



TIGER TRACKS

AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings and Nya:wëh sgë:nö',

As the colorful leaves fall and the air grows crisper, we are reminded of the beauty that November brings and the importance of gratitude and thankfulness. At Akron Middle School, we take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation for the incredible students and staff, dedicated parents, and supportive community that make our school a special place.



November is not just about turkey and pumpkin pie; it's also a time for reflection and counting our blessings. It is a time to recognize the importance of gratitude and kindness in our lives. We encourage every member of our school community to take a moment each day to reflect on the things they are thankful for. Whether it's the support of a friend, the encouragement of a teacher, or the love of family, these are the bonds that enrich our lives.

To our amazing students, we are truly grateful for your dedication to learning and for the kindness you show to one another. Your unique talents and personalities make our school a vibrant and welcoming place.

To the parents and guardians, we want to express our deep appreciation for your unwavering support. Your active involvement in your child's education and the trust you place in our staff are invaluable to us. With that, we encourage all parents to attend our in-person Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st (4:30-7:30pm) and Wednesday, November 22, 2023 (8-11:30am).

Let's remember that it is the people and relationships in our lives that truly matter. We are thankful for each and every one of you. Wishing you a warm and wonderful November filled with gratitude, kindness, and togetherness.

With gratitude,

Mr. Caprio and Mrs. Fial

NATIVE AMERICAN OFFICE NEWS

November is Native American month which means we have a lot going on here at Akron Middle School! We will have our annual Dance Show Nov. 9th combined with high school. The kids are super excited for that!! Something new we're doing this year is involving Indigenous games in gym class! (How fun!!) We will also be showcasing parts of our culture November 13th - November 17th.

Monday- Fav lax team

Tuesday- Wear something beaded

Wednesday- Ribbon skirt/shirt

Thursday- Nation Day

Friday- Rock your moccs!



IMPORTANT DATES in NOVEMBER

11/01: Mod Girls Basketball Practice begins
11/01: 7:00pm BOE Regular Meeting – HS Café
11/02: MS Picture Retakes – MPR during lunches
11/03: Jr. Hi NYSSMA Festival 4:00-9:00pm
11/03: Cross Country Sectionals @ Bemus Pt. Golf Course
11/04: Jr. Hi NYSSMA Festival 8am-6:30pm
11/04: 9-11:00am Substitute Recruitment Fair - H-190
11/04: 9-11:00am Substitute Hiring Fair
11/08: 2:35-3:18pm Principal Advisory Council Mtg - MPR
11/09: MP1 Ends
11/09: 7am- 2:30pm HS Blood Drive - MPR
11/09: 1:30pm Native American Dance Assembly - AUD
11/10: Veteran's Day Observance – No School
11/11: 10am-12pm Boys Basketball Camp - Gym 1
11/13: Winter Sports Practice Begins
11/13: 3/30-4:23pm Spanish Club Meeting - M128
11/15: 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball 1 vs Albion @ Home
11/15: 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball 2 @ Newfane
11/15: 7:00pm BOE Regular Meeting – HS Café
11/16: MP1 Grades Due

11/17: 5:00pm Mod Girls Basketball 1 @ Oakfield
11/18: 9am-1pm Town Hall Mtg & Safety Fair - HS
11/18: 10am-12pm Boys Basketball Camp - Gym 1
11/20: 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball 1 @ Barker
11/20: 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball 2 @ Home
11/21: MP1 Report cards available on-line/mailed
11/21: MP1 Ineligibility List Published
11/21: 4:30–7:30pm K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/21: 4:30 - 7:30pm Interact Club Bake Sale
11/22: 8-11:30am K-12 P/T Conferences – No Students
11/22: 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball 2 @ Albion
11/23 – 11/24: Thanksgiving Recess – No School
11/25: 10:00am JV/Var Boys Basketball vs Maryvale @ Home
11/27: 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball 2 vs Medina @ Home
11/28: Mod Girls Basketball 1 @ Roy-Hart
11/28: 7:00pm Winter Parent-Athlete Meeting - AUD
11/29: 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball 2 @ Barker
11/29: Mod Girls Basketball 1 @ Newfane
11/30: SOM Luncheon (SRO-6)
11/30: CC! Ice Cream Celebration – MS Café



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 AMS, 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 class.



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 communities each day throughout the month of November. Please consider submitting your veteran's name into this [Veteran's Google form](#) to be highlighted this upcoming month! Please contact Mrs. Fial if you have any questions: mfial@akronk12.org





STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Computer Science 6 - Carissa Martek
ELA 6 - Emsley Stuber
Math 6 - Louis King
Reading/Writing 6 - Rockee Poodry
Science 6 - Gaetano Aquilina
Social Studies 6 - Reese Addesa
Robotics 7 - Brooke Warren
ELA 7 - Kennedy Kozlowski
Math 7 - Elsa Cottle
Math 7H - Berusha Pragle
Science 7 - Makayla Pask
Seneca 7 - Quinten VanPelt
Social Studies 7 - Holly Wolfe
Spanish 7 - Deanna Vasbinder
SRO 7 - Robert Ferens, Mitchel Krieger & Nathan Priebe
Academic Achievement - Gabriella Wilson,
Ayla Jagielo, Hannah Kowalski & Alex PeQueen

ELA 8 - Camryn Laude-Binder
Math 8 - Emma Fink & Liam Wedgwood
Science 8 - Ava Zellner
Seneca 8 - Lucy Felski
Social Studies 8 - Gabe King
Spanish 8 - Stephanie Amirian
Art 7 - Thomas Schurr
Band - Gia Dispenza (6)
CDE - Delaina Blair, Sahpur Grijalva, & George Laurey
Chorus - Avery Haak (8)
Health 7/8 - April Davis (7)
Music 7 - Holly Wolfe
Orchestra - Anna Schneider (7)
PE 6/7/8 - Lucy Felski (8)
ALC - Anthony Walden (6)

The Gab from MS Government

From the voices of Kylie Karmazyn and Olivia Maciuba!



Hey Akron MS! November is looking like it is going to be a wonderful month for our students. Much calmer than October, after all our fun with spirit week activities, Homecoming, the cardboard boat race and our Halloween dance!

Currently, Akron Middle School Government is partnering with NHS in our high school for Project Toothbrush. We are encouraging our school to collect 1,000 items! If we reach this goal, we will receive an ice cream prize! There's no better time to give than November, when we are reminded just how grateful we are for what we do have. We are so grateful for the AMS students and teachers and how they help make our school district a better place! Finally, we hope everyone has a fabulous Thanksgiving holiday!



Some TIPS for using your Agenda are:

- ## Other helpful TIPS!

- Complete homework as close to after school/sports as possible, before getting into relaxation mode.
- Make sure to refer to the Agenda as a To-Do List as homework is being completed.
- Do the hardest/least liked assignments first when energy levels are higher and more time is available.
- If time allows, reward verified homework completion with participation in a desired activity.

If you would like a paper copy please reach out to the Middle School Office.





Effective December 1, 2023, all students enrolled at Akron Central School will receive one (1) 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!

#OneAkron

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.



FROM OUR

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SRO)

Autumn is here. The days get shorter and the nights get longer. This means you need to be more vigilant when you are outside, whether 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.

Officer Smith & Officer Givens



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.

Akron Schools is pleased to offer the Fitness Center and the hall walking program to faculty, staff and community members for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Registration is required for both programs. A fee is charged for the Fitness Center. While Hall walking is Free, all participants must register! Thank You

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)
[WAIVER FORM](#)

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CLIPBOARD



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.

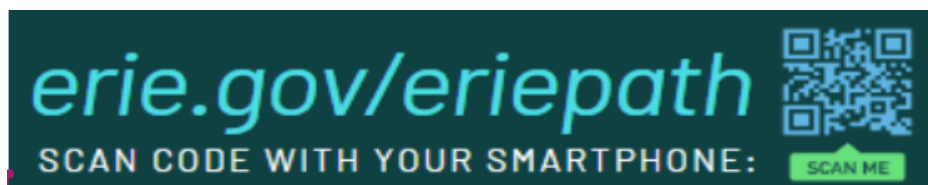
All athletes must be registered prior to the start of winter sport practices that begin Wednesday, November 1, 2023 for Modified Girls Basketball, Monday, November 13, 2023, for all JV and varsity teams, and January 2, 2024 for Modified Swimming and Boys Basketball.

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!



Spanish Club will be meeting on Monday, November 13th from 3:30pm-4:23pm in Mrs. Bergman's room, M128. Spanish club gives opportunities for students to learn about the Hispanic culture and embracing the different aspects of the culture. Come and join the fun!



2023 CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

On Wednesday, October 11th, as part of the annual Homecoming Week festivities, 33 teams Akron Middle School students participated in the 2023 Cardboard Boat race at the school pool during a special assembly. This event has become a loved annual tradition for students in grades 6-8. Students are encouraged to participate by forming a team of 2-4 peers and building a boat out of nothing but normal everyday corrugated cardboard and duct tape. The duct tape can only be used on seams to hold the cardboard together. The tape can not be used as a waterproofing membrane on the bottom or sides of the boat, or between layers of cardboard. This presents an engineering challenge for students as they have to decide what shape and construction design will prove most "sea-worthy". Two members of each team must then race for time against the other teams as they paddle their boats the length of the school pool and back in heats of three.

At the conclusion of the event, awards were distributed to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams based on time. The first place team was given season passes to Darien Lake Six Flags for the 2024 season. The winners with a time of 0:56 were Da Cute Cucumbers (Ayla Jagielo and Aleece O'Malley). The remaining prizes for all other categories were day passes to Darien Lake Six Flags to be used during the 2024 season. Second place went to Ocean Gate (Sam Pingatore, Camden Jendreski, Mason Smith) with a time of 0:59, and third place was Pickle (Lilly Sears, Briana Wind, Delaina Blair) with a time of 1:01.

Special awards were also given out for the following: Best Construction Design - most creative design and best use of cardboard (Da Cute Cucumber: Ayla Jagielo, Aleece O'Malley), Best Dressed Team - the costumes may be funny, spiffy, or elegant . . but they must be creative (Happy Holidayz: Montana Burg, Karlie Reeb, Brooklyn Gerstung, Anieka Forrestel), Team Spirit - the most spirited and energetic team . . the looks of the boat don't count here (Under the Sea: Brook Wood, Elsa Cottle, Kendal Murray, Sarah Piscitelli) , and the Titanic Award - the most spectacular but unplanned sinking (S.S. Monkey; Vincent Mastroilli, Jakob Sommers, Quin O'Malley, Declan Jelson).

Highlights of the day included Mr. Caprio (MS Principal) and Mrs. Kersten (Interim Superintendent) sinking in their cardboard boat during the teacher race and Channel 7 News coming to capture the event for the evening news. The Channel 7 reporter even got in a boat and tried it out for himself.





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

AKRON SCHOOLS HOSTS CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK ON NOVEMBER 11th

AKRON, NEW YORK (October 30, 2023) – Akron Central Schools 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.

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