



TIGER TRACKS

AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 1, 2023

Edition 1

www.akronschools.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear AMS Students and Families,

We hope this message finds you well and excited for the upcoming school year. As we prepare to welcome our incredible students back to Akron Middle School, we wanted to take a moment to emphasize the power of unity and teamwork in fostering a positive and successful educational environment.



Our longstanding goal, "Stronger Together, One Team," encapsulates our belief that when parents, staff, and students collaborate, amazing things happen. Just as a team of dedicated individuals can achieve remarkable feats, our school community thrives when we work hand in hand. Parents, your involvement and support play a crucial role in your child's educational journey. Your encouragement at home and participation in school events not only enriches your child's experience but also reinforces the sense of unity within our AMS team.

As we venture into the new school year, we invite you to be active participants in our journey. Your input, ideas, and collaboration are invaluable in shaping a positive learning environment where our middle schoolers can thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

Join us in making this school year a memorable one, filled with shared successes, exciting discoveries, and the joy of learning. Let's continue to stand strong as a united team, showing our students the power of cooperation, respect, and kindness.

Please take a few minutes to review our Code of Conduct by clicking this link: [District Code of Conduct](#) or visit our District webpage, under District Code of Conduct, and note the proactive supports AMS has in place to ensure all students' needs are met. Additionally, we would like to remind all students and families of our expectations as outlined within the Code of Conduct:

- Essential Partners (page 9)
- Cell Phones/All Electronic Devices/Social Media (page 16)
- Dress Code (page 15)
- Prohibited Student Conduct (page 15)
- Prohibited Student Conduct (page 17)

For specifics on attendance policies, please refer to page 8 in our [Akron Middle School Student Handbook](#).

September 18th - September 21st is "Start with Hello" week. "Start with Hello" Week is a national call-to-action week dedicated to making new and closer social connections and creating a sense of belonging and inclusion among youth.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. We look forward to a year filled with growth, unity, and endless possibilities.

Warm regards,
Mr. Caprio and Mrs. Fial

IMPORTANT DATES in SEPTEMBER

06 First Student Day
 06 BOE Regular Meeting - HS Café
 11 Patriot Day
 11 6th Grade Assembly - PM
 12 7th Grade Assembly - PM
 12 7:00pm Fall Parent-Athlete Mtg. - AUD
 13 8th Grade Assembly - PM
 20 BOE Regular Meeting - HS Café
21 MS Picture Day
 21 PTA Book Fair - MPR 4 pm-9 pm
 26 Telephone Tuesday
 28 Student of the Month Lunch
 29 MS Tiger Tracks Published
 29 Every Child Matters Day



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CLIPBOARD

Welcome back students and parents! We hope that you were able to find joy, relaxation, and make memorable experiences with family and friends this summer. We are thrilled to have our sports teams back in action. Our coaches and student-athletes have been working incredibly hard to gear up for contests. But school sports are about much more than just competition and they go well beyond simply fostering a student's physical well-being. Athletics can be a critical piece of the overall educational experience. Participation in athletics teaches key life skills such as discipline, teamwork, and time management. One of the most important aspects of school sports is that it promotes social interaction and can help to forge friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Stay tuned for the October edition of Tiger Tracks for an update on how our teams are doing!

We will have our Parent & Student Athletics Department informational meeting in the AUD on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00pm.

Please visit the [Athletics Webpage](#) for more information, including the most up to date contest schedule for all sports. Please follow us on Twitter/X: @AkronHSSports and be sure to follow the District's new Facebook page!

If you need to contact the office:

Mrs. Wendy Pazderski - Athletic Secretary 716-542-5088

Mr. Kevin Wartinger - Athletic Director 716-542-5087



Go Tigers!

Fall sports pictures are scheduled for 9/13 and 9/20. Dates and times are subject to change.

| Wednesday, September 13 | Wednesday, September 20 |
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| Photographer 1 - Blue Gym 3:00pm - Golf 3:30pm - Varsity Football 4:00pm - JV Football 4:30pm - Modified Volleyball | Photographer 1 - Blue Gym 3:30pm - Modified Cross Country 3:40pm - Girls Cross Country 3:50pm - Boys Cross Country 4:00pm - Cheer |
| Photographer 2 - Gym 3 3:00pm - Varsity Field Hockey 3:30pm JV Girls Soccer 3:50pm - Varsity Girls Soccer 4:10pm - Varsity Boys Soccer 4:20pm - JV Boys Soccer | Photographer 2 - Gym 3 3:30pm - Modified Field Hockey 3:50pm - JV Volleyball 4:10pm - Varsity Volleyball 4:30pm - JV Field Hockey |

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER - SRO



We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. As this new school year starts, we would like to remind everyone that your student's safety is our number one concern. To that end, please remember:

1. The school speed limit is **15 MPH on Bloomingdale Road.**
2. Personal vehicles are not allowed in the bus loop when buses are present.
3. Personal vehicles are not allowed in the bus loop from 7:15AM to 8:15AM and 2:00PM to 3:30PM.
4. Please use the Athletic Field entrance for ES & MS drop off and pick-up.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the School Resource Office at 716-542-5092.

Thank You & GO Tigers



The Tigers Den has had a busy summer getting ready for the 2023-2024 school year.

Student managers have set an aggressive goal to raise enough funds to award two \$1000 scholarships in June of 2024 to graduating seniors. Every purchase at the Tigers Den school store supports that goal! We have some new products available that we hope will support our fundraising efforts.

New products include:

- We have a new apparel design that will be available for purchase by mid-September. We have ordered short sleeve shirts and hoodies in both youth and adult sizes in the design to the right. Apparel will be available for purchase at the Tigers Den School Store and at Market on Main, 57 Main Street, Akron.
- We now offer school supplies (1" and 2" flexible binders, lined filler paper, index cards, mechanical pencils, pens, highlighters and spiral notebooks).
- This is the second year that we are selling the Orange Shirt Day (Every Child Matters) t-shirts. Please use the QR Code below or click the orange shirt to place your pre-order no later than Friday, September 8. Shirts will be available for pickup at the Tigers Den School Store for Akron students and staff, and at Market on Main, 57 Main Street, Akron for community residents by Monday, September 25.



The Tigers Den school store takes debit/credit cards and Apple Pay!

Follow us @akronschoolstore on Instagram! We post updates on promotions, sampling, and everything the school store has to offer.

MS LUNCH MENU

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

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



The Cab from MS Government

From the voice of our Advisor - Mrs. Cochran!

Welcome back to school, AMS!

We cannot wait to have you in our building for another great year! Our first event will kick off with Homecoming in October! Be on the lookout for spirit week dress up days & activities, we are always sure to post on our Middle School Morning Show.

New this year, we will have a bulletin board with all the coming events, and our class officers displayed! AMS Government will spend this year planning dances, food drives, after school activities and events. Take advantage of these opportunities and get involved in your school!



Akron Schools is pleased to offer the Fitness Center and the hall walking program to 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](#)



The PTA is organized into various committees that serve the needs of the entire school grades PreK-12. Each committee organizes specific activities throughout the year.

To join click the [Parent Membership link](#) and pay \$5 in dues. Also join the Akron Central Schools PTA Facebook page.





ARRIBA, ARRIBA - Come Expand your Horizons!

hosted by Mrs. Bergman (8th grade Spanish teacher)

Join us for Spanish Club at Akron Middle School which will be held in M-128 and will meet once a month, on Mondays. Plan to have lots of fun learning about traditions, celebrations, and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries.

Spanish club provides a variety of interesting activities including games, crafts movies, and of course treats "delicioso"! Sign up with Sra. Bergman in room M-128 soon!

All are welcome!

Save the dates:

Monday, October 16, 2023

Monday, November 13, 2023

Monday, December 11, 2023



Technology Club is an after school opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to extend their learning, creativity, and interests in all things related to STEM: science, technology, engineering, math, robotics and

computer programming. Activities will range from hands-on collaborative engineering challenges to preparation for regional competitions. We intend to have students participate in Tech Wars at NCCC in January and ECC in May. These will be full school day field trips.

Some important info about participating:

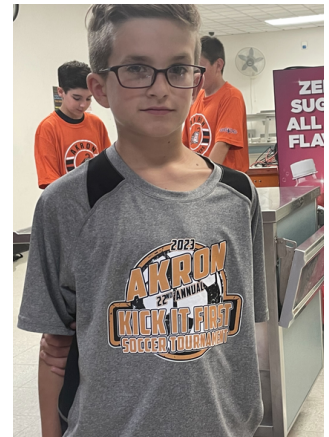
- First meeting Wednesday, September 27th at 3:25-4:20
- Every Wednesday after from 3:25 - 4:20 pm (after 9th period)
- Late bussing is available after school at 4:30
- If you choose to pick up your son or daughter, please do so at the side MS entrance by the tennis courts no later than 4:25pm.
- Additional meeting times may happen closer to Tech Wars for final preparation.
- Student's grades must be in good standing. Academics comes first.
- Students should stay after for an academic teacher 9th period, prior to our meeting, to complete homework.
- If your son/daughter is already committed to a sport that conflicts with our meeting times, please encourage them to discuss with their coach if they can miss one hour a week of practice to participate in this club. This is the student's responsibility. If a single sport season conflicts, they can still participate in Tech Club, just know this will limit their ability to participate in the regional competitions.

Any questions? Feel free to reach out to the advisors Christina O'Malley (comalley@akronk12) or Jacob Dobrick (jdobrick@akronk12.org).

We look forward to another successful year!

6th Grade Orientation & Ice Cream Social

August 29, 2023



AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for broadband service
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?



A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Participates in the Free and reduced-Price School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program
- Participates in one of these assistance programs:
 - SNAP
 - Medicaid
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - WIC
 - Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
 - or Lifeline;
- Participates in one of these assistance programs and lives on Qualifying Tribal lands:
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
 - Tribal TANF
 - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
 - Tribal Head Start (income based)



Check out fcc.gov/ACP for a Consumer FAQ and other program resources.

TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

Step 1: Go to AffordableConnectivity.gov to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.

Step 2: Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.



Call 877-384-2575 or find more information about the Affordable Connectivity Program at:

FCC.GOV/ACP

