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AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Akron Middle School Parents/Guardians:

I hope this Holiday Season finds you and your family well! During the month of December, we have several events to highlight the Holiday Season at Akron such as our Middle School Holiday Concert on December 10th from 7:00-9:00pm, our student Holiday Concert Assembly on December 10th and our Light Up Akron Community Holiday Event on December 14th from 4:00-7:00pm. On December 20th, students will have time in the afternoon to have some fun with our Holiday Fun and Movie event. Each student can choose if they would like to watch a movie in the auditorium, play Kan-Jam/Cornhole in the gymnasium or play bingo in the MS Café during this time.

During the month of December, our Middle School Students have been participating in swimming during physical education classes. We felt that it was important to bring back swimming in physical education as swimming is a lifelong skill and can be a life-saving skill. I hope your child finds their swimming unit valuable.

We are currently planning an anti-bullying assembly for our Middle School Students to help educate them on bullying and the implications of bullying. We are working with Dr. Torchia through UB's Alberti Center to set up a student assembly for the month of January or February. We will share more information on our anti-bullying assembly soon.

On behalf of the Akron Middle School, we would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year filled with peace and good health. Thank you for your support and all you do!

Sincerely,

Joe Caprio



Middle school can be a tough time, especially as it relates to social development. Friendships can be put to the test and it can be difficult having to interact with troublesome peers. For those in need of support, the IVY Program through Florida State University and the National Institute for Health may be right for you! Check out details below and at [FSU Anne's College](#).

- FREE virtual counseling groups, 1 hour a week for 8 weeks
- Opportunity to meet students from around the country struggling with similar issues
- \$75 gift card for completing the program

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MS LUNCH MENU - DECEMBER

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

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



December Important Dates

- 2 - School Resumes
- 2 - 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball "A" @ Medina
- 2 - 5:00pm Mod Wrestling @ Barker
- 4 - 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball "A" vs Albion @Home - Gym 2
- 4 - 7:00pm BOE Meeting - HS Cafe
- 5 - 5:00pm Mod Wrestling vs Albion/Lyndonville/Holley/Newfane - Home
- 9 - 4:30 Mod Girls Basketball "a" vs Barker @Home - Gym 2
- 10 - 1:30pm MS Holiday Concert Assembly - AUD
- 10 - 3:00pm Inter-State Winter Sports Pictures
- 10 - 4:00-6:30pm Basketball Program Toy Drive - Gym 1
- 10 - 7:00-9:00pm MS Holiday Concert - AUD
- 11 - 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball "A" vs Albion @ Home - Gym 2
- 12 - 7:00pm Elementary Holiday Concert - AUD
- 13 - 3:00-7:00pm PTA Fundraiser Pick-up - Main Foyer
- 14 - 4:00-7:00pm "Light Up Akron" Community Holiday Events
- 16 - MP2 (5-week) Progress Reports available online
- 16 - 4:30pm Mod Girls Basketball "A" @ Newfane
- 16 - 5:00pm Mod Wrestling @ Albion
- 18 - 2:37pm Girl Talk Holiday Party - C-120
- 18 - 4:30pm Jack Silvernail Memorial Basketball Tournament
- 18 - 5:00pm Mod Wrestling @ Newfane
- 18 - 5:00pm Mod Girls Basketball "A" @ Sweet Home MS
- 18 - 7:00pm BOE Meeting - HS Cafe
- 19 - 2:37pm Wellness Club Cookie Decorating Party - Mrs. Bowen's Office
- 19 - 4:45 Swim Team "Chuck a Duck" Fundraiser - Pool Foyer
- 20 - 1:30pm MS Holiday Movie

December 23 - January 1 Holiday Recess - No School

01/02 - School Resumes

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

Happy Holidays! Who are you shopping for this holiday season? Whoever that special someone is, we have a wide variety of goodies to choose from! We have Olivers and Henry's chocolates, Akron apparel, freeze dried candy, and much more. The Tigers Den is open Monday-Thursday 9th period.



Visit us on 12/10 inside the elementary library for our annual Holiday Pop-Up 9th period. There will be a basket giveaway and lots of gift and stocking stuffer ideas.

We appreciate all of your support throughout the course of this school year! Your support will help us reward scholarships to seniors pursuing a business related field.

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.



The Six Pillars of Character™



During the month of November, students, faculty and staff focused on the Pillar: Trustworthiness. The following students were selected and enjoyed a CC! Ice Cream Celebration on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

Congratulations!

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| 8 th Grade | Eliana Bruce Evan Kabangira Kennedy Kozlowski Peter Noreika Deanna Vashinder |
| 7 th Grade | Kathleen Ferrell Malory Greiner Alex PeQueen Aurora VanDusen |
| 6 th Grade | Beckett Ellsworth Gavin Fout Lennox Ground Ophelia Whitmarsh |

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

- being compassionate
- being kind
- expressing gratitude

ART ELECTIVE



The 8th grade art elective class has been busy learning how to hand sew! Students learned how to thread, knot and create a running stitch. We began the unit by making pop tart plushies to practice the newly learned skills. After nearly perfecting the running stitch and with careful planning, students successfully completed their creative projects!



SPANISH CLUB

Please join us for holiday fun at this month's Spanish Club meeting! It will be held on Monday, December 16 from 3:20 pm- 4:20 pm in Mrs. Bergman's classroom, M 128. Enjoy a taste of traditions and festive fun with friends! Hope to see you there!



School Resource Officer

Wow, it's December already. The holiday season is upon us, everyone is preparing for the holidays. The hustle and bustle of shopping. Getting together with family and friends.

Stay alert while you are out and about and drive carefully. As it is getting dark earlier now, staying safe is a greater challenge. When driving you need to be extra vigilant. If your walking wear bright or reflective clothing and walk facing traffic.

When spending time with family and friends, enjoy their company and try not to overdo it.

**WISHING YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



#OneAkron, One Family... Parent & Community Workshop Series

(PART 1) EXPLORING A.I.'S ROLE IN EDUCATION

with Nick Hill, ACS Director of Technology

Wednesday, January 8th

6:00pm-7:00pm

ACS Library Media Center



Workshop focus:
Introduction to A.I.
(Artificial Intelligence)

- Benefits
- Future Possibilities of A.I.
- Risks & Concerns



Participants will be asked to read Chapters 1-6 and come ready to engage in interactive activities & dialogue on February 4th.

(PART 2) BOOK CLUB: Brave New Words: How A.I. will Revolutionize Education (and Why That's a Good Thing) by Salman Khan

Tuesday, February 4th

6:00pm-7:00pm

ACS Library Media Center

Book will be provided.

For more information, or to register, please visit akronschoools.org/ai or scan the QR code.
Registration deadline December 18th.

No cost to participate.

Childcare & light refreshments will be provided.

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