



Tiger Tracks

January 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:

Happy Holidays/ Nya:wëh sgë:nö', Students and Families!

We hope you enjoyed a well-deserved break, spent quality time with your loved ones, and found moments of peace and happiness. With the start of a new year, it is a perfect time for fresh beginnings. As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome 2024, let's embrace the opportunity to make positive changes in our lives. A new year symbolizes a fresh start, a blank slate upon which we can write our aspirations and dreams.

Setting resolutions and goals for the year ahead is a wonderful tradition. It's a chance to focus on personal growth, academic excellence, and contributing to our community. Whether you aspire to improve your grades, explore new interests, or become more involved in school activities, we encourage you to set goals that challenge you to be the best version of yourself.

With that, we are pleased to announce that ACS was officially approved for the Seal of the Civic Readiness by New York State! Additionally, some students have expressed interest in piloting a Badminton club. Stay tuned for more information! On a similar note, we will begin to offer a new Digital Media course taught by Mr. Ilardi during Semester 2.

As we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the coming year will bring, let's remember that the Akron High School community is here to support each other in our journey towards personal and academic growth. May 2024 be filled with success, happiness, and the fulfillment of your dreams!

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



Important January Dates...

- 1 New Year's Day (NO CLASSES)
- 8 Petition Sheets Due
- 10 BOE Meeting
- 11 SOM Luncheon
- 15 Martin Luther King Day (NO CLASSES)
- 23-26 Regents
- 24 AP Lit Field Trip
- 24 BOE Meeting
- 26 MP2 Ends
- 29 Grades Due
- 29 Record Keeping Day (NO CLASSES)
- 31 Tiger Tracks Published




Meet Mrs. Jagielo, an ACS Administrative Intern. Mrs. Jagielo will begin to serve administrative internship hours within the district. This may include discipline referrals and conflict resolution in addition to scheduling and other building level functions.



Mrs. Jagielo has been a teacher for over 16 years, she joined the Akron team in 2021. She has recently been working with the district to build our P.A.W.S. program. This is a program that aims to provide behavioral supports and restorative solutions to our students.

In addition to P.A.W.S., Mrs. Jagielo is completing her administrative internship through Canisius college. This unique experience allows her to work alongside Akron's administrative team to acquire leadership qualities and on the job training for her future in school administration.



nami
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Buffalo & Western
New York

TIME
6:00 - 8:30 PM

DATE
Monday
Jan 22 - March 11

LOCATION
Online via Zoom

Online
FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CLASS

This 8-week class is offered for free to family and caregivers of a loved one who has mental illness. Pre-registration is required.

The Family-to-Family is an evidence-based signature program of NAMI National that presents information about the signs, symptoms, and treatments of mental health, as well as how to cope with a loved one living with mental illness.

Family-to-Family is facilitated by two trained volunteers who have personal experience with the challenges of caring for a loved one with mental illness.

There is no fee to attend a Family-to-Family Class.

To register for this class, email online@namibuffalony.org or call 716-226-6264 ext. 101

Provide your name and phone number with "Register Family-to-Family" and "Online" in the email subject line.

Register TODAY!
Pre-registration is required.
Interested, but can't attend?
Visit www.namibuffalony.org to subscribe to our newsletter for class updates.

Social Worker Support Center



Thank you to everyone who generously donated and supported this year's Giving Tree. Over 195 gifts were donated!



Tiger of the Week



Attention Tigers! We would like to take a moment to recognize our Tiger for the Week: Chase Sucharski. Chase is always spreading kindness everywhere he goes. He encourages others to make good choices and is a friend to all. Congratulations Chase, we're so proud of you!



Come support the Class of 2026 on 1/16 and 1/23 as they run the concession stands for the basketball games.



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. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!



Native American Office News

The new year is exciting for so many people! New year, new me. New Year's Resolutions. Gym memberships. Diet plans. Saving money. Cessations from poor choices. Vows to make better decisions. So many ideas and plans to improve oneself! The Haudenosaunee take New Year's a step further – a time for gratitude and self-renewal. Below is a condensed and simplistic version of Midwinter Ceremony taken from the Haudenosaunee Guide for Educators from the Smithsonian.

The Haudenosaunee calendar is measured on a lunar cycle of thirteen months. The Haudenosaunee celebrate several festivals during the year when people come together to honor, acknowledge and give thanks to the environment for nature's gifts. These are also times to visit and catch up with friends and loved ones. These festivals help the Haudenosaunee maintain a reciprocal relationship with the land. The Haudenosaunee year begins with the Mid-Winter Festival, which is held in late January or early February. This Festival involves giving thanks for the gifts of the past year and preparing for the New Year.



We hope you have been enjoying this wonderful holiday season with family and friends. The school year is going by fast with mid year approaching. Students will need to do their best to prepare for any mid term exams they will have. This is a good time to evaluate ways to improve if needed for the second semester. There will be some changes in student schedules when the second semester starts, please reach out if you have study halls that you would like to fill. Students who made the Academic Achievement Rolls or Tiger Leap for the first marking period were awarded with an Ice Cream Social during their lunch on December 8th.

Counselors will be meeting with all juniors for their individual meetings during the months of January and February. We will be discussing important information with them including scheduling and a full transcript review with courses needed for graduation. We will also cover career goals and ways we can assist them with their future plans.

Our sophomores have been provided information regarding all of the Boces programs available to them for their junior and senior years. The Boces orientation for all sophomores took place on November 28th. The online sign up process to attend Boces took place the week of December 4th. Sophomores have been encouraged to meet with their counselor ASAP with any questions or concerns they may have about attending Boces. These vocational programs have been an outstanding opportunity for many of our students to pursue. The formal registration process for Boces is completed by February break. If you miss this deadline, it greatly decreases your chances of getting into the programs.



Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted into college:

Katelynn Haley-

Cornell University and Michigan State Univ.



Happy New Year from the Akron PTA! We hope you all enjoyed your holidays and some much needed time off. Last month the PTA held another successful craft fair raising funds to support programs and initiatives in all three of our schools. Additionally, last month the PTA once again sponsored the Academic Achievement/Tiger Leap Ice Cream Social for Akron High School Students. We are proud to help celebrate these student achievements, great job tigers!



We would like to thank everyone who supported us last month at our holiday pop-up shops in the elementary and middle school! We would like to congratulate the following people who won our giveaways: Lydia B. (Basket Raf-

fle), Tressa B., Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. Paz, and Mrs. Guyton (Tiger Ornaments). We appreciate all of our customers and can't wait to hold future pop-ups in the upcoming months.

To kick off the year, the Tigers Den will be having a 20% off clearance sale on select Tiger apparel, while supplies last.

Also, look for information coming soon on an online pre-sale of #OneAkron apparel! We will be offering windbreakers, hoodies, crewnecks, and zip ups. Samples are available in Mrs. Saali's classroom, H185, if you would like to see the items being offered.

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.



Safety & Security Zone

It is another new year, HAPPY 2024! Winter is in full swing, and we need to brush up on our winter driving skills. The most important thing is to take your time, after all Haste makes Waste. Brush the snow off your entire car off, including the roof and lights, so you can see and be seen. Officer Givens & I wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season. See you next year.

IMPORTANT INFO

Some of you may have noticed the recent changes to the campus traffic pattern and parking restrictions. Most notably the addition of a "FIRELANE" along the street side curb in the bus loop. This means you will no longer, be allowed to park there. These changes were made for safety reasons, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Athletic Director's Clipboard



The Winter Sports season has been under way for right around three weeks now. The competition part of the season is just getting going for most teams! Our teams look strong and they are ready for the challenges that lie ahead. Look for the January edition of Tiger Tracks to get an update on our JV and Varsity Teams as they approach the middle of their seasons.

Be sure to come out and show your support for our Swimming, Wrestling, Unified Bowling, Cheer, and Basketball teams! For the most up to date athletics game schedule, please visit: <https://www.akronschoools.org/athletics>

Follow us on x/twitter: @AkronHSSports
Go Tigers!



November- Students of the Month

ART- Hayden Jago
BAND- Autumn Hall
BUSINESS- Gary Baehr

CHORUS- Katerina Ryszka
ENGLISH- Jonas Ground
BOCES- Alec Boyer
HEALTH- Ava Lombard
MATH- Mason Berghorn
ORCHESTRA- Gabrielle Wicks
PHYS. ED- Cameron Wild
SCIENCE- Matthew Kalinowski
SOCIAL- Dylan Crockford
SENECA- Rosemary VanEvery
TECH- Alexander Schrock



Wed., Dec. 20th we recognized NYSSMA Area All-State students Landon Polkowski (cellist), Katerina Ryska (vocalist), Ava Lombard (violinist), Emma Leonard (violinist) and Whitley Koopman (percussionist). They were recognized at this evening's Board of Education meeting as the December ACS "Mission Movers". Congratulations!



The National Honor Society hosted a Christmas card making party for those in our local nursing homes in Mr. Baumgarten's room. This fun-filled party included free hot chocolate, festive treats, and lots of holiday music.

The Akron Santa Band performed in the Russell Park Gazebo as part of "Light Up Akron". Happy Holidays!



On Wednesday, December 13th, Akron's High School Orchestra spent the day performing at three local senior centers. The musicians played concerts full of holiday classics which brought smiles to many faces throughout the community. Stops included Solstice Senior Living in East Amherst, Vinecroft Retirement Community in Clarence Center, and our very own Newstead Senior Center. This yearly tradition is a favorite among the students and the senior community.



On Friday, December 15th, Akron's High School Santa Band spent the day performing at different locations throughout the day.



On Friday, December 22nd- the High School hosted a Jolly Jubilee- students participated in different Christmas and fun activities, enjoyed hot coco, and viewed a Christmas movie to round out 2023.

