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AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Akron Middle School Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to a new school year filled with opportunity! We are happy to connect you with our #ONEAKRON community. Please join us in welcoming our newest colleagues at Akron Middle School: Mr. John Morello (Assistant Principal/Athletic Director), Leanna Parzych (School Counselor) and Kelly DeYoung (Lunch Monitor). We are currently working to hire our new Sixth Grade Science Teacher (replacing Mrs. Chunco).

As we set new goals for the 2024-2025 school year, we ask for your assistance in helping to maximize your child's opportunity to be successful. The following points are important to help ensure that together, we have prepared your child to do well in school:

- * Set goals and expectations with your child.
- * Review your child's homework on a nightly basis.
- * Check the Parent Portal to view your child's grades.
- * Encourage your child to get extra help during 9th period.
- * Make sure your child is in school on a regular basis.

If you have questions, please call your child's teacher.

There is no reason why every student can't do well in Middle School if we follow the above steps. Together as a partnership, we can help support students while preparing them for college and career readiness. We look forward to working together with you in an effort to prepare our students for success.

Cell Phones: Students can not use cell phones during class or study hall as students can not focus on learning if they are on their cell phone. If a student is caught using their cell phone during class or study hall, the student will be warned after the first offense. If a student is caught using their cell phone a second time, parents/guardians will need to pick the cell phone up from our greeter at the main entrance. If a student needs to make a phone call, they are welcome to do so in the office.



During the week of September 9th-13th, we reviewed the Code of Conduct with our entire student body to discuss expectations and to answer student questions.

From September 16th-20th, we will celebrate "Start With Hello" week to foster meaningful school connections between students, faculty and staff.

Let's work together to help our students reach their goals and to have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Caprio III

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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.



Important Dates

- 17 - 5:00pm Mod Field Hockey @ Amherst
- 18 - 3:00-5:00 Fal Sports Pictures - AUD Stage
- 18 - 4:00pm Mod Field Hockey Scrimmage @ Clarence
- 18 - Board of Education Meeting - HS Cafe
- 20 - 5:00pm Mod Volleyball vs Albion - Home - Gym 2
- 21 - Mod/Var Cross Country @ E. Aurora
- 21 - 9:00am Mod Field Hockey @ Barker
- 21 - 10:00am Mod Field Hockey @ Barker
- 23 - 5:00pm Mod Volleyball @ Newfane
- 24 - Telephone Tuesday
- 24 - 5:00pm Mod Field Hockey Scrimmage @ Starpoint
- 25 - 5:00pm Mod Volleyball @ Sweet Home
- 25 - 6:45pm Mod Field Hockey @ Wilson
- 26 - Student of the Month Luncheon
- 28 - 10:00am Mod Girls Basketball @ Oakfield
- 28 - 10:00am Mod Volleyball @ Medina
- 28 - 10:00am Mod Field Hockey vs Barker @ Home
- 30 - "Every Child Matters" - wear orange
- 30 - 3:20-4:23pm Spanish Club - M128
- 30 - 5:00pm Mod Volleyball @ Roy-Hart
- 30 - 6:45pm Mod Field Hockey @ Barker

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 - SEPTEMBER

AMS Lunch menus can be accessed each month through our school website, www.akronschools.org or click on the picture of the September 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 for both students and their parents.

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



The first meeting of the year for the Spanish Club will be on **Monday, September 30th, 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!



Junior Rosemary VanEvery's artwork was chosen for a new orange shirt design recognizing the "Every Child Matters" movement.

Orange Shirt Day is an international event recognized by the U.S. and Canada on Monday, September 30, 2024. It is meant to bring awareness, recovery, and reconciliation for the atrocities at Residential Schools against Native American people.



Students in Mrs. Cornell Slater's art classes were charged with coming up with a new design as an assignment last spring. Samples of beadwork, quillwork, as well as many other visual examples of local Native American artwork and culture, were used to spur creativity. Students in Mrs. Saeli's Business class are taking pre-sale orders for the new t-shirts at their online store at www.cac-us.com. Pre-orders for other Akron apparel is also available. Additional shirts with the new design will be for sale at The Tigers Den school store and Akron Market on Main, 57 Main Street, in limited quantities. Pre-sale orders will close at the on-line store on Monday, September 9th to ensure orders will be delivered by September 20th.

This is the second collaboration for specially designed shirts for the "Every Child Matters" movement.

For additional information about the shirt sale, please contact Mrs. Karen Saeli at ksaeli@akronk12.org. To learn more about the "Every Child Matters" movement, visit, www.orangeshirtday.org.

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://inter-state.com/)



Social Worker Support Center

September is National Suicide Prevention Month and Tuesday, September 10, 2024 was World Suicide Prevention Day. This is an opportunity to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and provide education as we all have a role to play in preventing suicide.

#BeThe1To



If you or someone you know is in crisis, you are not alone and help is available. Call 988 for support.

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://akroncommunityeducation.org). Any applicable fees must be paid prior to the start of a class.



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.

HELLO! NYA:WËH SGË:NÖ'

"Start With Hello/ Nya:wëh sgë:nö' "Week is a national call-to-action week dedicated to making new and closer social CONNECTIONS and creating a sense of BELONGING and INCLUSION among youth.

<p>MEET-N-GREET MONDAY</p> <p>Monday, September 16th</p> <p>Challenge your peers to a friendly competition of rock paper scissors.</p>	<p>WEAR GREEN WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Wednesday, September 18th</p> <p>Green Out! Wear green as a symbol of unity and solidarity with Sandy Hook Promise.</p>
<p>UPSTANDER TUESDAY</p> <p>Tuesday, September 17th</p> <p>Play a game of Kahoot during lunches to learn about being an upstander!</p>	<p>TRUSTED ADULT THURSDAY</p> <p>Thursday, September 19th</p> <p>Thank a Trusted Adult today using a note of gratitude.</p>

MOVING FORWARD FRY-YAY

Friday, September 20th

Make a Start with Hello Promise Pledge to keep the Start with Hello spirit going throughout the year!



Safety & Security Zone

Another school year is upon us. It is a time of adjustment, not just for the students, but also adults too. We need to get up a little earlier to get the students ready for their day and because of the increase in traffic on the road and those nice yellow school buses that make frequent stops.

Students need to get up earlier too. They should have their stuff ready ahead of time so they will not miss their bus.

Visitors to the school need to remember;

1. Bring ID with you.
2. No cars in the bus loop when buses are there.
3. No parking in the bus loop before 8:00AM or after 2:00PM or in the fire lane.

Elementary & Middles school pick-up and drop offs need to enter through the athletic field entrance.

We look forward to seeing all those smiling faces that we missed during the summer.



Our 6th grade and new-to-Akron Middle School students attended orientation on Aug. 27th! They met with our principals Mr. Caprio and Mr. Morello, faculty and staff members, and with 2023-2024 MS Student Council officers. They learned about supports available, enjoyed an ice cream in the Middle School Cafe, and had time to walk the building and set up lockers to acclimate to Akron Middle School!

Welcome! Go Tigers!

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