



Tiger Tracks

October 2024

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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:

Nya:wëh and GO TIGERS!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter the month of October, we would like to remind you of the importance of staying connected with your child's academic progress. With the school year in full swing, it's a great time to check in on assignments, upcoming assessments, and any extracurricular activities they may be involved in through the Parent Portal. Please encourage your child to reach out to their teacher and/or counselor for support if needed. We appreciate your ongoing involvement in their success!

Join us at the Edward Allen Auditorium on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM for an insightful presentation by nationally recognized school violence prevention expert, Don Shomette. His acclaimed "Safe & Loved for Parents" talk is designed for parents and all adult community members. Don't miss this opportunity to learn valuable strategies for creating a safer environment for our children!

The SAEBRS (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) will be conducted as a benchmark tool in high school during the week October 21st to 25th. This screener is designed for all students in grades 9 through 12, helping to identify and support their social, academic, and emotional needs. Participation in this assessment is essential for fostering a positive and supportive learning environment for our kids.

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Important October Dates...

October	2	BOE Meeting
	4	HOCO Hallway Decorating
	7	HOCO PJ Day
	7	Senior Portrait Retakes
	8	Teachers vs. Students
	9	Ineligible/Rest. Pass Lists out
	9	HOCO Hawaiian Day
	9	HOCO Powder Puff Assembly
	9	HOCO Bonfire
	10	Sr. Group Picture
	10	HOCO Movie Character Day
	11	HOCO Orange and Black
	11	HOCO Pep Assembly
	11	HOCO Parade/Wall of Fame
	11	HOCO Game
	12	HOCO Dance 7-9pm
	14	Indigenous Day (No School)



"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 to school any day before Nov. 7 Thanks for your support!!

The TIGERS DEN



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. 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.

attendance MATTERS

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.



Happy homecoming Tigers! Once again adding to the homecoming festivities, the Akron PTA is offering up the \$500 prize for the homecoming ½ court shot at the pep rally. Additionally, the PTA provided ice cream last month celebrating the academic success of many of our students during the final quarter of last school year.

Our meeting this month is on October 9th at 7:00pm in H190, we'd love to have you join us!



It was great to see the school year begin with a good start!

Students now have all their requested schedule changes. Senior meetings and the college application process have started. Counselors are meeting with all seniors individually to help them with future plans including college, trade, military, etc.

The Western New York College Consortium will be at ACS on October 11th. We will be inviting all juniors and seniors to attend. This event includes over 20 local college reps in which students can meet with and gather information.

The PSAT will be given on October 16th during the school day. Students were given information in their English classes. This is a voluntary practice exam for interested students.

Various College Representatives will be visiting Akron in October so any interested Seniors may sign up to meet with them in Student Support. Seniors listen to announcements.

Various Armed Services Recruiters will be available monthly to talk with during all lunches. Announcements will be made prior to their visitations.

We look forward to a fun and productive fall!

School Rings

Looking to get a school ring go to www.balfour.com or Scan the QR code to see the catalog.

Questions Text or call
Balfour
at 716-972-0265





Safety & Security Zone

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's, 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!

Social Worker Support Center



"October 7th is World Day of Bullying Prevention. This year's theme is being "Unapologetically KIND". Below are some meaningful ways to show up and spread kindness:

Be an ally, standing with those who face adversity and lending support.

Perform intentional acts of kindness, touching hearts and brightening days.

Embrace the role of an upstander, speaking out and intervening against bullying.

Offer your undivided attention to a friend in need, showing genuine care and concern.

Extend a warm welcome to a new student, making them feel embraced in their new environment.

Encourage a chain of kindness by challenging friends to pay it forward.

Extend a hand to someone who often feels alone, creating a sense of belonging.

Speak out against bullying and other forms of hatred, becoming a catalyst for change.

Kindness is more than a fleeting gesture, so let's keep the friendliness, generosity, and empathy going throughout the year!"



October is Here! This month, we're expanding our understanding of health beyond just physical wellness. In addition to our focus on communication from last month, we'll explore the **dimensions of health** and learn how to make informed decisions that positively impact our well-being. With Homecoming upon us, this is the perfect time to reflect on how to make well informed decisions, and reflect on how our decisions can impact more than just ourselves.

Decision Making for Health: We'll learn a decision-making model to help guide choices related to health. Whether it's deciding what to eat, how to manage stress, or choosing safe behaviors, we'll explore strategies to make informed, responsible decisions.

Mindfulness Review: Last month, we practiced mindfulness to help manage stress. This month, we'll revisit those techniques and integrate them into our decision-making process, ensuring that we approach decisions calmly and thoughtfully.

Quick Tip: HALT Before making a decision, HALT: Are you Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired? Address these needs first, as they can cloud your judgment.

Let's continue building healthy habits and make responsible decisions that positively impact all areas of our lives!



Native American Office News

Attendance. Present. Here. Accounted for.

One of the biggest hurdles with attendance I've seen is the inability to plan ahead. Way ahead. Sometimes school has to be missed and it is planned, such as ceremonies. Those days are usually planned. But there are other times when necessary absences are unplanned: fever, a death in the family, road test, court, the flu or covid. We cannot see in the future to plan those events.

That is why it is important to avoid missing school: to go shopping or to help with child care or for a hangnail or for getting your hair done or because you just didn't feel like going or for a headache or because you don't have a ride (a whole other convo on planning ahead). There are a whole lot of statistics on students who come to school on time and how much better they achieve but the reality is attendance is more than achievement. Attendance is commitment, responsibility, opportunity, and respect. Next month - attendance on time...

SENIORS Class Of 2025

The Class of 2025 is having a great start to their senior year and are looking forward to Homecoming! Please come support while we work the concession stand at all the home football games this season!

The senior class will also be collecting new and gently used shoes. The shoe drive will run through November 1. Each school has a box in their main office to drop shoes off. Please take the time to clean out your closets, ask your friends and families, or maybe pick up a couple of pairs on clearance to donate. Look out for any other fundraisers the senior class might be holding in the near future. Thank you for your support! Go Tigers!

JUNIORS Class Of 2026

The Class of 2026 is excited for an awesome homecoming, with lots of school spirit and fun with friends and staff! Go Tigers!

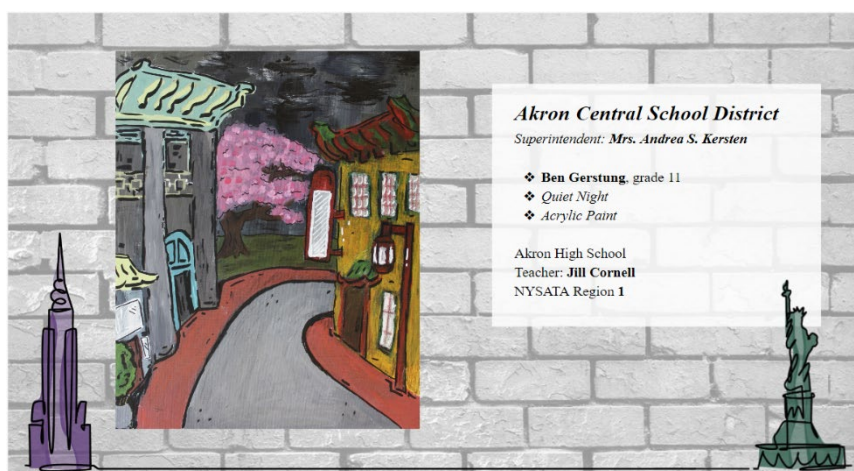
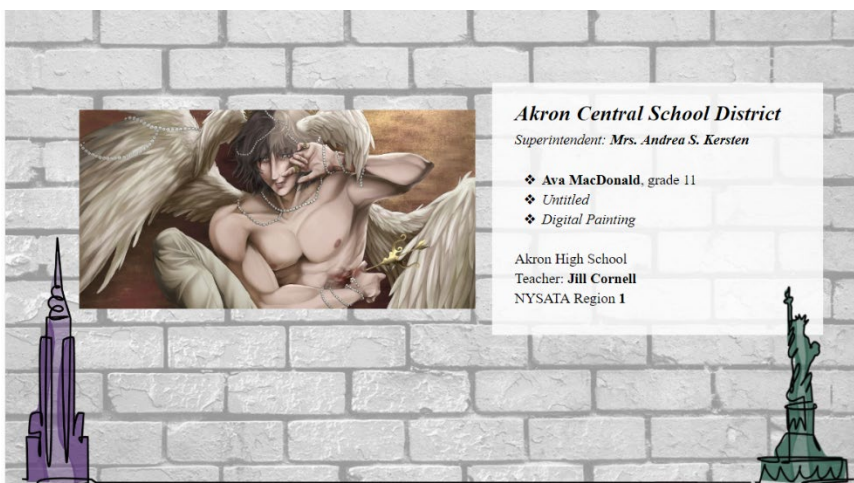
SOPHOMORES Class Of 2027

We are continuing to plan for Homecoming and the exciting week that is upcoming!
Don't forget the Bonfire is Wednesday October 9th!

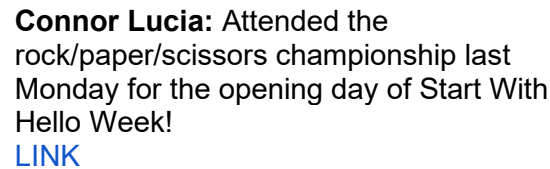
Three High School Art students (Ben Gerstung, WakinyanWin LaFromboise, and Ava MacDonald) are participating in the annual New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Exhibit. It is an annual art exhibit that brings attention to our students' work with members of local school boards at the School Board Association's annual convention.

Since 2020 this show has pivoted to an online platform allowing the required flexibility needed with our changing times. Images of artwork submitted will be used to create a virtual exhibit representing our 10 New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) regions. Participants from elementary and secondary schools across the state are featured in this prestigious show. School board members attending the NYSSBA Convention will be able to view student artwork during the convention October 20-22 in New York City, NY. Attendees and the public will continue to have access to the virtual art exhibit through December 31, 2024.

The [LINK](#) for the show (currently has last year's show until the new one goes live)



-Homecoming week content!



Link



A pair of brown and blue running shoes is centered in the image. The background is a vibrant teal color with various geometric shapes, including white triangles and blue chevrons. The shoes are positioned diagonally, with one shoe slightly behind the other. The laces are brown and the soles are blue. The overall design is modern and energetic.

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.

A white location pin icon inside a dark circle, indicating a drop-off location.

DROP OFF SHOES AT:

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

A white telephone handset icon inside a dark circle, indicating contact information.

TARYN VONWINKEL:

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