



# Tiger Tracks

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December 2024

Akron Central School District acknowledges that we gather on the traditional lands of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation and honor the sovereignty of all of the members of the Haudenosaunee. We honor the contributions of the Indigenous Peoples and will make a commitment to honor the land of those who have walked before us.

## A message from the Principals:

*Greetings and Nya:wëh sgë:nö*

December is a month that radiates warmth and community spirit, and we will be fostering that atmosphere within our school. Some ways we'll be spreading warmth and building connections this December: District-wide Christmas tree mural, Holiday spirit week, and our Jolly Jubilee. We invite you to review the upcoming dates for information pertaining to our wonderful concerts scheduled for this month.

This semester has been filled with growth and achievements for our students. From academic milestones to extracurricular victories, we are proud of the dedication and spirit our school community has demonstrated. A special shoutout to our Fall sports teams, performers, and student leaders who continue to represent our school with pride!

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I wish you all a joyful holiday season and a restful winter break. We are grateful for your partnership in your child's education and look forward to continuing our journey together in the new year. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.

With warmest regards,  
Nya:wëh and Go Tigers!  
Mr. Dimitroff and Mrs. Reedhardt

## Important December Dates...

**December** 2 NHS Applications Due  
4 BOE Meeting  
4 Prism Assembly (**Special Time Order**)  
5 Prism Concert  
6 Petition Sheets Due  
12 SOM Luncheon  
14 Santa Band Light Up Akron  
16 Progress Reports On-Line  
19 Ineligibility/Restricted Pass Lists Out  
23-Jan. 1 Winter Break (**NO CLASSES**)  
27 Tiger Tracks Published



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 Oliver's 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.

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The school year is in full swing with the end of the first marking period. Now is the time to improve on study skills and habits if you are failing any courses. Staying ninth periods and working in the Academic Learning Center are a few ways that can boost student performance.

Counselors are in the process of meeting with all freshmen during their individual student meetings. We are assisting them with their transition to high school and providing them with services available if they are in need. We are also completing a career plan with them to discuss future goals and aspirations.

Our BOCES presentation took place for all sophomores on November 19th. A representative from BOCES was here to provide information regarding the many vocational programs they have to offer. If students plan to attend BOCES, they must be passing their courses and have good attendance. Information will be coming soon regarding the BOCES registration process.

Graduation cap and gown measurements as well as payments were received from seniors in November. What an exciting time for our seniors!

## Social Worker Support Center



The Giving Tree will be in the HS Cafe starting Tuesday, November 12th to provide Christmas gifts for families in need. Each ornament on the Giving Tree has an item from a child's wish list. Please consider taking an ornament before Thanksgiving break for some Black Friday shopping! Items can be returned unwrapped, with the ornament attached to Mrs. Bowen's office (H-111) by Friday, December 13th. Please contact Mrs. Bowen with any questions and thank you in advance for your support.





The art department has been busy this month. We have several students' new artwork on display at Guy's subs. These include the pictures below.

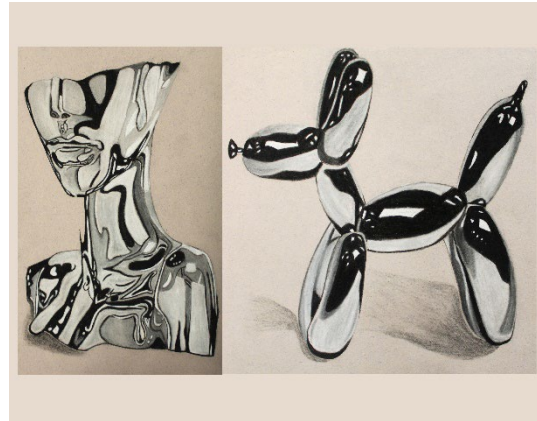
Elis Jonathan / Impressionism



Anna Bergman / Collage



Camilla Re  
Shaded Shiny

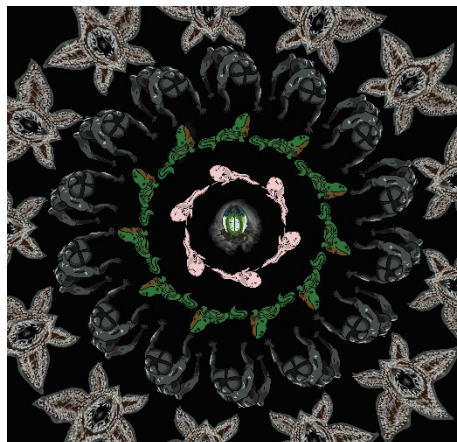


Camilla Re  
Dog Shade

Anabella Rodriguez/ Building



Carly Hoffman



Riley Doctor





In addition, Ms. Cornell attended a statewide conference for the New York State Art Teachers' Association in Binghamton. Over 600 people attended the conference and were able to see the work of many Akron students. These included students named below with their picture.

Nathaniel Gehl / Contour Line



George Laurey Clay Box



Ben Gerstung / Animal Drawing



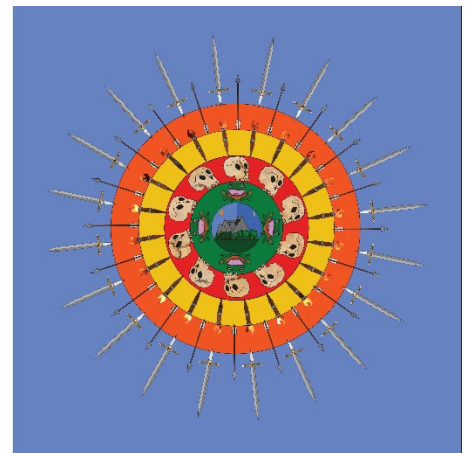
Emma Leonard/ Hand



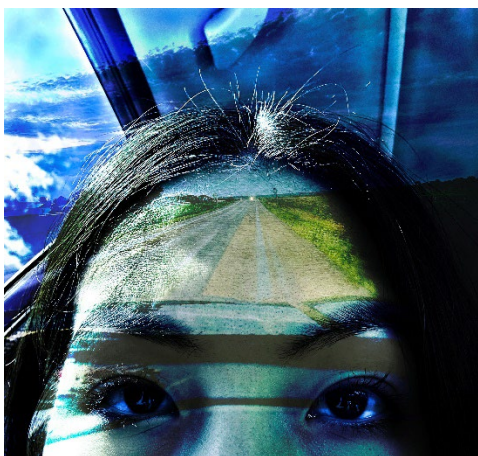
Leo Muck / Barbershop Quartet



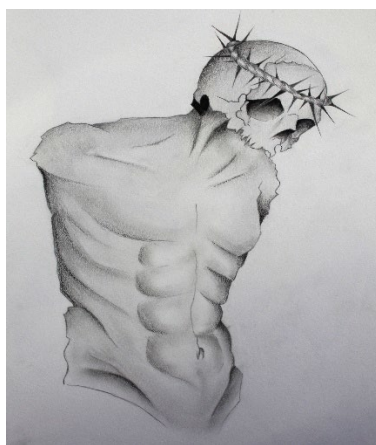
Mason Massaro / Mandala



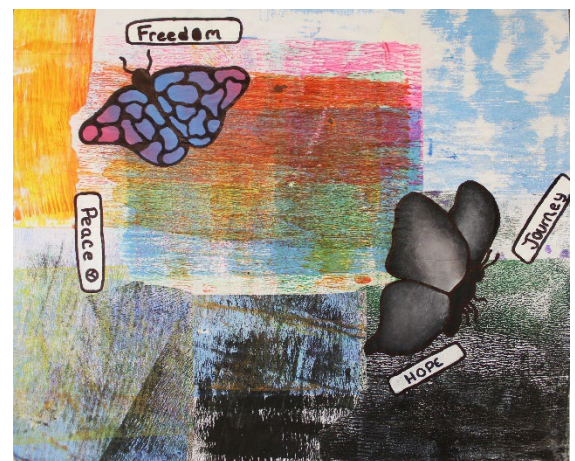
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Hayden Jago / Shaded

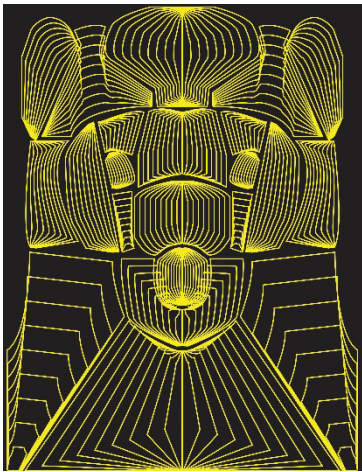


Kayla Roberts / Collage

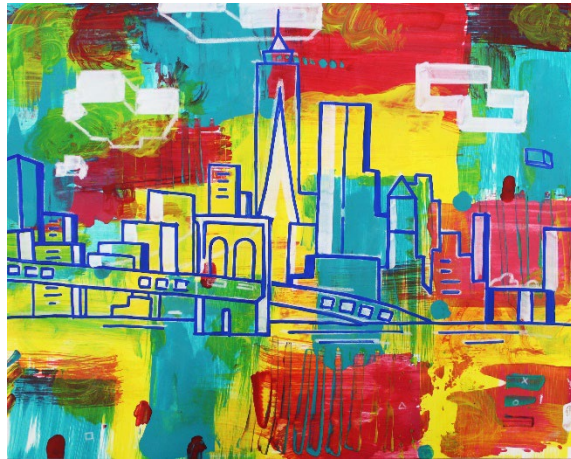




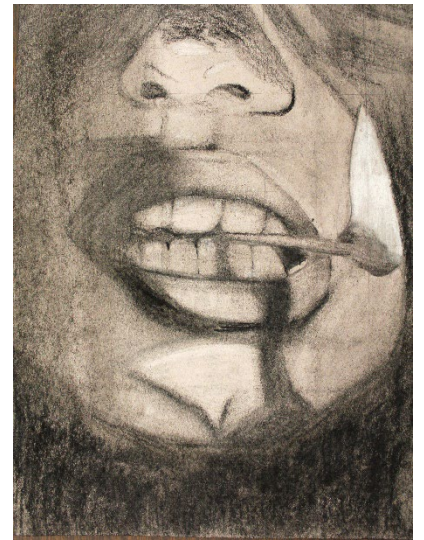
Xavier Godzich / Moire



Elis Jonathan / Buildings



Madi Halicki / Grid Drawing2



Madison Hillman / Buildings



Peter Sokolofsky / Birds



Lorelei Priebe / Buildings



Madison Hillman / Laser



Ephraim Vohwinkel / Collage



Lorelei Priebe / Laser





## SENIORS Class Of 2025

The Class of 2025 just finished up a successful mattress sale and shoe drive fundraiser. We sold 25 mattresses during our one-day mattress sale event. The senior class would like to thank everyone that purchased a mattress, donated shoes, or spread the word about our fundraisers. The senior class is looking forward to a relaxing holiday break. Thank you for all of your support.

## JUNIORS Class Of 2026

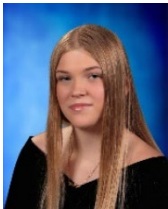
"The Junior class will be hosting the Semi Formal Dance on Saturday, January 11th. Tickets will be sold during all High School Lunches starting January 2nd."

The Class of 2027 encourages everyone to come out and support student government at the basketball concessions this winter sports season!

## SOPHOMORES Class Of 2027

**We are proud to announce we have 8 Seniors that will be inducted into the Erie 1 BOCES' Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society this year.**

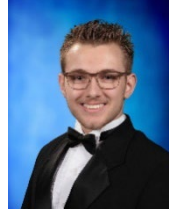
*KAITLYN BOWER*



*JOSEPH FELSKI*



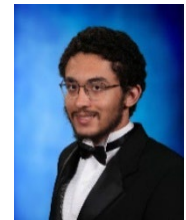
*AIDEN PARKER*



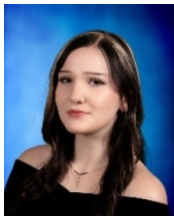
*COOPER REEBMAN*



*DEVIN RODRIGUEZ*



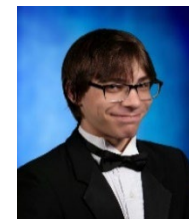
*KATERINA RYSZKA*



*JORDAN SMITH*



*EPHRAIM VOHWINKEL*



ART - Carly Hoffman  
BAND – Iva Meyers  
BUSINESS – Marissa Brege  
CHORUS – Amon Bentley  
BOCES – Kayleigh Wilkins  
PHYS. Ed – Aidan Romesser



November  
Students of the Month

ORCHESTRA – Emma Leonard  
ENGLISH – Kenan Hatswell  
SPANISH – Ava Lombard  
HEALTH – Muira Kreher  
MATH – Nathaniel Gehl  
SCIENCE – Anna Bergman  
TECH – Julia Klodzinski



## December Focus: Mental Health and Advocacy

As the year winds down, it's a great time to focus on our mental health and how we can support ourselves and others. This month, we'll discuss the importance of recognizing when to seek help, advocating for our needs, and being allies for mental wellness in our community.

### Class Topics:

- **Understanding Mental Health:** We'll explore what mental health means, common challenges like anxiety and depression, and how to recognize when you or someone else might need support.
- **Advocating for Yourself:** Tips for communicating your needs effectively, setting boundaries, and prioritizing self-care.
- **Supporting Others:** How to recognize when a friend may need help, offering support, and knowing when to encourage them to seek professional assistance.

This month, we are very fortunate to have Mrs. Bowen presenting different treatment modalities available to individuals for coping. Additionally, we will welcome the Mental Health Advocates of WNY, who will discuss important topics related to Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

### Community Service Reminder

With the holiday season approaching, consider volunteering at organizations that support mental health, such as hotlines or community wellness programs. These opportunities allow you to complete your required **5 hours of community service** while making a meaningful impact.

**\*\*Remember,** taking care of your mental health isn't a sign of weakness—it's a sign of strength. By speaking up for yourself and encouraging others to do the same, you create a ripple effect of positivity and support.



This month on December 6<sup>th</sup> the PTA will once again be sponsoring an ice cream social for Academic Achievement and Tiger Leap recipients. As always, it is our pleasure to recognize these students and their hard work. Job well done, tigers! December's PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in room H190. Lastly, if you're looking for a Christmas gift, we still have 60" Akron golf umbrellas for sale.

You can purchase an umbrella at <https://19western.memberhub.com/store>. Umbrellas purchased will be delivered to your student's homeroom. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

## Akron Media Production

Media Production is excited to share their first ever monthly newsletters showing all the work they've been doing. Be sure to check out our coverage of all the goings on around campus!

For a preview, check out this "Akron Safari" video, by **Ella Liss** and **Connor Lucia**. Filmed by **Hannah Liss** and Produced by **Maesa Dieterle**.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K1W6ky2hj-d8\\_tICWrQjQAHE2Bcc2rj/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K1W6ky2hj-d8_tICWrQjQAHE2Bcc2rj/view?usp=drive_link)

Additionally, **Madi Halicki** and **Marianna Marquez** cover the news for late November and early December! Produced by **Hannah Liss**. Watch till the end to see the senior Bill of Rights Champions from Mrs. Burns-Heim's class!

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Link to September/October Newsletter: <https://secure.smores.com/n/02chn>

Link to November Newsletter (release on 11/25): <https://secure.smores.com/n/nh9j0>



### Native American Office News

School attendance plays a critical role in a student's academic success and overall development. Regular attendance ensures that students engage with the curriculum, participate in classroom activities, and maintain a consistent learning pace. Missing school often results in gaps in knowledge and can make it difficult for students to catch up.

Beyond academics, attending school regularly fosters social skills and helps students build relationships with peers and teachers. It also teaches responsibility, time management, and the importance of commitment.

Frequent absences can lead to lower grades, reduced motivation, and an increased risk of dropping out. In the long term, students who attend school regularly are more likely to complete their education and succeed in their careers.

School attendance is a key factor in shaping a student's future. Both students and parents should prioritize regular school attendance to ensure academic achievement, personal growth, and long-term success.





**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 A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



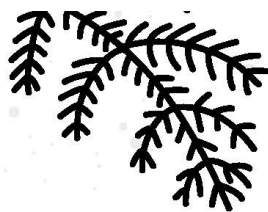
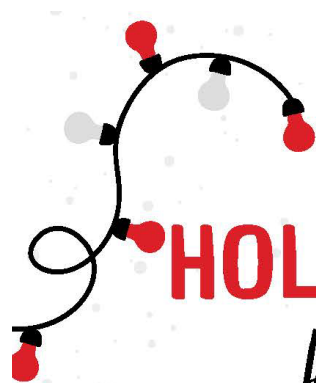
### **Reporting Absences**

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:

High School (716) 542-5009 OR  
[HSAttendance@akronk12.org](mailto:HSAttendance@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.



# **HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK**

## *Dress Up Days*

**Monday, December 16th**

Holiday PJ Day

**Tuesday, December 17th**

Christmas in July

**Wednesday, December 18th**

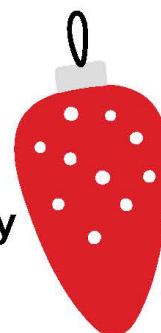
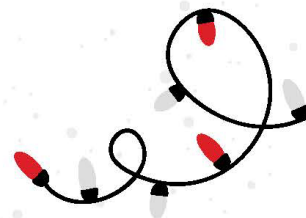
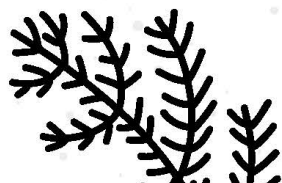
Holiday Headwear and Sock Day

**Thursday, December 19th**

Dress as your favorite holiday  
show/movie character

**Friday, December 20th**

Ugly Sweater Day





# #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](https://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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