz and glamour! Our Semi-Formal Dance is scheduled for February 3rd. It promises to be a memorable evening filled with laughter, dancing, and creating lasting memories. For details on expectations, please [click here](#). We look forward to seeing our students shine on the dance floor!

Nya:wëh and Go Tigers!  
Mr. Dimitroff and Mrs. Fial

## Important February Dates...

- 1 Report Cards on-line
- 1 Ineligible/Restricted Pass Lists Out
- 7 NHS Induction (6:00 pm)
- 14 BOE Meeting
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 Parent/Teacher Conf. (4:30-7:30)
- 16 Parent/Teacher Conf. (8-11:30) (NO CLASSES)
- 19-23 February Break (NO CLASSES)

## #OneAkron

We are doing an online order of #OneAkron apparel which includes hoodies in different weights, crewnecks, and a wind breaker. The online store prices reflect a 20% discount.

When you click on the link, please scroll down the entire site to see the different options for printing (front only, back only and two both front and back options). We have several colors and printing options available.

The store will be open until Friday, February 9th  
<https://carried-away-customs.square.site/>

2ND ANNUAL

# Senior to Senior Valentine's Dance

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH @ 5PM

Join us for an evening with students from Akron High School and the senior citizens of the Akron- Newstead Senior Center to celebrate Valentine's Day.

**FREE EVENT!** Sign up in HS Office **FREE EVENT!**

Meal catered by Terra House:  
Lasagna, salad, bread and dessert.

The evening will include:  
Dinner 5:00pm  
DJ Biggs 5:00 - 7:30pm  
Photobooth 5:30 - 6:30pm

Save the Date!

INDEPENDENT HEALTH FOUNDATION'S

Good for the Neighborhood.

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00-6:30pm

At the Akron-Newstead Senior Center

5691 Cummings Rd. Akron, NY, 14001

Produce Giveaway & more!

Free Health Screenings

For more information, call the Akron-Newstead Senior Center at 735-542-6643

Independent Health Foundation

Akron-Newstead Alliance

Social Worker Support Center



The Wellness Club will meet 9th period in Mrs. Bowen’s office (H-111) on Tuesday, February 6th to work on a Valentine’s Day project for the High School. This is a great opportunity to help create a sense of belonging and connection to fellow classmates.

Tiger Talk, our peer mentorship program for middle and high school girls, will meet on Wednesday, February 7th for their Galentine’s Day celebration from 3:30-4:30 pm in Mrs. Bowen’s office. Join us for some self-love, confidence, and of course, snacks!



December- Students of the Month

ART- Keira Palizay

BAND- Ashlee Henninig

BUSINESS- Peter Sokolofsky

CHORUS- Emily Fox

ENGLISH- Cooper Holland

BOCES- Samantha Sutton

HEALTH- Sarah Lumberg

MATH- Shauna Jones

ORCHESTRA- Rilyn Snyder

PHYS. ED- Dant Grijalva

SCIENCE- Jenna Krampen

SOCIAL- Madilyn Jelson

SPANISH- Madigan Regan

TECH- Mason Massaro



Safety & Security Zone

As January marks Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is using this opportunity to spread awareness of this vital issue and how the public can be instrumental in spotting victims.

A common misconception about child sex trafficking is that it happens in other countries, or is hidden away from the public and nearly impossible to spot. However, it often occurs right before our eyes.

In 2023 alone, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received more than 18,400 reports of child sex trafficking. If you see a child who exhibits one or more of the signs below, it may mean they are at risk of victimization through child sex trafficking.

- A child is in possession of large sums of cash, prepaid cards, hotel keys, multiple cell phones or apps providing multiple cell numbers.
- The child’s ID is being held by another person, or they don’t have ID.
- Signs that a child is being coached when talking to people, letting others speak for them or looking at others before they speak.
- Tattoos or branding the child does not wish to talk about, explain or did not choose.
- Chronic homelessness, youth who are unstably house or children who frequently run away.
- Abruptly disconnects from family or friends.
- Close association with an overly controlling adult.
- Regular, unexplained school absences.

If you suspect an incident of child sex trafficking, please call the NCMEC hotline at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678 or make a report at [CyberTipline.org](https://www.cybertipline.org)



The class of 2024 would like to thank everyone who has made contributions to concessions during the Winter sports season. You are greatly appreciated as we continue to plan Prom on June 21st, 2024 at Templeton Landing.



The Class of 2025 is finishing up getting ready and getting excited for the big semi-formal dance that will be held on February 3rd in the HS cafeteria. Come support as they will be working concessions at the basketball games in the month of February as well. Go Tigers!





We hope your New Year is off to a great start! The high school counselors have been meeting with all Juniors individually. These meetings have been very productive as we assist in preparing these students for their Senior year as well as life after high school plans.

It may seem early but we are already digging into the course selection process for next year. Scheduling will take place in the spring. We are excited to offer some interesting electives that will hopefully be beneficial and worthwhile for our students. More information will be forthcoming to make sure our students are aware of how to proceed with their course selections. The majority of their core courses will be mass added for them, leaving only electives needing to be selected. The student support office will be assisting students throughout this entire process to make sure it runs smoothly for them. We also encourage students to gain input from their teachers as well as classmates for more information regarding these courses.

March brings multiple opportunities for students as well, our 11th graders will attend the National College Fair, and 10th graders will attend our 2nd Annual Reverse Career Day! Listen up for more information regarding these days.

Seniors will receive an on-line application information Memo in Homeroom on February 12 explaining the ACS Scholarship Application process. There are many scholarships that students may apply for with varying criterias to help pay for college expenses.



# ADVANCED STUDIES

Why not get a jump on your college career while still in High School?

SUNY Erie's Advanced Studies Program is open to all high school juniors or seniors of average or better academic ability interested in beginning their college studies while still in high school. Sophomore students may be recommended by their teacher or school counselor.

### Benefits:

Reduced tuition costs  
College credits earned through this program are transferable to other colleges/universities.

The following courses at Akron High School can be taken for SUNY Advanced Studies credit during the Spring 2024 semester:

- Digital Arts Two (Mrs. Cornell)
- Painting One (Mrs. Cornell)
- Personal Finance (Mrs. Saeli)

If your student is enrolled in one of these courses, look for more information regarding this program to come home during the first two weeks of school.



The Market on Main and Tigers Den School Store partnership want to thank everyone that took time to vote for us! We have won the Website contest by close to double the votes of the second place team!

Our favorite part of this contest was watching the entire Akron Community come together to make this happen. This is certainly an example of #OneAkron!

The next steps will include meeting with Quilted Squirrel to share our website needs and wants and collaboratively work with them while they create our new website. The students in the Introduction to Business class created and currently maintain the current Market on Main website and look forward to learning more about website development during this process.

The Tiger's Den will be open in the Aud Foyer before each Musical Performance on March 1st and 2nd. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Tiger's Den school store takes debit/credit cards and Apple Pay!

Follow us @akronschoolstore on Instagram! We post updates on promotions, sampling, and everything the school store has to offer.



We have reached the half way mark of the school year already! This milestone has the PTA helping to recognize many of our Akron Tigers. On February 7 th the PTA will be providing refreshments for NHS Inductees and their families following the induction ceremony. Congratulations to this year's NHS inductees, you should all be proud to receive this honor! Next, on February 15th, the PTA once again will be sponsoring The Academic Achievement/Tiger Leap Ice Cream Social. We are proud of these students for the strides they have made during the 2nd marking period, keep up the great work!

Our February meeting will be held on February 7th at 7:00pm in H190, all are welcome to join.



Members from the Interact Club headed out to the Dominican Republic to help out at a Vision Clinic the last week in January. Check out more photos on our [facebook page](#).



## Native American Office News

Last February, I wrote about Seasonal Affective Disorder and how it impacts our Indigenous Students. SAD is sometimes called the “winter blues” and is a noticeable, negative change in mood due to the lack of sunlight and/or fresh air. There are measures one can take to combat these feelings like talking a walk outside even if it is chilly or light therapy.

Over the years, I’ve noticed students who appear to be impacted by SAD. While it is a little harder for kids to recognize it in themselves, we can be of assistance. During February, the NAO is making an effort to get kids outside. High school Seneca Language students will be heading to the Buffalo Botanical Gardens. We will be incorporating a lot of Seneca Language in our plant identifications and talking about medical usage of plants. There is a tentative plan for middle school students to do an off-campus hike - more about that later! We hope these activities will be a positive mood booster and for our students to fight off a little SAD!



**All WNY Scholar Athlete Winners**  
pictured to the right are Ava Blochwitz- Soccer and Dawson Stone- Cross Country



## All WNY Scholar Athlete Honorable Mention

The following fall 2023 athletes were named All WNY Scholar Athletes Honorable Mention: Zackary Borton- Football, Jazmine Borynski- Cross Country, Kayla Cebulski- Field Hockey, Aidan Coffta- Football, Dylan Crockford- Cross Country, Emma-Marie Forrestel- Cross Country, Emma Gerstung- Soccer, Liam Haak- Soccer, Autumn Hall- Volleyball, Ashlee Henning Volleyball, Trace Hill- Golf, Logan McClaine- Football, Margaret Mlddaugh- Soccer, Elexis Mitten- Volleyball, Emily Snyder- Cross Country and Jonathan Steen- Soccer.



Five Akron High School art students were selected to be a part of the Great Expectations: 2024 WNY Regional High School Art Exhibition. The Exhibition is held Jan. 24th-Feb. 17th at the UB Department of Art Lower Gallery in the Center for the Arts. Students selected are Colten Cleveland, Hayden Jago, Emma Leonard, Ava MacDonald and Rosemary VanEvery.



Hayden Jago



Rosemary VanEvery



Colten Cleveland



Ava MacDonald



Emma Leonard

Ben Printup a senior art student has his artwork displayed in the All High Art Exhibition at Daemen University's Tower Gallery in the Nancy Haberman Gacioch Center for Visual and Performing Arts. The All High Art Exhibition is a juried exhibition open to all high school juniors and seniors enrolled in secondary programs throughout the region. Applicants have the opportunity to exhibit their work in our campus gallery, meet with arts faculty for one-on-one portfolio reviews and have the opportunity to be selected for \$26,000 annual renewable scholarships and other honors.



The curtain will open on Akron's production of Mamma Mia, on Friday, March 1st at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 2nd at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. For nearly 25 years, people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story, and the music that make Mamma Mia the ultimate feel-good show. Audiences will be delighted by the amusing drama that unfolds, the exciting dance routines and the show stopping songs of ABBA that have made this musical a smash hit worldwide. Tickets are on sale now at [akronmusical.ludus.com](http://akronmusical.ludus.com) for \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students, and \$10.00 for senior citizens.