



Tiger Tracks

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A message from the Principals:

First and foremost, Happy New Year! It is common to begin a new year reflecting on the past and setting goals for the future, both personally and professionally. Our goal for our students is to continue to strengthen connection: connection to each other, connection to adults, and connection to the real

world. With that said, we are excited to announce that this month Akron High School will be hosting a Leadership Summit for Akron's student council leaders as well as student leaders from Cardinal O'Hara, Cheektowaga, and Franklinville. We are also pleased that our Sophomore Class will have the opportunity to participate in a "Reverse Career Day" with various local businesses. We welcome this new year with optimism and positive mindsets.



Nya:wëh and GO TIGERS!

Important January Dates...

Jan 1-2 Winter Break

- 3 School Resumes
- 9 Petition Sheets Due
- 12 SOM Luncheon
- 16 Martin Luther King (NO CLASSES)
- 19 Student Council Leadership Summit
- 20 End of MP2
- 21 Wrestling All-League
- 24-27 Regents
- 24 Boys Swim All-League
- 25 BOE Meeting
- 25 Sophomore Reverse Career Fair
- 25 NHS Induction (6:00 pm)
- 25 Cheerleading All-League
- 26 Girls Swim All-League
- 27 Grades Due
- 28 Jr/Sr. Semi-Formal Dance
- 30 Record Keeping Day (NO CLASSES)



Safety & Security Zone

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES OR DARES: are simply challenges or dares made on a social media platform. For the most part these challenges and dares are designed to make the participant look foolish. The problem is that some young people have taken the concept too far. To the point that they are dangerous. Many times these dares and challenges have benign sounding names, but the dangers are still there. Over the years, hundreds of children have been taken to the hospital after trying a social media challenge and sadly, some did not get to go home. If you have, any questions about these dares or challenges feel free to call the SRO at 716-542-5092.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The Student Support Services office has finished meeting with every Senior and Freshman one on one during their individual meetings. Starting in January we will begin the process of meeting with all Juniors individually. During Junior meetings we are discussing current grades, scheduling for senior year, graduation requirements, and post high school planning. We are also enjoying getting to know them better and starting the post high school planning process. Multiple Military Branches will be visiting Akron High School in the first 2 weeks of January, to further allow students to explore military pathways after graduation.

With semester 1 almost 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.

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

10th grade students who expressed interest in attending a BOCES next year for Diesel Tech were able to attend an open house day at Orleans Niagara BOCES to see the facility and be introduced to the program before hopefully attending in the fall.

Social Worker Support Center



The New Year brings excitement and the creation of resolutions. When picking your resolution, or when setting a goal at any time throughout the year, making it **SMART** will help motivate you to follow through and meet that goal!

Specific
Measurable
Achievable
Realistic
Timely

Happy
New Year

School Store



The School Store Students would like to thank everyone for their support throughout 2022.

We look forward to some exciting new products in 2023.

Follow us @akronschoolstore on Instagram! We post updates on promotions, sampling, and everything the school store has to offer. Also make sure to share your opinion on our possible new products through our polls posted on Instagram and can also be found linked below.

NEW PRODUCT POLL

Visit the school store every Tuesday and Thursday during 9th period outside of H185 (Mrs. Saeli's classroom)! We will be sampling the following products during the month of January.

January 3-12 - Unique Snacks Pretzel Shells and Amish Wedding Mustard

January 17-26 - North Carolina Nut Co. BBQ Peanuts

Athletic Director's Clipboard



December is an exciting time in the Winter Sports season. Our JV & Varsity Sports are off to a great start, but it's still very early in the season so be sure to attend games, meets, and matches at home this January & February. Our kids love the fan support, especially for league contests. Stay tuned for the next edition of Tiger Tracks for results from the 12th Annual Jack & Joyce Silvernail Memorial Basketball Tournament, the 54th Annual Holiday Wrestling Tournament, and an update from our JV & Varsity teams.

Our modified girls basketball teams just wrapped up a very successful season where our girls saw significant development in their skills. We are proud of their hard work and we are very excited about the future of Girls Hoops! The Boys Modified Basketball season and our Modified Swim season start up in January.

Lastly, we are so proud to announce our Buffalo News All WNY Scholar Athlete Winners: Cydney Brandl (Soccer), Natalie Ginestre (Field Hockey), Sarah Gulczewski (Cheer), and Kaila Szczgielski (Cross Country)

Honorable mention include: Cole Akin, Lacey Berhorn, Chris Bergman, Madison Brege, Steven Doktor, Rachel Dugan, Emma Esposito, Grady Fleming, Megan Gates, Sophia Janik, Amanda Kaczmarek, Mary Koziej, Donny Kreher IV, Evan Liss, Katherine Mento, Emma Orr, Kaylee Orr, Jack Pazderski, Collin Rehwaldt, Juliana Rodrigues, Andrew Romesser, Audrey Smith, Caleb Suckow, and Alexander Wik.

Please visit <https://www.akronschools.org> for all athletic schedules and check us out on twitter, @AkronHSSports.



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

Congratulations to Emma Leonard, Ava Lombard, Dylan Whiting-Popielski and Whitley Koopman for performing at the NYSSMA Junior High Area All-State Festival.

November- Students of the Month

- ART-** Whitley Koopman
- BAND-** Mayah Harris
- BUSINESS-** Jonathan Steen
- CHORUS-** Michael Perry
- ENGLISH-** Hayden Wight
- BOCES-** Audrey Smith
- HEALTH-** Emma Olszewski
- MATH-** Leo Muck
- ORCHESTRA-** Morgan Towlson
- PHYS. ED-** Brodie Hill
- SCIENCE-** Ava Lombard
- SOCIAL STUDIES-** Dawson Stone
- SENECA-** Sloan Jonathan
- TECHNOLOGY-** Matthew Weeg



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

Macie Matussek- Daemen;

Trevor Martin- Akron Univ., Kent State, SUNY Polytechnic, RIT, and Univ. of Buffalo;

Collin Rehwaldt- St. Bonaventure and Mercyhurst Univ.;

Juliana Rodriguez- St. Bonaventure, Medaille, Mercyhurst Univ. and Univ. of Pittsburg at Bradford;

Alexander Wik- Utica Univ. and SUNY Brockport;

Wyatt Parker- NCCC;

Andrew Romesser- SUNY Polytechnic;

Mary Koziej- Geneseo, Alfred Univ., St. Bonaventure, and Niagara Univ.;

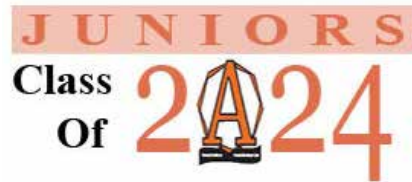
Noah Wight- Alfred State;

Cole Akin- Alfred State;

Mark Dean- Alfred State;



The Class of 2023 has accomplished a lot since the start of the new school year. We had a successful start and finish to our football concessions and Senior apparel was ordered and delivered! We are now changing our direction by focusing on our next big events: Senior Prom and Picnic!



Annual Semi-Formal hosted by the Class of 2024

Date & Time: January 28th, 7:00PM-9:30PM

Location: High School Cafe

Cost: \$12 per ticket

Please adhere to the dress code for the district. This is a school sponsored event and all rules in the Code of Conduct must be followed. Once you leave the event reentry will not be permitted. Thank you



The class of 2025 finished their coffee sale and made \$180.00 for their yearly fundraiser. Next year they are hoping to spread the word faster and get those sales flowing. In February, the class will be meeting to discuss semi formal 2024 and who would be interested in running for office next year. All forms for running need to be filled out this spring.



Come Support your Freshman class and fellow Tigers at the basketball games on January 6th and 10th. The Freshman class will be running the concession stands and all proceeds will help support the Class of 2026!



Native American Office News

January can be a daunting month. It can be cold and dark and financially tight because of overindulgence in December (or maybe that is just me!). Yet it starts off so positively and hopeful and full of possibilities! It is super cool that in the education world, we get two new year opportunities - one in September and one in January. Twice a year we can say, "New Year, New Me!"

For many Haudenosaunee people, the new year is truly a time for renewal. A time for healing. And most definitely, a time for family and community. People come together for midwinter ceremonies. Students are very excited to attend and carry on traditions, a true form of responsibility.



Students attended a Field Trip the Buffalo Naval Park on December 7th, for their Pearl Harbor ceremony. There was an FDR reenactor during the program and students had the opportunity to tour the naval ships.

During the Light Up Akron events around town, two string quartets performed at the Newstead Library.



The Orchestra toured Harris Hill Nursing Facility, Vinecroft Retirement Community, and the Newstead Senior Center where they performed a number of Christmas pieces for the residents.



The Santa Band made an appearance at the annual Light Up Akron parade. They also played and toured at the following places: NFTA Bus Station, Feedmore, Airport, Amberleigh, Dave Smith Ford, Eastern Hills Mall, Mark Recordings and Adesa.

