



TIGER TRACKS

AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Edition 2

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Akron Middle School Parents and Students,

October has arrived, and it's a wonderful time to acknowledge the fantastic start we've had to the school year. As we celebrate the achievements of our students and stress the importance of #OneAkron, we wanted to take a moment to highlight some of the exciting events and accomplishments from the past month:



1. **Academic Success:** Our students have hit the ground running in all of their classes. This past week we celebrated our first round of Students of the Month. Beginning next week, you will be able to access your child's 2022-2023 NYS assessment scores through the parent portal.
2. **Extracurricular Activities:** Our extracurricular clubs and activities are in full swing. Our students are exploring their interests and developing valuable skills.
3. **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st (4:30-7:30pm) and Wednesday, November 22nd (8-11:30am). More information will be sent home with our November newsletter.
4. **Homecoming:** Homecoming week is October 9th- October 13, 2023. Get ready for a week full of spirited activities, including themed dress-up days, pep rallies, and special events that will showcase our school pride. This is your chance to let your creativity and school spirit shine!
5. **Cardboard Boat Races:** Any Akron Middle School Student interested in participating in our MS Cardboard Boat Races? Stop by the MS Office to fill out an application. All forms are due Friday, October 6, 2023.
6. **Halloween Dance:** AMS will be having a Halloween Dance for Akron Middle School students grades 6 - 8, on October 27th from 7-9pm. More information will be posted around the Middle School.
7. **Arrival Reminders:** Students being dropped off to school may enter the building at 7:30am and wait in the MS cafeteria. Parents, please do not drop your child off any earlier than 7:30am. Students who ride the bus and want to eat breakfast may get off the bus at 7:45am. Students must report to the HS cafeteria and should not be congregating in the halls. Students who ride the bus and do not eat breakfast will be released at 8:00am.

Let's continue to make this school year a memorable and successful one for all our students. Thank you for being a part of our Akron Middle School team.

Sincerely,

Mr. Caprio and Mrs. Fial

IMPORTANT DATES in OCTOBER

10/02: Progress Reports available online
10/04: 7:00 pm BOE Regular Meeting – HS Café
10/05: MP1 Ineligibility List Published
10/09: Indigenous Peoples' Day – No School
10/10 - 10/13: [Homecoming Dress Up Days](#)
10/11: 1:05 pm MS Annual Cardboard Boat Race - POOL
10/13: 1:15 pm-2:30 pm MS/HS Pep Assembly – Gym 1
10/16: Grade 8 Architect & Engineering Fieldtrip
10/16: Student of the Month selections begin

10/18: 7:00pm BOE Regular Meeting – HS Café
10/20: Student of the Month Selections DUE
10/20: 2:40-3:18pm Tiger Trait Grade Level Meeting
10/25: 2:40-3:18pm Grade 6 Meeting – M222
10/26: 11:06am-1:04pm SOM Luncheon
10/26: 1:51-2:34pm CC! Ice Cream Celebration – MS Café
10/27: 4:30-6:30pm GSA Halloween Fun Night - HS
10/27: 7:00-9:00pm MS Halloween Dance - Gym 1
10/31: 2:40-3:18pm Telephone Tuesday



Computer Science 6 - Abigail Schlabach
ELA 6 - Keeghan Haist
Math 6 - Alex PeQueen
Reading/Writing 6 - Christiana King
Science 6 - Kiora VanPelt
Social Studies 6 - Addison Marraro
Robotics 7 - Vinny Mastroilli
ELA 7 - Holly Wolfe
Math 7 - Jacob Sommers
Science 7 - Kortlnd Jonathan
Seneca 7 - Patience Hill
Social Studies 7 - Hazel Fleming
and Teah Wilson
Spanish 7 - Megynn Cocco
SRO 8 - Hannah Liss, Levi Rossi
and Alex Shpakovsky

ELA 8 - Adelaide Mandell
Science 8 - Sam Reagan
Seneca 8 - Anthony Abrams
Social Studies 8 - Ava Zellner
Spanish 8 - Jesse Madden
Art 7 - Thomas Schurr
Band - Evan Yang
Chorus - Alison Mapes
Music 7 - Elsa Cottle
Orchestra - Kelsey McIntyre
PE 6/7/8 - Isaiah Orr
ALC - Addison Wall
Academic Achievement -
Ava Smoke and Averl Haak

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week, October 23rd through 31st, is an opportunity to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of drug-free communities. With this year's theme of, "Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free.", here are some ways you can "Be Kind to Your Mind" and "Live Drug Free":

- Spend time outside. Going for a walk or just sitting on the grass soaking up some sunshine can reduce stress and make you feel more calm.
- Read. Reading before bed can help you fall asleep faster and it's a great self-care activity.
- Connect with peers who help you make healthy choices. Sometimes making healthy, positive choices can be hard, but having someone make them with you can make it easier.



FROM OUR
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SRO)



The first few weeks of school are in the books! With the weather starting to change, and the Holidays beginning, here are some safety tips to take into consideration:

1. The sun is rising later, and setting earlier. Make sure your kiddos can be seen, whether walking to school, going home from late school events, or just out and about. Dress them appropriately for the weather, make sure they have bright colored clothing or shoes, and /or reflective or small flashlights to bring with them to be seen better.
2. The Leaves are starting to change colors. Be cautious of leaf piles, whether raking them in your yard, or onto the side of the roadway. Supervise young children. Do not drive into leaf piles on the roadway, they can be slippery if wet, and there could be hazardous objects under them.
3. Halloween! Make sure younger kiddos are supervised, have reflective strips on their trick or treat bags and/or costumes, make sure their costume fits correctly to prevent trips and falls, use face paint over masks that limit their vision, teach them how to cross streets safely, monitor their candy intake, and make sure they brush their teeth!

Have a safe, and fun fall season! Go Tigers!



Look for the Tigers Den school store at the homecoming game! We will be selling all the merchandise shown in the picture to the left and more! We will be there through half-time.

We just received a new order of Akron apparel, including new hoodies and crewnecks! We have many sizes to choose from and all items are available at the Tigers Den school store and at Market on Main.

Throughout the 23-24 school year, the Tiger's Den will be open Tuesday-Thursday during 9th period. During the month of October we will have homecoming spirit accessories for purchase so you can cheer on our football team at the homecoming game.

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.



MS LUNCH MENU - OCTOBER

Monthly lunch menus can be accessed each month through our school website, www.akronschools.org Or please click on the picture of the October menu for the link.

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

October 2023 Middle School Lunch Menu \$2.75				
1 Turkey Ala King Jumbo Hot Caramel Corn Shrimp Noodles Fresh Fruit	2 Chicken Fingers Lettuce & Tomato Homemade Vegetable Soup Fresh Fruit	3 Fish Sticks Baked French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Shrimp Noodles Fresh Fruit	4 Rib-It-Over on a Bun Bacon Tater Tots Fresh Veggies w/ Homemade Ranch Homemade Noodles Fresh Fruit	5 Egg Macaroni on Eggplant Noodles Homemade Pasta Orange Slices Carrot Coins Fresh Fruit
6 NO SCHOOL TODAY	7 Popcorn Chicken w/ Warm Roll Glazed Caramel Corn Shrimp Noodles Fresh Fruit	8 Big Daddy Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Green Salad w/ Chick'n Beans & Creaming Homemade Noodles Carrot & Celery Sticks Fresh Fruit	9 French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup Pork Sausage Patty Fresh French Fries Applesauce Carrots Fresh Fruit	10 Golden Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup w/ Croutons Cucumber, Tomato & Cheese Salad Mixed Fruit
11 Chicken Nuggets w/ Cuppper Sauce Macaroni & Cheese Biscuits Glazed Caramel Corn Shrimp Noodles Fresh Fruit	12 Nacho's Grande! Taco w/ Meat & Cheese Shredded Lettuce & Tomato Cuppper Black Beans Fresh Fruit	13 Chicken Patty on a Roll Lettuce & Tomato Baked French Fries Green Beans Orange Slices Fresh Fruit	14 Pasta in Sauce w/ Meatballs Ratatouille Tossed Green Salad w/ Chick'n Beans & Creaming Pears Fresh Fruit	15 Ovens Roasted Chicken Mashed Potatoes Homemade Noodles Sweet Potato w/ Caramel Applesauce Fresh Fruit
16 Ham & Cheese on Crescent w/ Swiss Cheese Homemade Chili w/ Beans Green Beans Fresh Fruit Fruit Juice Treat	17 Buffalo Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce French Fries Homemade Noodles Homemade Noodles Fresh Fruit	18 Build-a-Burger Lettuce, Tomato, Shrimp Noodles Baked French Fries Pears Fresh Fruit	19 Ovens Roasted Chicken Mashed Potatoes Homemade Noodles Sweet Potato w/ Caramel Applesauce Fresh Fruit	20 Pepperoni Pizza Boat Bun Tossed Green Salad w/ Chick'n Beans & Creaming Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit
21 Ovens Roasted Pork Mashed Potatoes Vegan Dinner Roll Fruit Applesauce Cup Fresh Fruit	22 Happy Holi'ween! on a Bun Sweet Potato Baked French Fries Dried Peaches Ice Cream Treat			

This inclusion is an equal opportunity provider.

The Cab from MS Government

From the voices of Evan Winter and Evan Yang!

We are back into the swing of things here at AMS! This month we have lots to look forward to! While this school year has been exciting so far, it only gets so much better!

The Akron Middle School government has planned another **Spirit Week for Homecoming!** Click the link in "Important Dates" to access our Homecoming "Dress Up Days" flyer. Watch for us at the Homecoming game Friday, October 13th (oooh, spooky!). We will be collecting your canned goods donations for admission into the game.

Later this month our AMS students can look forward to our Halloween dance! Break out your best costumes and join us October 27th 7-9pm!



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



The Girls Modified Soccer team has had a great start to the season! There were not enough numbers to have a modified team last year, but this year's 7th grade class came out strong in numbers and caused a modified team to happen once again!

The girls had a hard fought 2-1 loss for the first game of the season, but show a ton of promise and skill. They are looking forward to many games to come.

JV Girls Soccer has compiled a 3-1-1 league and 3-3-1 overall record. Clara Bodgan has been a leading goal scorer for the girls, but they are a complete team and work hard to support each other at all levels of the field.

JV Volleyball is currently 2-1 in league play. With wins over Albion, Roy-Hart and a loss to Medina. The girls went 3-5 at the Starpoint tournament.

JV Boys Soccer started joint practices with Newfane and they will have their first game this week. They have been working hard in practices and they will be ready for competition.

Currently the JV Football team is 2-2. The season started with a heartbreaking nail-biter against Fredonia ending 6-14. They followed that game up with a 63-8 win on the road at Albion. The boys will look to finish the season strong with matchups against Depew, Alden, Cleve Hill, and Wilson still on the schedule.

The modified field hockey team has dominated play as less than a handful of goals have been scored on the lady tigers through the first half of the season. The team has amassed a total of 15 goals against four different opponents!

Modified Cross Country is off and running. There is a good mix of new and returning student athletes who will look to either establish a personal record or improve on theirs from last season!

Homecoming and our Athletics Wall of Fame ceremony are on Friday October 13th.

For the most up to date athletics game schedule, please visit: <https://www.akronschoools.org/athletics>

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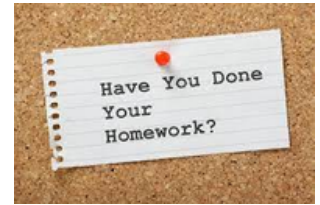
The Akron Central Schools PTA has hit the ground running this school year, and we hope you have too! We have already had our 1st meeting and are organized for the year. This month we delivered Amazon gift cards to the middle school that your Akron Tiger may win or earn throughout the year.

Our October meeting will be held October 11th at 7:00pm in H190, we would love to have you join us. At that meeting we will be starting to ramp up planning for our annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair. The Craft Fair is one of our largest fundraiser that helps support many of the programs and initiatives the PTA provide for students throughout the year. The Craft Fair will be December 9th, mark your calendars and join us!

NATIVE AMERICAN OFFICE NEWS

“Did you do your homework?”

As a parent, have you asked this question? Did you get responses like: “I didn’t have any” or “I finished it at school” or “yeah” or, worse yet, “yeeeeesssss”?



I hear parents all the time tell me that they have asked their child if they did their homework. But that question is easily dismissed by the child. The question feels obligatory. The question invites a minimal response. So what are you, as a parent supposed to do? You could scour PowerSchool, and Schoology daily. You could email teachers, daily. Or...

You could simply tweak the question. “Did you” invites a yes/no response. But if you ask “What homework did you have today?” It is an open ended question. It requires a response. Personally, I ask the follow-up question - “what did you have for math,” “what did you have for science”, and so on. I pause after each subject to help the child remember what they did in class or what they had for homework. If you had an extra 30 seconds, you could ask what they are learning in a specific class. I have found that the “what” question really does help the child remember if they had work to do.

Don’t fret! If you were a habitual “did you” asker, switching to the “what” question may take some time. Your child may have to get used to this type of questioning too! If you accidentally revert back to “did you” it is easy to add on and ask more “what” questions.

Many parents talk about how their middle schooler or their high schooler won’t talk to them - this may be an easy way to start conversations!

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

October is Mental Health Awareness Month, with October 10th being World Mental Health Day. According to Mental Health America, 1 in 3 youth did not receive the mental health services they needed in 2022. In an effort to ensure all students are receiving the support they need socially and emotionally, AMS will be administering the Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener (SAEBRS) to all students this month. Students will answer a series of questions, similar to those of the BESS from previous years, which will allow our Student Support Team to identify students who may be in need of extra support. What better month to do so than Mental Health Awareness Month!