



# Tiger Tracks

September 2024

[www.akronschools.org](http://www.akronschools.org)

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:

Welcome back to a new school year brimming with potential and promise! We're thrilled to have you all join or rejoin our #ONEAkron Tigers community.

First, we extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the High School family. Julia Salim will be joining us as the AIS-Social Studies teacher in our ALC, Heather Mann will be our new PAWS coordinator, and Shannon Priebe will be our Study Hall monitor. We are also excited to introduce two student residents, Luke DiFato (Science) and Stephanie Castro (ELA), who will be contributing in various roles throughout the year. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome Carol Brandl as our new Principal Clerk Typist, taking over for Bonnie. Carol, who will officially start on September 16, 2024, is a familiar face to some of you, either from Akron or through her four amazing children. Although she has big shoes to fill, Carol's extensive experience and dedication will undoubtedly benefit our community. She will work closely with Bonnie during this transition period as Bonnie is set to take over for Roxanne Rebmann as the new Superintendent's Secretary when Mrs. Rebmann retires in the next couple of months.

This year, our goal is to strengthen connections, inspire creativity, foster critical thinking, and promote collaboration, all while offering a variety of extracurricular activities to meet diverse student interests. Your active participation and enthusiasm are crucial in shaping our school environment.

Please take a moment to review our Code of Conduct on the District's website under District Code of Conduct. Familiarizing yourself with the proactive support available to address students' needs is important. Key sections include:

- Essential Partners (page 10)
- Cell Phones/All Electronic Devices/Social Media (page 18)
- Dress Code (page 16)
- Prohibited Student Conduct (page 19)

For details on our attendance policies, refer to page 15 of the High School Student Handbook. We will review the Code of Conduct with all students on September 5.

From September 16-20, we will celebrate "Start With Hello" Week, a national initiative aimed at fostering meaningful social connections and promoting a sense of belonging among students. Let's work together to make this year one of growth, empathy, and achievement.

Remember, our strength lies in our unity. Here's to a remarkable and successful year ahead!

***Nya:wëh and GO TIGERS!***

## Important September Dates...

SEPTEMBER	2	Labor Day (No Classes)
	3	Superintendent Conf. Day
	4	Superintendent Conf. Day
	4	BOE Meeting
	5	First Day of Classes
	11	Fall Parent-Athlete Mtg.
	16-20	Start with Hello Week
	16-19	Indigenous Ceremonies
	17	Jr. Financial Reality Fair
	18	Picture Day
	18	BOE Meeting
	30	Every Child Matters Day



Student Athlete  
and

**PARENT  
MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00-8:30 pm in the Aud**



Akron Central School

**2024-25 Student  
Parking Permit Form**

Please click the QR code below to submit your information



Scan me



## 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](https://akronschools.org/techsupport) for both students and their parents.

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



### 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.

### School Rings

Looking to get a school ring go to [www.balfour.com](https://www.balfour.com) or Scan the QR code to see the catalog.

Questions Text or call  
Balfour  
at 716-972-0265



## The TIGERS DEN



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](https://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 9<sup>th</sup> to ensure orders will be delivered by September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:ksaeli@akronk12.org). To learn more about the "Every Child Matters" movement, visit [www.orangeshirtday.org](https://www.orangeshirtday.org).



Welcome back Tigers! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for an exciting school year to begin.

We have been working hard to make sure your schedules are as close to perfect as possible. If you did not get an elective that you wanted it is due to a conflict with another course. You have the first six days of school to make any schedule changes.

Seniors - We will begin our individual meetings with all of you starting mid September. We will also be going into your Participation in Government classes with information covering several topics such as the college application process and post high school plans. Please see your counselor with any questions.

We will begin the college and military representative visitations for students mid-September. These visitations are either during all lunches or by appointment and give students the opportunity to ask questions if they are interested.



# Picture Day

The High School Picture Day will be Wednesday, Sept. 18th during students' social studies classes.

Pre-Order your photos- scan the QR code or go to their website <http://www.inter-state.com> and enter the order code.

Sign up for Picture Day Reminders at <https://inter-state.com/kiosk>

**PreOrder Pictures**  
**Scan QR Code Below**  
**and enter Order Code:**  
**88206NF**



# Advanced Studies

Why not get a jump on your college career while still in High School?

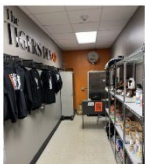
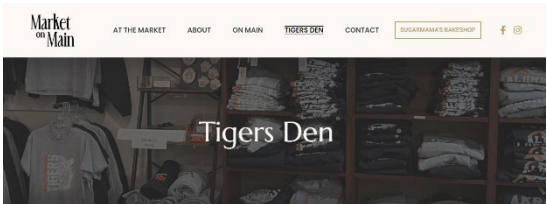
SUNY Erie's Advanced Studies Program is open to all high school juniors or seniors of average or better academic ability interested in beginning their college studies while still in high school. Sophomore students may be recommended by their teacher or school counselor.

- Benefits:
- Reduced tuition costs
  - College credits earned through this program are transferable to other colleges/universities.

The following courses at Akron High School can be taken for SUNY Advanced Studies credit:

- Introduction to Accounting
- Personal Finance
- In the Fall the Art Department will offer
  - Drawing 1
- In the Spring the Art Department will offer:
  - Painting 1
  - Digital Art
  - Design

If your student is enrolled in one of these courses, look for more information regarding this program to come home during the first two weeks of school.



**The TIGERS DEN**

In addition to managing aspects of the Akron Market on Main, students in the Introduction to Business class at Akron High School get hands-on experience with inventory control, customer service, cost analysis, new product development, and financial record keeping through "The Tigers Den".

This partnership has enabled students to receive \$2,000 annually in scholarship funds for students pursuing a business-related field.

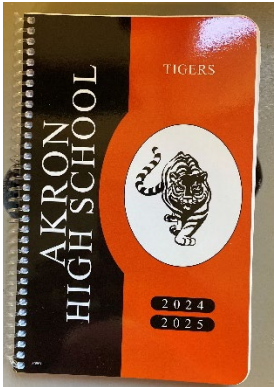
We are excited to announce that the quilted squirrel website giveaway that the students won (Market on Main site) is now live! I know that the entire Akron community supported this by voting and might be interested in seeing the final product.

The Intro to Business students helped to choose the layout, did the featured vendor research and created the profiles that you see on the site as well as designed the Tigers Den page.

<https://akronmarketonmain.com/>

Electronic Copies of the Student Handbook will be emailed to all students on Thursday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

[Please click here to view a PDF version of the HS Student Handbook.](#)



# Social Worker Support Center

September is National Suicide Prevention Month and Tuesday, September 10, 2024 is 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

**BE THE ONE TO SAVE A LIFE**

The five action steps for communicating with someone who may be suicidal are supported by evidence in the field of suicide prevention.

**ASK**

**KEEP THEM SAFE**

**BE THERE**

**HELP THEM CONNECT**

**FOLLOW UP**

JOIN THE MOVEMENT AT [www.BETHE1TO.com](http://www.BETHE1TO.com)

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 <http://www.akronschoools.org/comed>. Any applicable fees must be paid prior to the start of a class.



**Welcome Back!** As we kick off the new school year, it's a great time to focus on our health and wellness. This newsletter will keep you informed about important health topics, tips, and events happening each month.

**This Year's Health Topics:** Throughout the year, we'll explore various health topics that are essential for your well-being:

- **Personal Health and Wellness:** Understanding how to take care of your body and mind.
- **Mental Health:** Learning strategies to maintain good mental health and manage stress.
- **Stress Management:** Techniques to cope with the pressures of school and life.
- **Nutrition:** The importance of a balanced diet and healthy eating habits.
- **Substance Use:** The risks associated with drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, and how to make informed choices.
- **Sexual Health:** Understanding sexual health, relationships, and making responsible decisions.

**Guest Speakers:** We'll have a variety of guest speakers throughout the year, including health professionals, mental health experts, and more. These sessions will provide valuable insights and real-world perspectives on the topics we cover.

**Community Service Requirement:** To earn credit for this class, students must complete 5 hours of community service before the end of the school year. Community service not only benefits others but also enhances your understanding of health and wellness in the community.

**Mental Health Matters:** Starting a new school year can be stressful. Remember to take time for yourself, practice mindfulness, and reach out if you need support. Consider journaling or trying a meditation app to help manage stress. Let's make this year our healthiest yet!



### Native American Office News

"What did you do this summer?" My dad cracks me up! As I am preparing to head back to work, he was reminiscing about how terrible the first days of school were for him. He did not like to answer that question to teachers. He felt like his summers were boring compared to his classmates. He felt like he didn't have anything interesting to report. (But all his stories made his summers sound fun!!) It occurred to me that the transition from home back to school can bring a lot of feelings for kids. Some students yearn for the structure school offers. Some students have FOMO, especially for things that are happening at home. Some students have flip flopped their wake cycle and getting on track is a real challenge. Some students are ready for a fresh start. Some students are excited to see school friends. Some students don't like crowds. Some students miss Big Daddy Pizza! Whatever the transition back to school looks like for your child, attendance is key! This school year's focus will be attendance. There are many aspects of attendance that need to be explored!



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 <https://19western.memberhub.store/> and pay \$5 in dues. Also join the Akron Central Schools PTA Facebook page.



HELLO! NYA:WĒH SGĒ:NŌ'



"Start With Hello/ Nya:wĕh sgĕ:nŏ' "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.

**MEET-N-GREET MONDAY**  
**Monday, September 16th**  
Challenge your peers to a friendly competition of rock paper scissors.

**WEAR GREEN WEDNESDAY**  
**Wednesday, September 18th**  
Green Out! Wear green as a symbol of unity and solidarity with Sandy Hook Promise.

**UPSTANDER TUESDAY**  
**Tuesday, September 17th**  
Play a game of Kahoot during lunches to learn about being an upstander!

**TRUSTED ADULT THURSDAY**  
**Thursday, September 19th**  
Thank a Trusted Adult today using a note of gratitude.

**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!



2024 Graduate Trace Hill of the Akron Tigers Lacrosse team was awarded the 2024 Tom Borrelli Award and Scholarship.



See Below the schedule for the 1st Day of Classes- as the High School Principals will go over the Code of Conduct with all students during lunches.



High School Special Time Order  
**Thurs., Sept. 5, 2024**  
*First Day of School*

8:00	Arrival Bell												
8:05	Warning Bell												
8:06 – 8:42 (36)	Homeroom/Period 1												
8:45-9:20 (35)	Period 2												
9:23-9:58 (35)	Period 3												
10:01-10:36 (35)	Period 4												
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9 <sup>th</sup> period will run as usual!													

**SENIORS**  
Class Of **2025**

The Class of 2025 can't wait to start their senior year! Please come support while we work the concession stand at all the home football games this season! 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 looking forward to an exciting new school year. Come support us at the concession stands during sporting events in the fall and winter as well as any fundraisers that we hold. Any support is appreciated!

**FRESHMEN**  
Class Of **2028**

Welcome Back! The class of 2028 will have meetings this month to discuss homecoming and upcoming events. Looking forward to seeing everyone



**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.
4. 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 freshmen and new-to-Akron High School students attended orientation on Aug. 30th! They met with our principals Mr. Dimitroff and Mrs. Reedhardt, participated in Mike Masters' "Inside Out" school program, enjoyed some team-building exercises in the gym, met with Student Council officers, and learned about the supports available in the Academic Learning Center (ALC) as well as through their counselors or BestSelf. They had time to walk the building to acclimate to Akron High School! Welcome! Go Tigers!  
[#OneAkron](#)





**SAVE THE DATE**

# CAREERS **IN** ED CONFERENCE

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024**  
**BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY**

The 3rd Annual Careers in Education Conference is a day-long event intended for high school students with a focus on juniors and seniors who have an interest in a career in education. This is also an excellent opportunity for students who possess the skills to become an educator but may not have considered a career in the field!

The event features a keynote speaker, breakout sessions and the opportunity to network with local higher education programs.

Careers in Ed is FREE to attend. Lunch will be provided.

**STUDENT REGISTRATION**

*Space is limited and the event does reach capacity quickly.*

[Teachers, chaperones and district contacts should register here.](#)

