



Tiger Tracks

November 2023

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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:

Hello/ Nya:wëh sgë:nö' Tigers,

As we enter the month of November, we wanted 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 21st from 4:30-7:30 and Wednesday, November 22nd from 8-11:30am. All conferences this year will be held in person. The link to our conference letter can be accessed [here](#).

Two important items of concern after the first two months of school. Regular attendance in high school is crucial because it directly impacts a student's academic success and their ability to grasp important concepts and skills. It also helps students develop a sense of responsibility and discipline, which are valuable qualities for their future educational and career endeavors.

Vaping in high schools raises significant concerns due to its potential health consequences, including addiction to nicotine, respiratory problems, and the risk of using harmful substances in vape devices. Additionally, it can lead to disciplinary actions in schools, impacting students' academic and social development. Please reach out to your child's counselor if your child needs more support than you can give at home.

November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to honor and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and contributions of Native Americans to our country. It provides an opportunity for us to learn, appreciate, and respect the histories and heritages of the indigenous peoples who have called this land home for thousands of years. At AHS, we are committed to promoting awareness and understanding of Native American cultures, histories, and perspectives. Throughout the month of November, we have planned a series of educational and cultural activities to engage our students and celebrate Native American Heritage Month. Some examples include a Native American Dance show and Indigenous sports played in Physical Education classes.

As Veterans Day approaches, we would like to take a moment to recognize and express our deep gratitude to all the veterans in our community and beyond. Veterans Day, observed on November 11th, is a time for us to honor and pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country in the armed forces. As a community, let us come together to recognize the bravery and dedication of those who have served our country. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all veterans for their service and sacrifice. Your contributions have shaped our nation, and we are forever grateful. We would like to honor the veterans in our community each day throughout the month of November. Please consider submitting your veteran's name into this [google form](#) to be highlighted this upcoming month!



Class gift from Class of 2022.



As we embrace the season of giving and thankfulness, let's remember that our school community is a place where we can all learn and grow together. We are thankful for your trust and support in nurturing our students' potential. Wishing you a November filled with gratitude and cherished moments with your loved ones.

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

Important November Dates...

NOVEMBER	1 Photo Retake (During Lunches)	17 NHS Candidacy Meeting
	1 BOE Meeting	21 Report cards on line
	9 SOM Luncheon	21 Ineligible/Restricted Pass Lists Out
	9 Blood Drive (8-2:30)	21 Parent/Teacher Conf. (4:30-7:30)
	9 MP1 Ends	22 Parent/Teacher Conf. (8-11:30) (NO CLASSES)
	9 Native American Assembly	23-24 Thanksgiving Recess (NO CLASSES)
	10 Veterans Day (NO CLASSES)	28 Winter Parent-Athlete Mtg.
	14 Virtual Financial Aid Night	30 Virtual Financial Aid Night
	15 BOE Meeting	30 Tiger Tracks Published



Effective December 1, 2023, all students enrolled at Akron Central School will receive one breakfast and lunch meal at no cost to your household. No further action is required of you. Please note that any second meal or ala carte items purchased are not covered by this CEP provision and remain the responsibility of each family.

Mobile Menu App



We are pleased to announce a new Mobile Menu App that offers an easy way to view menus and nutrient



information for products right from your smart phone.

The new “Web Menus” mobile App includes:

Interactive Nutritional Menus, Daily menus, Menu item nutrient information, Menu item description, Menu item photos, Menu item allergens, PDF Documents, Link to Online Payment Provider, Link to Nutrition Services website, Info section “All About School Lunch”

This is just one more step we are making in an effort to continually improve the quality of the menus we offer our students and raise the bar on the standards of our school meals. Our focus is on enhancing the diet of students with more nutritious choices here at school and by providing nutrition education that will help students form healthy habits that last a lifetime!

Key nutritional improvements that we have made include offering a variety of more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free and low-fat fluid milk with our meals. We are also reducing in the levels of sodium, saturated fat and have eliminated added trans fat. We do not supersize our meals, but instead strive to meet the nutrition needs of students within their age specific calorie requirements.

The School Nutrition & Fitness Mobile “Web Menu” App is available in the App Stores!

Social Worker Support Center



The Giving Tree will be in the HS Cafe starting Wednesday, November 8th 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 the Student Support Office by Friday, December 15th. Please contact Mrs. Bowen with any questions and thank you in advance for your support.



Let’s Honor our Veterans this Month



We will be acknowledging our Veterans this month on our morning announcements.

Please submit the below information on this [google form](#).

Contact Mrs. Fial with any questions.

Name of Veteran

Name of Student(s)/Staff that the Veteran is related to

What building is the students(s)/Staff in (HS, MS or both)

What Branch of Service

Years of Service

Brief Description of Service.



Counselors have met 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.

Senior Graduation Cap and Gown informational parent/student letters have been mailed home. Gown measurements will be taken and payment of money for Cap & Gowns will be received during Senior Lunches on both November 16 & 17 across from the Student Support Office.

SUNY Fredonia Virtual Financial Aid Nights

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://fredonia-edu.zoom.us/j/94764529298?pwd=akl2aWc2dGtKdkFUUmIMZS9lbnZX-UT09> Meeting ID: 947 6452 9298 Password: 1729461219

Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://fredonia-edu.zoom.us/j/96141665322?pwd=UDhvbVhhZXdYM1R6TE5xdVRFZzR-JQT09> Meeting ID: 961 4166 5322 Password: 7815492393



Car Seat Safety Check November 11th

The district is hosting a free car seat safety check by the Akron Police Department and Erie County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. The event will be held at the school's bus transportation facility. Participants can access the facility from John Street. Trained officers will check to be sure car seats are installed properly in vehicles. They will also check for expired car seats and whether a car seat has a safety recall. Children can be in the car seat during the safety check to help determine the proper fit. The safety check takes about fifteen minutes to complete. Officers will also be able to answer any questions about laws pertaining to car seat usage. For additional questions, please contact the District Office at (716)542-5006.



Native American Office News

November is Native American Heritage Month. The history of the designation is rather interesting. According to the US Senate website, it dates back to 1916 when New York State wanted to recognize Indigenous contributions and achievements. We were given one day for that recognition. One whole day! Then in 1976, President Ford announced that a week in October would be best. Ten years later, the recognition week was moved back to November - coincidentally around Thanksgiving. In 1990, the United States declared the whole month of November as Native American Heritage Month. For an oppressed population, the gift of a whole month feels generous. But, in real life, recognizing the contributions from Indigenous nations would take much longer than one month. And per the presidential proclamation, Federal, state and local governments should "observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities." That being said, ACS will be in full observance mode. New this year - I repeat - new this year... A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL DANCE SHOW. This is the first time from what I hear that the high school will participate in the Dance Assembly. On November 9th, our Native students will perform social dances, with a mini-fashion show, in front of their peers. It is very exciting!! Additionally, we will be pushing into PE classes in the MS and HS to play some long ball and a few other games. Oh, we are bringing back "wear days"! Wear your favorite lacrosse team gear, wear something beaded, wear a ribbon shirt/skirt, wear something that reps your Nation, and, of course, Rock Your Mocs! November is a busy month!!!



The PTA would like to congratulate Dawson Stone for making the homecoming half-court shot, sponsored by the PTA with a \$500 cash prize!

Our meeting this month is scheduled for November 8th at 7:00pm in H190, we would love to have you join us.

At the top of our priority list right now is the upcoming Holiday Craft Fair and Vendor Fair. The show is December 9th from 10-4pm. If you or someone you know is interested in a table at our show, please send an email to kim.akronpta@gmail.com for an application. The revenue generated from the fair helps support numerous PTA initiatives in the district including, but not limited to: The Crystal Tiger Scholarship, character awards, guest speakers, author visits, and much more. We also host a basket raffle at the craft fair and are in search of donations for that raffle. If you would like to donate a basket, or know a business who would be kind enough to donate, baskets and donations will be received by Melissa Garverick in the Elementary School Office. Additionally, we are in search of volunteers on the day of the fair. If your student is in need of volunteer hours, this is a great way to fulfill them. Any interested volunteers can contact Melissa Garverick at mgarverick@gmail.com, or stop by the Elementary Office.



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

Ashley Morehouse- Villa Maria

Chelsea Lynch- University of Pittsburgh

Teagan Ground- NCCC

Chess Club

Akron's High School Chess club meets on alternate Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 pm in Room H-201. New members are always welcome to attend and play. Next meetings are November 2nd and November 16th.



Interscholastic Competitions have been tentatively scheduled for November 15, December 6, January 10, January 31, March 13, and April 17.

School Rings

BALFOUR CLASS RING SALE -
SAVE THE DATE:
In-school measuring and online ordering is



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th
All Grades - During Lunches

Scan the QR Code to see their catalog
QUESTIONS? 716-972-0265



This month The Tiger's Den School store will be offering our NEW #OneAkron window decals! Purchase one of your own to decorate your car windows and show your Akron Pride.

The Tiger's Den will also be providing samples throughout the month of November for you and all your friends to try. Visit us to taste test different snacks that we offer here at school. November samples are shown in the picture to the right!



How often do you make school store purchases? This month we will be handing out loyalty cards to our customers. After ten tiger stamps you get on your card, you will be rewarded

with one free Giannios Chocolate!

We appreciate all of your support throughout the course of this school year! Your support will help us reward two Class of 2024 seniors with \$1000 scholarships pursuing a business related field.

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

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



TECHNOLOGY Telecast

Digital Resource Survey

The New York State Education Department asks parents to complete the Digital Resource Survey each year. Please complete the survey for each child at www.akronschools.org/digitalsurvey. Thank you!



September- Students of the Month

ART- Emma Leonard
BAND- Andrew Bedford
BUSINESS- Blake Kumro
CHORUS- Elijah Reigle

ENGLISH- Riley Oberlander
BOCES- Katelynn Haley
HEALTH- Aiden Parker
MATH- Connor Lucia
ORCHESTRA- Brynn Jendresky
PHYS. ED- Jacob Leach
SCIENCE- Ellie Swader
SOCIAL- Alexis Salmon
SPANISH- Gabby Truglio
TECH Andrew Bergman



Safety & Security Zone

Autumn is here. The days get shorter and the nights get longer. This means you need to be more vigilant when you are outside, weather walking or driving. This is also the time of year we express our gratitude for all that we have.

First, on the 11th is Veterans Day. We thank the men and women who selflessly served in the armed forces to defend our freedoms and protect our way of life. Then we have Thanksgiving Day when we celebrate the harvest and other blessings of the past year. It is a holiday rich in legend and symbolism. It is a wonderful time for family & friends to get together and enjoy each other's company, please do so safely.



The class of 2025 celebrated a great homecoming week! They took 2nd place in the annual Homecoming Float competition. They are now starting to prepare to work basketball concessions and get ready for the semi-formal dance which will be on February 3rd 2024. We appreciate all the support! Go Tigers!



The class of 2026 had a great homecoming by winning the float competition with their 80's themed float!



The class of 2027 has received a generous donation in memory of Lance Piscitelli, Akron Alumni, past homecoming prince and former football player.

We will have an upcoming meeting soon to discuss winter concession stands-please listen to announcements.

Thank you for everyone's support during homecoming!



Athletic Director's Clipboard



We are right at the end of another strong season for Akron Athletics!

Boys and Girls Cross Country will compete at Sectionals on Friday 11/3. The boys and girls teams both finished in 3rd place in the N-O League. Great job and finish strong at sectionals!

Volleyball has had a great season, both on JV and Varsity. JV finished the season strong and the girls showed great improvement throughout the fall. Varsity is still in the mix. They will play in the semi-finals on Monday 10/30 and if they advance they will play in the finals on Friday Nov 1. They finished the season as N-O League Champions! Congratulations ladies and good luck the rest of the way!

Varsity Boys Soccer fought their way through a postseason matchup against Eden last Tuesday, but ultimately fell in a back and forth battle. They showed great resilience throughout the season, battling the injury bug and never giving up. Great job, fellas!

Varsity Girls Soccer advanced to the Sectional Finals on Saturday 10/28 against Fredonia. This is the third year in a row they are squaring off in the postseason. The girls play an exciting style of soccer loaded with great athletes all over the field. JV Soccer finished off another strong season (5-3-1 league record) and many will be ready to take the next step to varsity next season. Great job this season girls!

Varsity Field Hockey also advanced to the Sectional Finals and will square off against Medina on Wednesday 11/1. They are looking to defend their title. The girls are tenacious and never give up. This will be a great game. Great job so far this season and good luck ladies!

Our cheerleaders continued to strengthen their program this year! We all know they bring school spirit and great energy to football games and school events. But they hosted a Cheer competition in which they were crowned the winners. They competed in sectionals and finished 6th in Class C. Great job this season ladies!

Varsity Golf finished the season with a team record of 9-3! They finished the season 2nd in the N-O League and finished 2nd at the All-League Tournament. Trace Hill, Cam Wild, and Brodie Hill all finished on the All-League 1st Team. Aiden Romesser and Thunder Hallett were selected to the All-League 2nd Team.

Varsity and JV Football both finished their seasons this weekend. The Varsity team advanced to the postseason, ultimately falling to Southwestern after a great game. The boys have a lot to be proud of and will come back stronger next season! The JV team finished on a high note- a 51-42 victory over Hutch Tech. They showed great improvement over the season and played hard all year. They are a competitive group of young men with a bright future!

Winter 2023-2024 Sports Registration is OPEN!

Parents of Akron High School or Middle School student athletes participating in a winter sport at any level, including modified, will need to register their child on the school's registration platform, FamilyID, at www.akronschools.org/FamilyID. Registration is currently open for those wishing to participate in Varsity, JV and Modified boys or girls basketball; Varsity and Modified swimming for boys and girls; Varsity wrestling, Varsity competitive basketball cheerleading and Unified Bowling.

Parents can also get to the school's FamilyID platform by going to akronschools.org/athletics and clicking on SPORTS REGISTRATION from the left navigation menu. The program will guide users through the registration process.

All athletes must be registered prior to the start of winter sport practices that begin Wednesday, November 1, 2023 for Modified Girls Basketball, Monday, November 13, 2023, for all JV and varsity teams, and January 2, 2024 for Modified Swimming and Boys Basketball.

Sports physicals must also be turned in to the school nurse prior to participation in any practices or submitted on the FamilyID webpage.

Questions regarding the process may be directed to Mrs. Wendy Pazderski, Athletic Secretary, at (716)542-5088.

Community Outreach:

Parents and Guardians, looking for a quick and easy way to access supports and providers in Erie County? Download the Erie Path app!

erie.gov/eriepath

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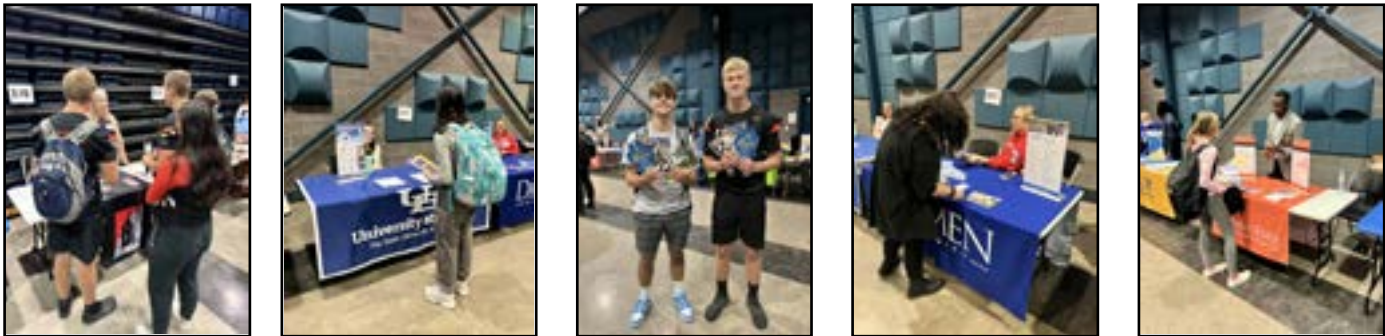


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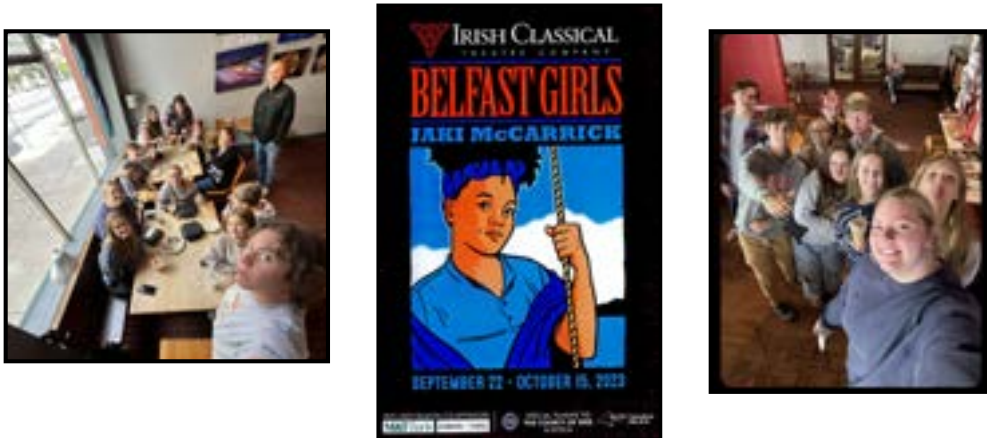
Some of our High School students attended the Construction Career Day on Thursday, October 5th at the OP Eng. Training Center in Lake View, NY.



The High School Junior and Senior Classes attended a College Consortium in the MPR on Friday, October 6th



The AP Literature Class attended the performance of Belfast Girls by the Irish Classical Theatre Company



On Thursday, October 19th members of Student Governments from Akron, Cardinal O'Hara, Franklinville and Pembroke took part in a Leadership Summit in the MPR.

