

# TIGER TRACKS: AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Welcome back! It is our hope that everyone enjoyed their winter recess and that all students feel refreshed and ready to learn. The close of the third marking period is March 31st which gives our students several weeks to work towards mastery of skills. We continue to stress the importance of completing homework, staying organized, and asking for help when needed. Staying with a teacher during 9th period is a great way to get extra help!

Our Character Counts! Trait for the month of March is citizenship. It is important to be a good citizen at school and in the community. But do you know about digital citizenship? Digital citizenship is the ability to navigate our digital environments in a way that's safe and responsible and to actively and respectfully engage in these spaces. We encourage parents and students to continue to monitor all social media accounts to ensure appropriate digital citizenship.

As the winter season winds down and we approach spring, we look forward to seeing all the ways our students make great citizens here at Akron Middle School!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Caprio & Mrs. Fial

## IMPORTANT MARCH DATES:

- 1 Grade 8 Freshman Scheduling Presentation
- 3 February SOM Luncheon
- 6 MP3 Progress Reports available online
- 8 Native American Parent Meeting 4:00pm
- 9 MP3 Ineligible List Published
- 15- "The Dark Side of Social Media" Parent Session  
MPR, 6-7pm
- 15 BOE Meeting – HS Café 7pm
- 16 MS/HS Musical Preview
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 **Superintendents Conf. Day – No Students**
- 17 Wizard of Oz Musical Production
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- 21 Telephone Tuesday
- 21 Music & Munchies Concert – HS Café
- 22 MS Points of Pride Due
- 24 Cabaret Rehearsals – GYM 1
- 25 MS Cabaret "Pops" Concert – GYM 1
- 29 BOE Meeting – HS Café
- 30 Inter-State Spring Sports Pictures
- 31 MP3 Ends
- 31 March SOM Luncheon
- 31 CC! Ice Cream Celebration – MS Café

## March "Making a Difference" Madness

Monday, March 13 - Mismatch Madness Day

Tuesday, March 14 - Mad Hatter's Day

Wednesday, March 15 - Scrambled Sports

Thursday, March 16 - Luck O' The Irish Day



## Upcoming Dates for NYS Assessments:

ELA: April 19-20

Math: May 2-3

Grade 8 Science Performance: May 25

Grade 8 Science Written: June 5

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

February 2023

Computer Science: Kendal Murray and Evan Yang

ELA: Liam Budziszewski, Annabella Rodriguez, Gabrielle Truglio

Math: Morgan Marcinkowski, Eileen Thomas and Cade Jagielo

Reading/Writing: Quinten VanPelt

Science: Camryn Snyder, Naomi Romesser and Kylee Rebmann

Seneca: Jelissa Steeprock and Memphis Sundown

Social Studies: Travis PeQueen, Eve Budek and Emily Odachowski

Spanish: Emma Niescier and Brock Lamont

Miss Ciepiela: Jack Falker

Art: Evan Iversen

Band: Brooke Warren

CDE: Leah Smith and Kylie Mangione

Chorus: Kendal Murray

Health: Evan Winter

Music 7: Cade Jagielo

Orchestra: Alyssa Jago

PE 6/7/8: Damiana Montondo

Reading AIS: Cooper Kreher

Academic Achievement: Rieley Stuber, Gabrielle Truglio, Bentley Jones, Colton

Dowe and Deanna Vasbinder

SRO 8th Grade: Lincoln Hill, Derren Brooks and Evan Delphia



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## THE GAB FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL GOVERNMENT:

The Gab from AMS Government  
From the voices of:

Stephanie Amirian and Isis Whitmarsh



February was an exciting month here at Akron MS! This month was our Valentines bingo event, and it was quite the success! We hope you all enjoyed the snacks, drinks, and PRIZES!!!

We are excited to announce March-Making-A-Difference-Madness! Here we will experience a spirit week and activities that promote citizenship throughout our middle school!





## CHARACTER COUNTS

This month, Akron Middle School is focusing on the **Character Counts Trait of Citizenship**. Good citizens obey rules, respect authority and property and make their schools and communities better.

Here are some easy ways you can be a Good Citizen at Akron Middle School:

- Clean up after yourself and encourage others to do the same!
- Be respectful to others. It doesn't matter if you are interacting with a best friend, a classmate you don't really hang out with, your principal, your teacher or your lunch monitor. Everyone deserves respect!
- Tell the truth, even if it may get you in some trouble. Starting with the truth will put you on the path to making better choices in the future.
- Demonstrate moral courage. This means if you feel someone is doing something wrong or mean, respectfully speak up! Sometimes others need reminders of how to be good citizens.
- Lead by example. If you follow the rules, others will be more likely to do the same!

## TIGER TICKETS DRAWING WINNERS:

Congratulations to our **CHARACTER COUNTS!**  
gift card winners for February 10, 2023:

Amazon Gift Card: Peyton Waterbury

Ice Cream Winners: August MacNichols

Lucas Watts

Leah Smith (not pictured)

Daniel Poodry



## NATIVE AMERICAN OFFICE:



March is here, do you know what that means? The sap is flowing from the maple trees! Long ago Haudenosaunee people would fashion wooden sap buckets and sumac spouts to pierce into the maple trees. When the first thaw would come the trees would start "flowing". When sap comes from the maple tree it is clear like water. This sugar water is then boiled to evaporate much of the water thus producing rich, thick and sweet maple syrup.

**In Seneca the word for maple is wahda' (WA-DOT).**

We invite all parents to attend our annual Native American Parent Meeting on March 8, 2023 at 4:00pm to learn more about programming, offerings, data and share information about how funding is used to support students.





## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CLIPBOARD



The **Modified A Boys Basketball Team** had an outstanding season finishing at 12-1 overall and a perfect 12-0 in the Niagara-Orleans League. More impressive though was the character traits of the entire team. It was a true pleasure coaching these boys! The team was led by 8th grader and Most Valuable Player, Chuckie Rebmann. Cooper Kreher stepped up his level of play from last year and throughout this season to earn the Most Improved Player Award. Other key contributors to the team's success were Auggie MacNichols, Nathan Lomayestewa, Brock Lamont and Owen Kreher. Next year's team will feature current 7th grader's Cole Siska and Sammy Reagan. The core of this team went undefeated the past 2 seasons in league play. Congratulations on a successful season!

The **Modified B Boys Basketball Team** finished a great season where a lot of improvement was made over the course of the season. Hunter Haist and Memphis Sundown were the defensive anchors of the team, while Hunter and Stiles Jonathan led the team in scoring. Coach Carberry would like to congratulate the team on a fun season!

The **Modified Swim Team** consisted of 20 athletes whose progress over the season was remarkable! Akron proved to be the dominant team against teams from Albion, Barker, Medina, Newfane, and Royhart. In the final mixed (boys and girls compete together) meet of the season against all 5 schools, the dynamic duo of Brooke Milhollen and Anastasia Los placed first and second respectively in both the 200-yard freestyle and 50-yard backstroke events. Alaina Roland seized second places in both the 100-yard and 50-yard freestyle events. Leah Smith finished second in the 50-yard butterfly. Madison Gates had a strong swim in both the 100-yard Individual Medley and the 50-yard breaststroke. In all, eighteen personal bests were recorded. Coach Borden would like to congratulate the swimmers on their exemplary good sportsmanship and unrelenting hard work throughout the season!!

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## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

**SOCIAL MEDIA** – is a wonderful tool and many of us enjoy interacting with others on the various platforms (especially young people). However, like any tool if misused can cause a lot of damage. Some people say and post things that are hurtful or inappropriate whether deliberate or inadvertent they can still cause problems. Not only for the targeted person but also for the poster.

When a young person makes an inappropriate post or becomes the target of a harmful post, they need to talk to a trusted adult. You cannot get help if no one knows you have a problem. Every social media platform has an operational policy and a way to report these types of posts. If your child is younger, parents may want to consider using the parental controls on their computer or phone. Your carrier will be able to assist you if need be.

**If you have, any questions or concerns feel free to contact the S.R.O.**

# The TIGERS DEN



Your School Store is now open in a brand new, permanent location in H113 (near Mrs. Bowen's office).

We also have a new name! **The Tigers Den!**

Our Embroidered Orange and Black plaid flannel PJ pants are now in! We will soon be expanding our days open to include Wednesdays. We will post updates to Instagram!

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



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## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES:

Sophomore, Peter Sokolofsky, is partnering with the HS Wellness Club for a Comfort Cases fundraiser! Comfort Cases is an organization that works to help children in foster care by giving them a backpack filled with various hygiene and comfort items. Many kids in foster care are forced to use trash bags to carry their belongings and by giving them something that is truly theirs, we hope to provide the child with a sense of self-value and to show them that they are important and cared for. Any of the below items can be brought in to Middle School Main Office through the month of March:

Travel size shampoo and conditioner  
Travel size toothpaste  
Deodorant  
Period products-pads, tampons, liners  
Blankets- no bigger than 50" by 60"  
Notebooks  
Crayons  
Backpacks or small duffle bags

Travel size body wash or soap  
Travel size lotion  
Individually packaged toothbrush  
Pajamas- any size  
Books- (new or GENTLY used)  
Pens and pencils  
Stuffed animals- no bigger than 12"

Thank you in advance for your support!

We would like to invite families to support the cast and crew of The Wizard of Oz. They have been hard at work preparing for this production and will be performing three shows on March 17th and March 18th.

**Click on the image for online ticket purchase.**



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## STUDENT ARRIVAL/BREAKFAST:



Students being dropped off at school may arrive no earlier than 7:30am at Door 22 (MS Cafe Entrance). Doors will be locked and school personnel will be present to open the doors as students arrive. Students arriving by bus will enter the building at 7:45am. All students will have the opportunity to eat breakfast starting at 7:45am.

**Please do not drop your child off earlier than 7:30am.**

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## "TIGER TALKS"

Girl Talk will be having a guest speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 15th from 3:30-4:30 pm in C-120. Our guest speaker will be talking about the importance of self-confidence and coping skills in relation to body image.





Akron High School Presents

# Dark Side of Social Media



## Program

The Dark Side of social Media presentation provides adult audiences an in depth look at current popular social media trends and how they can escalate substance use and abuse among adolescents. This is a landscape that is constantly changing and evolving with technology and access.



## Topics Covered

- Current popular social media apps
- Impact those apps have on a developing mind
- Dangers on those apps
- Tricks or vaults used to hide apps
- Live streaming and the dangers
- Ghost apps
- The dark web
- Cryptocurrency
- Online Marketing

### FEEDBACK

"Almost all of my drug purchases have been via social media, most dealers will post photos of what they have and their prices. It was as easy as that. I could have them delivered within minutes to my door."

-Adolescent in recovery

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**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00-7:00 pm \* Multi-Purpose Room**