



Tiger Tracks

March 2023
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A message from the Principals:

Dear Akron High School Families,

Welcome back! It is our hope that everyone enjoyed their winter recess and that all students feel refreshed and ready to learn. We are now settling into the third marking period and we would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of remaining organized, completing classwork, and asking for help when needed. Staying 9th period with a teacher is a great way to receive extra support! The following are supports we continue to have available for our students:

- Our Academic Learning Center continues to be available to students who identify as needing additional individualized academic and/or executive functioning support. Please contact Mrs. Burns-Heim (dburns-heim@akronk12.org) or Mr. Ilardi (nilardi@akronk12.org) for more information.
- Wellness Club is hard at work planning and preparing afterschool wellness opportunities for our students. As these plans solidify, information will be disseminated to students.
- Regents Exam Review/AP Prep/SAT Prep tutoring opportunities will be finalized in the upcoming weeks.

Finally, we would like to invite families to support the cast and crew of *The Wizard of Oz*. They have been hard at work preparing for this production and will be performing three shows on March 17th and March 18th. Tickets can be purchased online [here](https://akronmusical.ludus.com/) (<https://akronmusical.ludus.com/>).



Nya:wëh and GO TIGERS!

Important March Dates...

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| Mar. | 6 | Progress Reports On-Line |
| | 6 | ACS Gen. Scholarship Apps due on-line |
| | 7 | BOCES Niagara Falls Culinary Field Trip |
| | 9 | Native American Parent Mtg. (4pm) |
| | 9 | Ineligible/Restricted Pass Lists |
| | 9 | SOM Luncheon |
| | 10 | Blood Drive (8-2:23 pm MPR) |
| | 10 | NA Pre College STEM Field Trip |
| | 10 | Deadline for ACT Reg. for Apr. 15 test |
| | 11 | ACT Test (not given at Akron) |
| | 13-16 | March Madness Dress Up Days |
| | 15 | Dark Side of Social Media for Parents 6pm |
| | 15 | Nat'l College Fair (Juniors) Field Trip |
| | 15 | BOE Meeting |
| | 17 | Supt. Conf. Day (No Classes) |
| | 17-18 | Musical (Wizard of Oz) |
| | 21 | Music & Munchies Concert (7pm) |
| | 22 | BOE Special Meeting |
| | 25 | Cabaret Concert (7 pm) |
| | 28 | GSA Leadership Conference Trip |
| | 29 | BOE Meeting |
| | 31 | End of MP3 |

The TIGERS DEN



Your School Store is now open in a brand new, permanent location in H113 (near Mrs. Bowen's Office)

We also have a new name! The Tigers Den!

Our Embroidered Orange and Black plaid flannel PJ pants are now in!

We will soon be expanding our days open to include Wednesdays. We will post updates to Instagram!

Follow us @akronschool store on Instagram!

We post updates on promotions, sampling, and everything the school store has to offer.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The student support office has finished meeting with every junior to start preparing for life after Akron High School. Starting in March we will begin the process of meeting with all sophomores individually. During sophomore meetings we are discussing current grades, scheduling for next year, graduation requirements, and completing a career plan. We are also enjoying getting to know them better! Scheduling for the 23-24 school year will also begin at the end of March.

We continue to encourage students to continue to check their email for opportunities and additional information and post high school planning resources.

On March 15th, 2023 all juniors will be attending the Buffalo National College Fair. If you have not turned in your permission slip please do so as soon as possible. If you need a new one they are available in the guidance office.

ACS Scholarship Application Information

The ACS Scholarship Application is now open for any senior that would like to apply. You can find the link to the Application on the HS Home web page under the HS Announcements. There are many Scholarship opportunities available. The on-line application will close March 6. If your senior has any questions, please do not hesitate to have them stop by the Student Support Office!



Safety & Security Zone

SOCIAL MEDIA – is a wonderful tool and many of us enjoy interacting with others on the various platforms (especially young people). However, like any tool if misused can cause a lot of damage.

Some people say and post things that are hurtful or inappropriate whether deliberate or inadvertent they can still cause problems. Not only for the targeted person but also for the poster.

When a young person makes an inappropriate post or becomes the target of a harmful post, they need to talk to a trusted adult. You cannot get help if no one knows you have a problem. Every social media platform has an operational policy and a way to report these types of posts.

If your child is younger, parents may want to consider using the parental controls on their computer or phone. Your carrier will be able to assist you if need be.

If you have, any questions or concerns feel free to contact the S.R.O.

Social Worker Support Center



Sophomore, Peter Sokolofsky, is partnering with the Wellness Club for a Comfort Cases fundraiser! Comfort Cases is an organization that works to help children in foster care by giving them a backpack filled with various hygiene and comfort items. Many kids in foster care are forced to use trash bags to carry their belongings and by giving them something that is truly theirs, we hope to provide the child with a sense of self-value and to show them that they are important and cared for. Any of the below items can be brought in to Mrs. Bowen's office through the month of March (H-111):

Travel size shampoo and conditioner
Travel size body wash or soap
Travel size toothpaste
Travel size lotion
Deodorant
Individually packaged toothbrush
Period products-pads, tampons, liners
Pajamas- any size
Blankets- no bigger than 50" by 60"
Books- (new or GENTLY used)
Notebooks
Pens and pencils
Crayons
Stuffed animals- no bigger than 12"
Backpacks or small duffle bags

Thank you in advance for your support!



Native American Office News

One of my favorite times of year is spring. I love when the sun comes back and when I can hear birds chirping and frogs croaking. The old dark days seem to wash away and the new comes in.

I also really love maple syrup season - real maple syrup. Maple trees have started running and tapping began in early February. But I really wonder, "who ever thought of poking a hole in a tree, gathering the juice, and boiling the juice to make it thick and sweet?!!!" (I also wonder why one would want to create imitation syrup?!) Indigenous people have such a keen sense of connection to the land! Like I talked about last month, it is like we need to be outside and connected to the earth.

Maple syrup time is especially good for us because it is one of the first foods to be given to us after the long winter months. It is a fine sight to see trees in our area being tapped for sap! Many of our people are heading back to their roots and producing quality maple syrup. Keep in mind, it takes 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup! 40 gallons!!!

If you have the opportunity to try real maple syrup, I encourage you do so. If you are tapping maple trees - best of luck!!

We invite all parents to attend our annual Native American Parent Meeting on March 9th at 4pm to learn more about programming, offerings, data, and share information about how funding is used to support students.



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

- Cydney Brandl**- Alfred State;
- Rebecca Higgins**- Alfred State;
- Coleman Schrock**- Alfred State;
- Audrey Smith**- Univ. of Buffalo;
- Jeff Owen**- ECC;
- Trevor Martin**- RPI
- Carter Wiechec**- Alfred State



January- Students of the Month

- ART**- Cheyanne Ellis
- BAND**- Emily Poeller
- BUSINESS**- Steven Doktor
- CHORUS**- Jordan Durick
- ENGLISH**- Joseph Farinacci
- BOCES**- Hector Molina
- HEALTH**- Logan McClaine
- MATH**- Madelyn Monkelbaan
- ORCHESTRA**- Muria Kreher
- PHYS. ED.**- Aiden Romesser
- SCIENCE**- Ace Abrams
- SOCIAL STUDIES**- Ava Lombard
- SPANISH**- Ava Fox
- TECHNOLOGY**- Christopher Bergman



Congratulations to the following Harkness Students who have been chosen by their CTE instructors as Students of the Month

December

Rosemary Mest- Cosmetology 1



Akron Schools is featured on a buzzsprout podcast! Hear Superintendent Patrick D. McCabe, High School Principal Mr. Stephen Dimitroff, High School Business teacher Mrs. Saeli, and senior Rebecca Higgins, who are featured on the Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association buzzsprout podcast! The series, Achieving Joy and Mastery in Public Schools, hosted by Dr. Brian Graham, Superintendent of Schools for Grand Island Central School District, talks about Real World and Authentic Learning and the partnership Akron Schools has with Akron Market on Main! Listen here!

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2041840/12157839>



Our local chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 15 new members to its 2023 Class. The following are the Akron Class of 2023 NHS Inductees!

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| Will Akin | Evan Liss |
| Lacey Berghorn | Logan McClaine |
| Rachel Dugan | Margaret Middaugh |
| Emma-Marie Forrestel | Jack Pazderski |
| Emma Gerstung | Emily Poeller |
| Autumn Hall | Julianna Rodriguez |
| Ashlee Henning | Dawson Stone |
| Rebecca Higgins | |



The Class of 2023 will be meeting this month to discuss the Prom and the Senior Picnic. All are welcome to attend! As always, if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Heimiller.



The class of 2024 would like to thank everyone for their support throughout winter concessions! The community has been such a great help and the proceeds collected are used to continue to host events and provide wonderful experiences for our students here in Akron!



The class of 2025 will be settling down as the start of the 2nd semester gets underway. The students used the crafty ways and made center pieces for our community valentine's dance and started discussing next year's affairs. Thanks to everyone who came and supported them during the winter sports season!

Akron High School Presents



Dark Side of Social Media



Program

The Dark Side of social Media presentation provides adult audiences an in depth look at current popular social media trends and how they can escalate substance use and abuse among adolescents. This is a landscape that is constantly changing and evolving with technology and access.



Topics Covered

- Current popular social media apps
- Impact those apps have on a developing mind
- Dangers on those apps
- Tricks or vaults used to hide apps
- Live streaming and the dangers
- Ghost apps
- The dark web
- Cryptocurrency
- Online Marketing

FEEDBACK

“Almost all of my drug purchases have been via social media, most dealers will post photos of what they have and their prices. It was as easy as that. I could have them delivered within minutes to my door.”

-Adolescent in recovery

ked.org

Wednesday, March 15th

6:00-7:00 pm * Multi-Purpose Room



March Making A Difference Madness Dress Up Days

Monday, March 13th Mismatch Madness Monday

Tuesday, March 14th- Mad Hatter's Day

Wednesday, March 15th- Scrambled Sports

Thursday, March 16th- Luck O' The Irish Day



Athletic Director's Clipboard



February was a busy month in the Athletics Department. We are buzzing with postseason action for our winter sports and many are looking forward to the start of spring season. First, a recap of winter sports:

Girls swim finished 6-2 in the league this year, with 6 first place finishes at All League. Senior Mayah Harris spent the season strengthening her school record in the 100m breaststroke! Boys swim finished with an overall 7-3 record this year, and finished 2nd in the N-O with a league record of 6-2. Senior Aiden Polkowski was awarded Most Outstanding Swimmer at the Class C Championship meet. Both teams are expected to be recognized as scholar-athlete teams with team averages of 95.57 and 92.12 respectively. Killing it in the pool and in the classroom!

Wrestling had a promising season while developing a lot of young, talented wrestlers. Seniors Wyatt Parker and Andrew Shea had strong seasons. Junior Christian Klonowski finished 6th at sectionals. Freshmen Joey Burg and James Crooks had strong finishes in tournaments late in the season. This freshman and sophomore heavy team has a bright future!

Unified bowling is off to a great start this season and is currently undefeated! They will have their work cut out for them on Thursday, March 2nd at 4:30 when they celebrate their Senior Night Ceremony and face off against a strong team from Medina. The match is at Clarence Bowling Academy. Come and support our Tiger bowlers!

Our cheerleaders had an unbelievable season! The Game Day squad brought energy to the gym for our home games and were excellent every halftime. The Competition squad was successful all season long with several first place finishes at competitions and a 7th place finish at sectionals. They were remarkable when it came to execution, finishing without a single deduction all season. Great job girls!

Our JV Basketball teams wrapped up their seasons last week. The boys finished 18-2 overall, and 11-1 in league games. They played tremendous team basketball and demonstrated night in and night out how bright the future is for Akron Boys Basketball. The girls also had a strong season finishing 13-5 overall, and 9-3 in league games. They were also a well-rounded team, led by sophomore captain Ava Fox, 7th grade point guard Abby Gerstung and freshman forward Olivia Novak.

Varsity Boys Basketball finished their season against Fredonia on Tuesday night in the Pre-Quarter Finals. They were competitive all season and were fun to watch. They played selfless basketball. This program has a strong foundation of young players to build off and they will continue to grow. You will see this team make deep playoff runs in the near future. Thank you seniors who led on and off the court!!

As of this writing, our Girls Varsity team is still going strong. They defeated Roy Hart last Friday night in the Quarter Finals. They have advanced to the Semi-Finals and they will play Eden at 7pm on Wednesday Night at Kenmore West. This team is senior heavy and very athletic. They finished 2nd in league play this year. They play good defense, rebound well, and are really tough to beat on nights when they are shooting well. Good luck ladies!!

Onto the Spring- JV & Varsity Sports start on Monday 3/13. Make sure you register on Family ID if you plan to participate in lacrosse, baseball, softball, tennis, track and field, or flag football

<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/akron-central-school-district>.

Please visit the athletics webpage or see Mrs. Pazderski or Mr. Wartinger in the middle school office for more information!