



# TIGER TRACKS

## AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 1, 2024

Edition 2

[www.akronschools.org](http://www.akronschools.org)



### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Akron Middle School Parents/Guardians:

We hope your child is having a great start to the new school year! October 7th marks the halfway point of the first marking period. This is an excellent time to discuss with your child how they are doing in school. It is so important for students to start the year strong and to stay on top of their school work. Staying organized is the key to doing well in the beginning of the year. Staying organized helps students to remember their homework and which subjects they need to study for. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions regarding their progress. Our first marking period closes on Friday November 8th.

We are excited to host Homecoming on Friday October 11. During our Homecoming week, we will host our Annual Middle School Cardboard Boat Race on Wednesday October 9th at 1:00pm. Unfortunately, due to pool capacity limits, we cannot open our Cardboard Boat Race to the public as we will use all of our capacity with our student body. Please feel free to join us on Friday October 11 at 5:00pm for our Homecoming Parade, at 6:00pm for our Athletic Wall of Fame and at 7:30pm for our Homecoming Football game. As a reminder, to help keep everyone safe, we ask that middle school students be supervised during our football games. We would like to thank you for your support with supervising your children at our athletic events.

On Friday October, 18, we will be taking our 8th grade students to Letchworth State Park for a field trip from 8:06am- 2:30pm. If you have an 8th grade student, please remind them to turn in their parent permission form if they have not done so already.

Thank you for your support. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Attention all 8th grade, Creative Design and Engineering families: This month's CDE Community Challenge is to rake leaves for your neighbors. This is optional for all 8th graders. If you choose to participate, complete the reflection form to earn 10 tiger tickets from Mrs. O'Malley. Next month, in November, we will do a warm clothing/coat drive.

OCTOBER  
CDE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE  
**Rake Leaves for your Neighbors**

- GET PERMISSION FROM YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN.
- GO DURING THE DAYLIGHT ONLY.
- KNOCK ON THE DOOR AND ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR FIRST IF THEY WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP.
- ASK WHERE TO PUT THE LEAVES AND STICKS YOU COLLECT (AT THE ROAD, COMPOST PILE, BAGS/BINS, ETC)
- IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A RAKE ASK TO USE THEIRS.
- TIP! TAKE A TARP OR OLD SHEET. RAKE LEAVES ON TO TARP. CONNECT THE CORNERS LIKE A GIANT LEAF TACO AND DRAG TO THE DISPOSAL LOCATION. DRAG TOP OF TARP TO RELEASE THE LEAVES INTO A NEW PILE.
- DO THIS AS FREQUENTLY AS YOU HAVE TIME FOR!

Complete this reflection to earn 10 Tiger Tickets!

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**Reporting Absences:** The District has a dedicated phone line and email address in each building for a parent or guardian to report a child's absence from school. Absences should be reported as early as possible to:

Middle School (716) 542-5008  
OR  
MSAttendance@akronk12.org

If the absence is reported by phone, the parent or guardian will receive an automated call from the District alerting and/or confirming the student's absence. The student must present a note to the main office, signed by the parent or guardian indicating the date(s) and reason for the absence upon their return to school. If the absence is reported by email, the parent must indicate the child's name, grade level, and reason for the absence.

Attendance can be the single most important factor in a student's academic success. Akron Central School takes student attendance very seriously and works to assist students with poor attendance in both policy and practice.



- 07 - MP1 Five (5) Progress Reports available online
- 07 - **HOMEcomings WEEK!** See Flyer Below for Dress Up Days!
- 07 - **7:00-8:00pm Don Shomette "Safe & Loved for Parents" AUD**
- 08 - MS Points of Pride Due – October
- 08 - 2:00-4:00pm Capital Project Bid Opening - AUD
- 09 - 1:00-2:30pm MS Cardboard Boat Race – Pool (STO)
- 11 - 1:15pm-2:30pm Pep Assembly – Gym 1 (STO)
- 11 - 5:00pm Homecoming Parade
- 11 - 6:00pm Wall of Fame Induction – Gym 1
- 11 - 7:30pm Homecoming Game Akron vs Cleve Hill @ home
- 14 - Indigenous Peoples Day – No School
- 16 - 7:00pm BOE Meeting – HS Café
- 18 - 8-2:30PM Gr 8 CDE Field Trip – Letchworth State Park
- 18 - 2:40-3:18pm Grade Level Team Meetings
- 21 - SOM Selections Begin
- 22 - 2:40-2:18pm Telephone Tuesday
- 25 - SOM Selections Due
- 25 - 2:37-3:18pm MS Sports Study/Club Hall - AUD
- 25 - 2:40-3:18pm MS Faculty Meeting – MS Café
- 28 - Spanish Club Meeting 3:20-4:20 pm room M128
- 30 - 11:06am–1:04pm SOM Luncheon
- 30 - 1:51pm CC! Ice Cream Celebration – MS Café
- 31 - **Happy Halloween**

Girls on the Run - Every Monday/Wednesday - 5:30-7:00pm

Athletic events are subject to change. For updated info please click the link to view the [Akron Athletic Calendar](#).

## MS LUNCH MENU - OCTOBER

AMS Lunch menus can be accessed each month through our school website, [www.akronschools.org](http://www.akronschools.org) or click on the picture of the October 2024 menu for the link.

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



## TECHNOLOGY TELECAST

### Chromebooks

Get your Chromebook on the charger so you're ready for school!

If you are missing your charger, replacement chargers can be purchased for \$20 through the Technology Office in room M212. Replacement chargers are billed through MySchoolBucks or payment can be made at the Business Office.

Devices needing repairs should be brought to the Technology Department in room M212. Parents are reminded that charges for repairs are for the cost of parts only, up to \$100; there is no charge for the labor as per the Chromebook Agreement. Repairs are important to keep devices in working order so that students are prepared each day.

Troubleshooting tips and helpful tutorials are available on the school website at [akronschools.org/techsupport](http://akronschools.org/techsupport) for both students and their parents.

Questions? Call or email the Tech Dept. at (716) 542-5045 or [akronitdept@akronk12.org](mailto:akronitdept@akronk12.org).



The first meeting of the year for the Spanish Club will be on **Monday, October 28th, from 3:20-4:23 pm in Mrs. Bergman's classroom (M128)**. Join us to broaden your horizons, learning about the culture and customs of Spanish-speaking people and places. We would love to see you there to share fun, food, and friendship!





Welcome back to school!

The Tigers Den School Store is open Monday-Thursday 9th periods this school year and has the following sales and pop-up stores open in October:

1. The Tigers Den School Store is open Monday-Thursday 9th periods this school year and has the following sales and pop-up stores open in October: During October, we will be having a promotional sale of \$5 off Akron sweatpants. We encourage you to take advantage of this promotion!



2. Make sure to come visit us at the homecoming pop up shop on October 11th! We will be selling our new fall apparel and spirit items at the entrance of the football field (near the parking lot). We will be there from 6:00pm until the end of half-time.

3. On Monday, October 7th, it is PJ day for homecoming spirit week. If you need PJ pants, get them today at the Tigers Den School Store or Market on Main, 57 Main Street Akron.

Any support throughout this school year is greatly appreciated! Your support will help us reward Class of 2025 seniors who are going into a business related field with scholarships.

The Tiger's 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.

## Picture Day

Mark your calendar for Middle School Picture Day will be Wednesday, October 2, 2024 during students' social studies classes.

Pre-Order your photos- scan the QR code or go to their website <https://inter-state.com/> and enter the order code. Order before Picture Day to receive free shipping to the school.

Sign up for Picture Day Reminders at [Inter-State Studios](https://www.inter-state.com/)



**ORDER ONLINE**  
**USE ORDER CODE:**  
*Use el código de pedido:*  
**88742MA**  
[INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER](https://www.inter-state.com/order)



## Community Education Offerings

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.

Information and registration forms are available on the school's website at [Akron Community Education](https://www.akroncommunityeducation.com/). Any applicable fees must be paid prior to the start of a class.



### October 10th is National Mental Health Day! Spread the word to end the stigma!

The World Health Organization will recognize October 10th as World Mental Health Day. The theme this year, as chosen by the World Federation for Mental Health is: 'it is time to prioritize mental health in the workplace.' As we observe October 10th as World Mental Health Day, it is crucial to shine a light on one of the most pressing issues that is affecting modern workplaces today: burnout.

Below are a few tips to help prevent and protect against burnout:

- Practice self-care: take care of your mental and physical health to help you feel more relaxed and focused.
- Set boundaries: disconnect from work at the end of the day to recharge and rest.
- Take breaks: Take short breaks throughout the day, such as taking a short walk or saying hello to a coworker in the hallway.
- Ask for help when necessary.
- Encourage work-life balance: leaders can promote work-life balance by encouraging employees to take breaks and modeling healthy work habits.
- Learn to say no when appropriate.
- Get enough sleep.
- Talk to friends.
- Leave your work at work: try to leave your work at work and not bring it home.
- Eat lunch somewhere other than at your desk.

For more information on World Mental Health Day, please visit: [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/mentalhealth)



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 go to [Akron PTA Membership](#) and pay \$5 in dues. Also join the Akron Central Schools PTA Facebook page.

September



We would like to congratulate the following students on being chosen for September's Student of the Month.



SUBJECT	SEPTEMBER
Applied Technology	Amelia Groff
ELA	Gavin Fout
Math 6/6H	Emelia Meyers
Reading/Writing 6	Cruz Lavocat
Science 6	June Marie Kapan
Social Studies 6	Leah D'Arcy
ELA 7	Eedith Poodyry
Engineering, Mechanics & Materials (EMM)	Adam Kelly
Math 7	Lillian Leonard
Science 7	Abigail Schlabach
Seneca 7	Rockee Poodyry
Social Studies 7	Jase Gangloff
Spanish 7	Mary Jean Gehl
ELA 8	Hannah Witkowski
Living Environment	Brooke Warren
Math 8	Jack Falker & Elsa Cottle
Science 8	Eli Doll
Seneca 8	Berusha Pragle
SS 8	Jordyn Rosenberg
Spanish 8	Thomas Schurr
ALC	Carissa Martek
Art 7	Jenny Yang
Band	Clara Bogdan
Chorus	Kendel Murray
Health 7/8	Noelle Gerstung
Music 7	Keeghan Haist
Orchestra	Declan Jelson
PE 6/7/8	Jordyn Rosenberg
Reading AIS	Shannon Esmond
SRO 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jackson Platt, Amelia Snyder, Joel Martek

## School Resource Officer



October is here!

Everyone is getting back into the swing of school life. A new school year means new stresses. Like every other month, October has a lot of National Days, Awareness', and Holidays.

October is Emotional Wellness Month. Emotional Wellness is important all year long, but with it being so close to the beginning of the school year, it is a great opportunity to take some extra time to prioritize self-care. Life throws challenges at everyone, and everyone handles each challenge differently. It is important to remember to ask for help, to confide in a trusted adult, to know that there are resources available to help you and your child succeed this school year and beyond. Safety includes not only making sure your child is safe physically, but mentally as well. Emotions and stresses can change how we would normally react, the things we do and the way we think can have the greatest impact. Know that there are resources, and help, even if it's just to talk. Always communicate!

Have a safe Halloween! Wear bright colors, carry flashlights and glow sticks, stay in a group, have costumes that are appropriate for the weather, and always check your child's candy before they eat it!

**Go Tigers!**

## NA COUNSELOR

Welcome back!

As we get back into the swing of things at school, we often find ourselves juggling life outside of school. Whether that be family time, sports, extracurriculars, homework and studying time etc. Establishing a routine at the start of the school year is crucial for students, as it helps create a sense of stability and predictability in their lives. A consistent schedule can enhance focus and productivity, making it easier to balance academic responsibilities with extracurricular activities. By setting aside specific times for studying, completing homework, and engaging in leisure activities, students can manage their time effectively and reduce stress. Additionally, routines foster healthy habits, such as regular sleep patterns and time for self-care, which are essential for maintaining overall well-being. Ultimately, a well-structured routine lays the groundwork for a successful and fulfilling school year, empowering students to thrive both academically and personally. Let's have a wonderful start to the year! 😊



Mrs. Brittany Smoke  
MS Native American Home School Counselor

# TECHNOLOGY

Akron Schools will welcome Mr. Nicholas Hill as the District's new Technology Director in October. Mr. Hill comes to ACS with plenty of administrative experience while with Lewiston-Porter Schools where he held a similar position. He brings a track record of cultivating strong relationships and fostering an environment that is both productive and enjoyable. Welcome, Mr. Hill! (insert photo with article)

Students, parents, and educators are reminded of the Tech Support webpage of the school website where there are troubleshooting tips for Chromebooks and helpful resources. Please visit [www.akronschools.org/techsupport](http://www.akronschools.org/techsupport). If you still need help, please call the Tech Office at (716)542-5045, email the team at [akronitdept@akronk12.org](mailto:akronitdept@akronk12.org), or stop up in room M212.



## Modified Field Hockey Remains Undefeated!

With only three games left in its season, the modified field hockey team remains undefeated! Through its first six games, the Lady Tigers have accrued a total of 39 goals while leaving all opposing teams scoreless!

Leading the attack for the team has been Shannon Esmond, Addison Krull, Abigail Schlabach, and Karlie Reeb. Strong play at the midfield positions by Anieka Forrestel and Brooklyn Gerstung has enabled the Tigers to stay on the offensive for the majority of all their games.

Lyla Pechuman has faced only three shots on net at goalie all season but came up with those critical saves to preserve the team's all shutouts record. The defensive wall of Tressa Bergman, Jillian Bower, Edie Hess, and Montana Burg has been basically impenetrable!

Congratulations is extended to the modified field hockey team on a stellar season!



## The Six Pillars of Character™



During the month of September, students, faculty and staff focused on the Pillar: Responsibility. The following students were selected and enjoyed a CC! Ice Cream Celebration on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Emily Callard Lexie Ground Quinten VanPelt
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Reese Addesa Lila Fiegl Louis King Carissa Martek
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Leah D'Arcy Gavin Fout Jack Remsen Kennedy Sundown



For the month of October, Akron Middle School and Character Counts is focusing on the pillar Respect. Students can earn Tiger Tickets from their teachers by demonstrating the following:

- Be Courteous to others
- Follow the Golden Rule
- Be considerate of others feelings

# The Gab from AMS Government!

From the voices of Jenny Yang & Cris King

**Welcome back Akron!** We have been brewing up some fun activities in student government that we can't wait to show you!

We've already done 6th grade orientation, that was awesome! We had an opportunity to help introduce the new sixth graders and their families into the Middle School.

We are especially excited for homecoming week, which will include some super fun dress up days and a hopefully exhilarating football game! Homecoming week this year will begin on October 7th.

Watch out for MS Government students collecting canned goods at the entrance to the game! Get ready for the best year ever! Go Tigers!



## HOMECOMING

-DRESS UP DAYS-

Monday, October 7th PJ Day	Tuesday, October 8th Teachers vs. Students
	
Wednesday, October 9th Hawaiian Day	
	
Thursday, October 10th Movie Character Duos	Friday, October 11th Orange and Black
	

Please Join US

# SAFE & LOVED for PARENTS

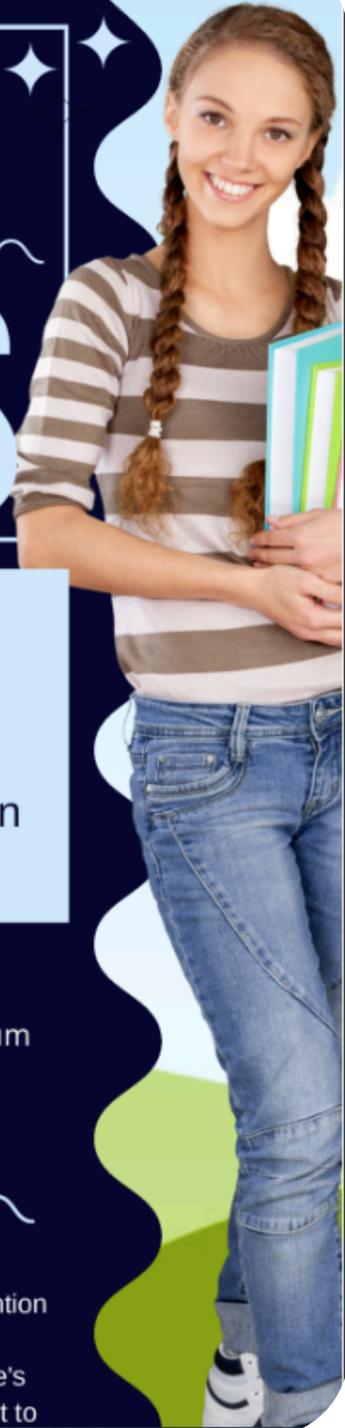
Join us **October 7, 2024**  
and learn how to help your children  
◆ be **Safe** & feel **Loved** ◆ spot indicators  
of dangers, ◆ enhance personal protection  
and more!

◆ **TIME:**  
7:00-8:00pm

◆ **LOCATION:**  
Akron High School Auditorium  
47 Bloomingdale Ave.  
Akron, NY 14001



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recognized school violence prevention  
expert and his approach, **SAFE &**  
**LOVED,** is so well received that he's  
the only violence prevention expert to



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# WE NEED YOUR SHOES!



The Class of 2025 is hosting a shoe drive fundraiser. Your gently worn, used and new shoes not only support us and this ACS community, but communities all over the world! Please ask your friends and family.



**DROP OFF SHOES AT:**

Your main office, H-21,  
or porch of 32 Buell St  
by November 1



**TARYN VOHWINKEL:**

716-542-5025  
cell: 716-860-3245

**"FILL A COACH'S TRUCK"** at Homecoming on Oct.11th!!! The Class of 2025 is holding a Shoe Drive Fundraiser! Bring your new or gently used shoes (if you wouldn't wear them, we can't take them) and throw them in the back of Coach Clouse's truck at Homecoming or bring them to school any day before Nov. 7  
Thanks for your support!!