



Tiger Tracks

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March 2025

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

Welcome back from winter recess! We hope you were able to recharge and are ready for the months ahead.

March can be a long but exciting month. Winter sports teams are heading into playoffs, while spring athletes are kicking off their seasons. Our Connect Life Club is hosting a blood drive during the school day on March 14th—a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to make a lifesaving impact.

The highly anticipated musical production of Meredith Willson's *The Music Man* will take place Friday, March 14 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, March 15 for a 1:00 PM matinee and 7:00 PM evening. Our students have put in incredible effort, and the show is sure to be spectacular—don't miss out on this must-see event! Tickets can be purchased online at <https://akronmusical.ludus.com/index.php>

On March 18th, join us for the beloved "Music and Munchies" Orchestra Concert in the High School Cafeteria. This cozy and uplifting performance is the perfect way to shake off the winter blues.

Later this month, High School Spanish and Art students will embark on a trip to New York City, immersing themselves in the sights, sounds, and cultures of the Big Apple.

We will be starting the scheduling process this month and we will be highlighting all of the electives available to students next year as we want our students to maximize their schedules as much as possible.

Academically, the final months of the school year tend to fly by. Stay on top of your coursework by attending 9th period for extra help, staying organized, and keeping open communication with your teachers. AP, Regents, and SAT review sessions will be announced soon—so be sure to plan ahead!

Let's make March a great month!

Important February Dates...

03.07.25 BOCES Classes Cancelled
03.10.25 Failure Forms Due
03.12.25 BOE Mtg.
03.13.25 Ineligible/Restricted Pass Lists Out
03.13.25 SOM Luncheon
03.14.25 Grade Level Mtg.
03.14.25 Blood Drive
03.14.25 HS Musical
03.15.25 HS Musical

03.18.25 Music & Munchies Concert (7:00 pm)
03.19.25 Juniors National College Fair
3.21-3.25 Spanish/Art Field Trip
03.26.25 BOE Mtg.
03.27.25 Petition Sheets Due
03.29.25 Cabaret Concert
03.31.25 Tiger Tracks Published

MEREDITH WILLSON'S
The Music Man

*This year's Musical program cover was designed
and created by art student Carly Hoffman.*



The curtain will open on Akron's production
of The Music Man, on Friday,

March 14th at 7:00 PM &

Saturday, March 15th at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM.

Please see the link above to order Tickets

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The student support office has finished meeting with every junior to start preparing for life after Akron High School. Starting in March we will begin the process of meeting with all sophomores individually. During sophomore meetings we are discussing current grades, scheduling for next year, graduation requirements, and completing a career plan. We are also enjoying getting to know them better!

Scheduling for the 2025-2026 school year will begin mid-March. Students will be given all information via their school email.

We continue to encourage students to check their email for opportunities and additional information and post high school planning resources.

On March 19th, 2025 all juniors will be attending the Buffalo National College Fair. If you have not turned in your permission slip please do so as soon as possible. If you need a new one, they are available in the guidance office.

On March 13th, 2025 all sophomores will be participating in the annual reverse career day! If you have not turned in your permission slip please do so as soon as possible. If you need a new one, they are available in the guidance office.



This month's PTA meeting will be held March 5th at 7:00 pm in H190. We are always looking for new faces and ideas in our group, please join us!

SENIORS Class Of 2025

The Class of 2025 is working to prepare for the fun senior festivities that will take place this spring including prom & the annual senior picnic in June. Thank you for all of your support and Go Tigers!



The Tiger's Den school store will continue to be open Tuesday-Thursday 9th period.

We will be having a Pop-Up Store in the AUD Foyer before each Musical Performance on March 14th and 15th. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS'
ACHIEVEMENTS**



National Honor Society held the induction ceremony on February 6th. The following students, listed from top row to bottom row.,

Matthew Kalinowski, Whitley Koopman, Muira Kreher, Avery Wolfe, Hayden Wight, Shelby Ceratt,

Carly Hoffman, Cara Swader, Jackson Pragle, Ava Lombard,

Jamie Bower, Marisa Brege, Emma Leonard, Brayden Lamont, WakinyanWin LaFromboise and in the single portrait Aron Gehl.





Congratulations to the February Tiger Leap Recipients'



Daniel Abrams , Liliana Belligner, Evan Berry and Dalton Socha.

Congratulation to Athletes of the week:

February 6th Audrey Garverick – Swimming & Brayden Lamont - Boys Varsity Basketball
February 20th Ben Gerstung - Boys Varsity Basketball
February 27th Gracie Leiker - Girls Varsity Basketball

Congratulations February Students of the Month



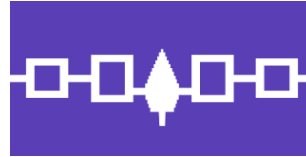
<i>ART -</i>	<i>Kaleb Hucker</i>
<i>BAND -</i>	<i>Hayden White</i>
<i>BUSINESS -</i>	<i>Ryan Owen</i>
<i>CHORUS -</i>	<i>Sarah Lumberg</i>
<i>BOCES -</i>	<i>Joseph Felski</i>
<i>PHYS. Ed -</i>	<i>Maesa Dieterle</i>
<i>ORCHESTRA -</i>	<i>Dylan Whiting-Popielski</i>
<i>ENGLISH -</i>	<i>Annabelle RumeKnapp</i>
<i>SPANISH -</i>	<i>Alyssa Jago</i>
<i>HEALTH -</i>	<i>Audrey Gaverick</i>
<i>MATH -</i>	<i>Brynn Jendresky</i>
<i>SCIENCE -</i>	<i>Sahpur Grijalva</i>
<i>SOCIAL STUDIES-</i>	<i>Samuel Reagan</i>
<i>TECHNOLOGY -</i>	<i>Aiden Romesser</i>



Check out our [February Newsletter](#) [ACS Media](#)

- Akron News Show
- Teacher Podcast featuring Assistant Principal Reedhart
- Hot Takes in the Hallways
- Sports Showdown: Abby Gerstung vs Mr. Ilardi
- Athlete of the Week Winners

Native American Office News



Cultural Sharing. I spoke with a teacher from the WNY area and she was hoping I could come to her school and share some of our Native American culture. I got to thinking - "what does cultural sharing mean?" While this presentation is specific to kindergarten, which looks different than sharing with adults, it still begs the question of what we share. Maybe the bigger question is what do non-Native people want to know about Indigenous cultures. And the biggest question - how do we share in a way that our culture can be valued with contemporary relevance?

Surface level sharing is easy. Beadwork, dancing, corn, baskets, drums, lacrosse, dwelling structures, pottery - all tangible and important pieces of our culture. But how do we share the hard stuff like governmental structures, cultural norms, how physical and cultural genocide impacts us today, religion, education, distrust of institution, concept of time, and code switching. How do we share in a way so that our ways are valued, not a reason to erase us? I suppose we start with kindergarten...



Welcome to March!

This month, we're continuing our discussion on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) while incorporating Responsible Decision-Making. Understanding the effects of substances and making informed choices are key to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

March Focus: ATOD & Responsible Decision-Making

Class Topics:

1. The Science of Substance Use:
 - How drugs and alcohol affect brain function and decision-making.
 - The impact of substance use on physical and mental health.
2. Making Responsible Choices:
 - The importance of thinking ahead and weighing the consequences of our actions.
 - Identifying risky situations and using strategies to avoid them.
3. Alternatives to Substance Use:
 - Healthy ways to cope with stress, such as exercise, hobbies, and mindfulness.
 - Finding support systems and positive social activities. This month we will welcome KEDs to help discuss the harmful effects of vaping, as well as the Erie County Reach Out To 911 campaign to discuss and simulate how to contact 911 in an emergency. Students will also hear from the SRO regarding legal consequences regarding substances.

Healthy Habit of the Month: Think Before You Act

Before making a decision, use the STOP method:

- S – Stop and take a breath.
- T – Think about your choices and their possible outcomes.
- O – Observe how the decision aligns with your values.
- P – Proceed with confidence in your choice.




The saying goes, March "goes in like a lion and out like a lamb." It is still winter for most of the month, and then it turns to spring, with new growth and nicer weather. Daylight Savings Time also occurs in March, springing forward an hour.

This is a great time to regroup and see what is working and what isn't. The winter leaves us less motivated at times, but it is important to remember the end goals.

As the weather improves, more people, especially kids, will be outside and going places, on foot, on bikes, in vehicles and other ways of transportation. Stay aware of your surroundings, remind your kiddos to pay more attention to bike lanes, cross walks, and other areas where people may be out. Remind them to look both ways before crossing, to have a buddy, and to communicate where they will be with you.

Make sure their school work is getting done before they go out and do something. This will help keep them on track in school and teach them discipline and responsibility.

Reach out for help if there are any concerns or problems and always communicate.

Stay safe and Go Tigers! 



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

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.