



# Tiger Tracks

December 2022  
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## A message from the Principals:

Dear Families and Nya:wëh sgë:nö' Tigers!

Thank you to all parents who had the opportunity to attend Parent Teacher Conferences last week. The opportunity for parents and teachers to have dialog about student progress is immeasurable. Collaborative dialog strengthens the connection between home and school and leads us to be Stronger Together! With that being said, we welcome the start of the holiday season with heartfelt appreciation for our students, faculty, staff, and community members. 'Tis the season of giving and our Akron Tigers have embraced the spirit of giving in many ways, including: personal care items donations through National Honor Society and the Giving Tree through Student Support, to name a few.

Over the next couple of weeks we invite you to celebrate our students' talents outside of the classroom at various holiday concerts and athletic tournaments. For specific information on those events, please see "Upcoming Events" listed below. As we close out this calendar year, we wish our entire community continued health and happiness. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and GO TIGERS!



Seasons Greetings  
from the High School Main Office



## TECHNOLOGY Telecast

Dear Families,

Collecting accurate data regarding digital resource access for our students will greatly help educators to better serve their students and families. In order to accomplish this, the New York State Education Department is asking parents/guardians to complete a Digital Resource Survey (for each student in the

family) in grades K-12 for the 2022-2023 school year. This survey will provide information on student access to computing devices, and internet access in their places of residence. To assist us in this process, please fill out the [Digital Resource Survey Google Form](#).

If you experience any issues or need help accessing the PowerSchool Parent Portal or have any issues with the survey, please contact the Akron Technology Department at: [akronitdept@akronk12.org](mailto:akronitdept@akronk12.org).

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

## Important December Dates...

- 1-9 Class 2025 Great Lakes Coffee Sale
- 1, 7 Musical Auditions
- 7 BOE Meeting
- 7 AP Lit Field Trip
- 7 Naval Park Field Trip
- 8 Winter Wellness Event
- 9-10 PTA Vendor/Craft Sale
- 10 Community Christmas- Santa Band
- 10 Light Up Akron Holiday Event
- 12 Prism Assembly
- 13 Harkness Orientation for Gr. 10
- 13 Prism Concert (7pm)
- 15 Ineligible List/Restricted Pass List
- 15 Chorus Caroling Tour
- 16 Santa Band Tour
- 21 BOE Meeting
- 26-Jan 2 Winter Break

\*\* Due to scheduling conflicts, our

**National Honor Society Induction ceremony will be rescheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium. \*\***



Click [HERE](#) for the Sophomore Class Coffee Fundraiser Ordering Instructions

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The Student Support Services Office has finished meeting with every senior during their individual meetings. We are currently in the process of meeting with all freshmen individually as well. During these freshmen meetings we are completing career plans, discussing current grades, scheduling and graduation requirements. We are also enjoying getting to know them better and welcoming them to all of the various supports or which our office can assist.

We have continued inviting representatives weekly from the military branches to meet with students who may have an interest.

On November 22nd we held our BOCES presentation to the sophomore class. Representatives from BOCES explained all of the vocational programs offered to our students. Akron has always been very supportive of career and technical education and will continue to educate our students regarding these opportunities. Students are reminded that they must be passing all of their classes in order to be eligible to attend BOCES.

With Quarter 1 complete, students are reminded to keep working hard as the year progresses. They are building their transcript which can greatly determine future choices and opportunities.

## Social Worker Support Center



The Giving Tree in the HS Cafe is full of ornaments that have an item from a child's wish list. Please consider



taking an ornament from the tree to make a child's Christmas morning a special one! Items can be returned unwrapped, with the ornament attached to the Student Support Office by Friday, December 16th. Please contact Mrs. Bowen with any questions.

Our Clothing Closet is currently full! We are not accepting donations at this time as we organize our current items. Thank you for your generosity and support.



## School Store



Shop the School Store for your holiday gift giving!

The School Store has great Tiger themed gifts including: Joggers, sweatshirt blankets, hoodies and crewneck sweatshirts, and short and long sleeve shirts in a brand new design! We also have stocking stuffer ideas such as Tiger themed wristbands, keychains, and lanyards.

In addition to our regular Tuesday and Thursday 9th period stores outside of H185, your school store will be having Pop-Up stores throughout the month of December. Mark your calendars to shop with us on:

**Saturday, December 10, 2022 -**

Akron PTA Annual Vendor and Craft Fair

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022 -**

Our Annual Holiday Extravaganza Pop-Up store in the ELEMENTARY LIBRARY during 9th period!



## Safety & Security Zone

With the holidays and winter in full swing, keep in mind these simple safety tips when you and your young drivers are traveling this season:

Brush your vehicles off completely, including all windows, mirrors, lights, license plates, and excess snow on top of roofs, hoods, and trunks.

Keep a "safety bag" with extra hats/gloves, a blanket, jumper cables, de-icer/washer fluid, a flashlight, a small bag of cat litter (helps with traction), portable charger, hand/foot warmers, and snacks.

Keep all vehicles fueled over a half a tank at all times.





**Congratulations goes out to the following on a job well done!**

Eight of our seniors have been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Inductees and their respective CTE programs are:



**National Technical Honor Society**

- Trent Lotz- Criminal Justice
- Katherine Mento- Health Careers
- Hector Molina Jr.- Collision Repair
- Nicholas Sanford- Digital Media
- Andrew Shea- Electrical Systems
- Audrey Smith- Baking and Pastry
- Carter Wiechec- Electrical Systems
- Noah Wight- Building Trades

**October- Students of the Month**

- ART-** Alexis Hoffman
- BAND-** Rebecca Higgins
- BUSINESS-** Jacob Steinman
- CHORUS-**Mark Molitor
- ENGLISH-** Jordan Durick
- BOCES-** Hannah Felski
- HEALTH-** Connor Lucia
- MATH-** Sa-ji-sdo-de Grijalva
- ORCHESTRA-** Grace Caprio
- PHYS. ED-** Connor Ribbeck
- SCIENCE-** Aron Gehl
- SOCIAL STUDIES-** Katerina Ryszka
- SPANISH-** Devin Rodriguez
- TECHNOLOGY-** Gracie Leiker



Congratulations goes out to sophomore Katerina Ryszka for being selected to perform in the New York State Zone 1 Area All State Music Festival Treble Chorus at SUNY Fredonia.



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

**September**

- Sarah Kidder- Animal Science II
- Hector Molina Collision Repair II

**October**

- Nicholas Sanford- Digital Media II
- Katelynn Haley- Animal Science I



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

- Mary Koziej-** SUNY Fredonia;
- Audrey Smith-** Buffalo State, NCCC, Culinary Institute of America, SUNY Fredonia;
- Andrew Romesser-** St. John Fisher, Utica College;
- Quinn Hoover-** SUNY Morrisville;
- Jack Pazderski-** Gannon Univ., Ohio Univ., Univ. of Akron, Kent State;
- Macie Matusek-** Keuka College, SUNY Brockport, and Daemen;
- Juliana Rodriguez-** SUNY Fredonia;
- Caydence Sundown-** GCC;
- Amanda Kaczmarek-** Alfred State;
- Caleb Suckow-** Roberts Wesleyan



**Native American Office News**

Christmas can be many things and for many, it is most definitely nostalgic! Think about the popularity of Norman Rockwell illustrations, "A Christmas Story" movie (and the Red Ryder BB Gun, and how often "The Wizard of Oz" airs on television this time of year! The sentimental longings of yesteryear, as well as missing loved ones who are away from us, really tug at our heart strings. Often we think of our elders at this time of year as well - especially imagining all the Christmases they've seen! My own dad talks about the good times at the old farm homestead, then as a teen with his siblings and also when times were lean. He always mentions his mother getting oranges at the residential boarding school and how she continued to give her kids oranges and then giving me oranges in my stocking as a child.

It is our responsibility to care for our elders. One time someone suggested that we get assisted living facilities on our nations. Well, taking care of our elders is an awesome responsibility we have as Indigenous people. Families take care of each other. I knew a family whose matriarch was 105 and she lived with her 80 year-old widowed daughter and her 60 year-old grandson. Elders are our connection to the past and we have to care for them!

This year, the Native American Office will be helping to care for our Elders. We are collecting non-perishables as a goodwill gesture. We are also creating tasty ornaments for approximately 50 elders. Our students will find Christmas joy in giving to our Elders! Enjoy your elders while you can and have a blessed holiday season!



## Athletic Director's Clipboard



Winter sports season is underway- this means the return of hoops, swimming, and wrestling! Check the athletics website for the most up-to-date schedules. Note: Students must be supervised if they stay at school until their practice time. These expectations have been made clear to students on teams that do not practice immediately after school.

The athletics department wants to take this opportunity to highlight the many successes of our teams and individual student athletes from the Fall Season.

### **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:**

#### ***1st Team All-League***

Dawson Stone

#### ***2nd Team All-League***

Dylan Crockford and Colten Cleveland

### **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY:**

2nd place in the N-O

#### ***1st Team All-League***

Kaila Szczygielski

#### ***2nd Team All-League***

Kristine Wall and Emma-Marie Forrestel,

#### ***Honorable Mention***

Juliana Rodriguez

### **FIELD HOCKEY:**

Section VI Class C Champions, N-O League Champions  
***All-State, 1st Team All WNY, N-O Player of Year***

Madison Brege

#### ***1st Team All WNY***

Lacey Berghorn

#### ***2nd Team All WNY***

Sophia Jones

#### ***1st Team All League***

Madison Brege, Lacey Berghorn and Sophia Jones

#### ***2nd Team All League***

Olivia McClaine, Morgan Tomporowski  
and Melanie Holtz

#### ***Honorable Mention***

Isabelle Jones, Megan Gates, Natalie Ginestre  
and Emma Olszewski

### **FOOTBALL:**

Chuck Funke Bowl Champions

#### ***Class C North Offensive Player of the Year***

Chris Bergman

#### ***1st Team All-League***

Chris Bergman, Zander Borton, Donny Kreher  
and Jack Pazderski

#### ***2nd Team All-League***

Logan McClaine, Alex Schrock, Kyle Swift  
and Andrew Warren

#### ***Honorable Mention All-League***

Zack Borton, Steven Doktor, Luke Gulczewski  
and Jeff Owen

### **GOLF:**

N-O League Champions

#### ***N-O All-League Championship finishes:***

Andrew Romesser - 5th place

Trace Hill - 7th place

Cameron Wild - 10th place

### **BOYS SOCCER:**

2nd Place in the N-O

#### ***1st Team All WNY***

Caleb Suckow

#### ***1st Team All-League***

Cole Fleming, Collin Rehwaldt and Caleb Suckow

#### ***2nd Team All-League***

Andrew Romesser

#### ***Honorable Mention***

Cole Akin, Mark Dean, Liam Haak, Evan Liss,  
Kiernan Regan and Sly Sundown

### **GIRLS SOCCER:**

#### ***1st Team All League***

Katie Leeds and Cydney Brandl

#### ***2nd Team All League***

Ava Blochwitz, Sarah Kidder and Maggie Middaugh

#### ***Honorable Mention***

Ella Liss, Aleyna Susfolk and Sophia Janik

### **VOLLEYBALL:**

N-O League Champions

#### ***N-O Player of the Year***

Elsie Logan

#### ***1st Team All-League***

Elsie Logan

#### ***2nd Team All-League***

Sloan Jonathan and Kaylee Orr

#### ***Honorable Mention***

Rachel Dugan, Ashlee Henning and Shanna Thomas



### **FALL SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM**

Boys Cross Country

Girls Cross Country

Field Hockey

Football

Golf

Boys Soccer

Girls Soccer

Volleyball

Akron is incredibly proud of the seasons our student athletes & coaches put together this Fall Season. Great Work!

Please visit <https://www.akronschoools.org/athletics> for all athletic updates and check us out on Twitter, @AkronHSSports.