

07.15.21

Dear AHS Families,

One of my favorite things about being an administrator at Anderson High School is getting out of the office and seeing our students explore their passions and develop their skills. Whether it's academics, arts, or athletics- there is no substitute for the authentic learning experience that accompanies those experiences- the productive struggle that comes with learning a new song on an instrument, the adjustments made while sculpting a piece of art, the pure joy that follows a game winning goal. This summer, I have made it a point to get out every morning and see what our students are working on around campus (pictures below).

In our family, my wife and I have been trying for a year or so to help our daughter improve her swimming skills. We tried everything! During that time, she has had no interest in putting her head underwater. Five year olds can be like that sometimes. Then, a couple weeks ago, out of the blue, she jumped straight in and started swimming like a fish! I think there is an important lesson for all of us as we try new things- attending a new school, returning to work after time at home, (becoming a principal...) Learning takes time, patience, and determination but the reward can be HUGE!

Anderson Proud,
Kyle

P.S. PLEASE do not hesitate to email me with questions/concerns, particularly over the next several weeks as we gear up for school. I realize it's a crazy time for everyone - my daughter will now be in the district as well so I can relate! I may not know all the answers, but I'm happy to help in any way that I can.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- **8/12 - New Parent Orientation, 6:30-7:30pm (Titus Auditorium)**
- **8/13 - Freshmen Orientation, 8am-1pm (details below)**
- **8/19 - First Day of School, Last Names A-L**
- **8/20 - First Day of School, Last Names M-Z**
- **8/25 - Senior Parent Meeting, 6-7pm (Titus Auditorium)**
- **8/25 - AHS Open House, 7-8:45pm, Details TBA**

SUMMER FUN:



Youth Camps have been a blast! Great seeing suture Raptors coming out and working with our students!



Strength Coach and Math Teacher extraordinaire, Mr Szabo, helping our student-athletes prepare

for their upcoming seasons.



Summer cookout for the AHS office and custodial teams- delicious!



Film Camp was a HUGE success!

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

On Friday, August 13th from 8 am to 1 pm our *AMAZING* Link Crew leaders will be hosting Freshmen Orientation! This is for incoming 9th grade students. Drop-off/pick-up is in the Parent Loop outside of the Athletic and Performing Arts wing (drop-off 7:40-7:55; pick-up at 1 pm). Students should wear comfortable, school-appropriate clothing and bring a water bottle. Incoming 9th graders will meet their Link Leaders, get their schedule, tour the building, and participate in a variety of fun activities!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

You can access the supply list for classes for the upcoming school year here (also located on our website): [Supply List 2021-2022](#)

PARKING

Students in Good Standing are eligible to purchase parking passes for the school year. This means students must have all their credits. Please contact Mrs Stanyard with any questions about parking, emilystanyard@foresthills.edu.

- [AHS Student Parking Pass Info](#)
 - [Senior Parking Application](#) (complete by August 4th)
 - [Junior Parking Application](#) (complete by August 12th)

Our **amazing** PTO is going to be raffling off one student parking space and auctioning off another student parking space this summer for the upcoming school year! The winners will be able to pick out their parking space before the senior parking sales event in August.

- **Now through July 25**, the PTO will sell *raffle tickets* for a parking spot. The drawing will occur on July 26. Link to purchase raffle tickets:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/AndersonHighSchool2/PTOParkingRaffle2021>
 - 1 ticket \$20
 - 2 tickets \$35
 - 4 tickets \$50
- **July 29**, the PTO will *auction* off the final spot to the highest bidder. Bids accepted 10 am-7:30 pm. Link to participate in the auction:
<https://www.32auctions.com/AHSPTOparkingspot21>

SENIOR PORTRAITS

All seniors interested in having their picture in the yearbook must schedule an appointment with McIntire Photography. All students were mailed a brochure about this last spring near the end of May and announcements have been made in school to remind seniors. Please contact McIntire Photography at 513-528-5888 or at <https://www.mcintirephotography.com> to make an appointment.

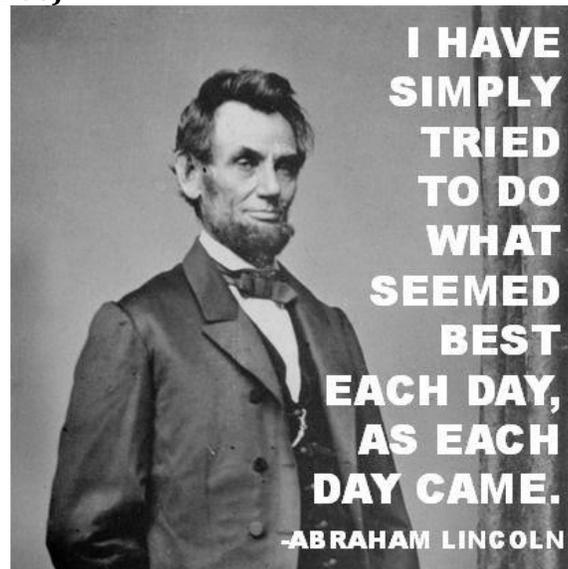
PARENT MEMBERSHIPS

We have several opportunities for parents to get involved in supporting Anderson High School.

- **PTO-** Anderson has a strong tradition of parents and staff supporting the school through membership in the PTO. Your membership entitles you to a student directory and the satisfaction of knowing you are covering the costs of the programming that enriches your student's experience throughout AHS. Your membership is critical and we thank you!
<https://www.foresthills.edu/anderson/about/pto.html>.

- **Band Boosters-** Did you know our marching band placed in the *top 25 bands in the US* in 2019? Your generosity and membership keep our band tradition strong! Please join the Band Boosters [here](#). Join us during our Fall shows (calendar [here](#)).
- **Friends of Anderson Drama-** We have film and theatre programs that are *second to none*. You can support their efforts by joining FAD: [FAD \(Friends of Anderson Drama\)](#) (updated info coming to their website soon)
- **Athletic Boosters-** Hundreds of our students are also student-athletes, you can support them by joining the Athletic Boosters- [AHS Athletic Boosters](#) (updated info coming to their website soon)
- **Orchestra Boosters-** More information on how to join and support this group to come.

07.24.20 (SAMPLE from Rob)



Dear AHS Families,

We were taught from a young age the idiom, “Practice makes perfect.” Obviously, the point was that the more you work at something, the better you’ll become at it. And there is definitely truth to this; practice is *incredibly* important. It’s because of the hours of practice that we get emotional at the culminating test, contest or concert. It gets me every time watching our young men and women on the stage, on the court, or on the field because I know how HARD they’ve worked leading up to that moment!

And yet, the subtle narrative inherent in a “Practice makes perfect” mindset is that perfection, as a reality, actually exists. And then, when perfection isn’t attained, a feeling of disappointment or frustration can set in. We live in a world where we (increasingly) expect perfection from one another. We expect perfection from our business leaders, our politicians, our service men and women. We even expect perfection from our neighbors!

And in the midst of this, we must remember one truth: our children are watching us.

They are watching how we speak to one another. They are watching how we speak *about* one another. They are watching what we laugh at, what we love, what we value.

Are we sending messages (either directly or indirectly) to our kids that we expect them to be *perfect* or are we sending messages that we are expecting them to be *better*? Abraham Lincoln, arguably one of the greatest presidents in United States history, understood this. He would have never professed to be perfect. As he said, "I have simply tried to do what seemed best each day, as each day came."

To me, this is more of a "Practice makes *better*" mindset to which I can aspire.

Have a GREAT weekend!

Rob

P.S. GREAT NEWS!! We would like to CELEBRATE our students and teachers by acknowledging that Anderson had more passing Advanced Placement (AP) scores this year than any previous year in history!! Students who completed AP tests in May and June can access their scores using their MyAP accounts. Questions? Contact AP Student & Family Hotline at 888.225.54.27.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

Please keep in mind that dates/times/locations may change based on COVID-19 related developments.

- **7/27 - FHSD Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm** - Virtual on [FHSD YouTube Channel](#)
- **8/13 - New Parent Orientation, 6:00-7:00 pm** - Please hold this day/time. If not face-to-face, this may be a YouTube LIVE premier. More information is coming!
- **8/14 - Freshman Orientation** -
 - Face-to-Face Option - Click [HERE](#) for invitation and information!
 - Virtual Option - Click [HERE](#) for invitation and information!
- **8/24 - FHSD Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm** - Location TBD
- **8/27 - First Day of School for Students** (Pending Board Approval at 7/27 meeting)
- **9/2 - Senior Parent Night, 6:00-7:00 pm** - Location TBD
- **9/2 - AHS Open House, 7:00-8:45 pm** - More information coming soon!
- **9/7 - Labor Day, No School!**

MOMENTS OF THE WEEK:



Our GYMNASTICS girls were getting after it this week!!



What a GREAT week for some CHEERLEADING action outside!!

AHS BRAND & LOGO STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Our AHS Brand & Logo Steering Committee met for the first time this week on Wednesday evening. Our team consists of 33 individuals, including the following stakeholder groups:

- 19 AHS students
- 4 AHS administrators
- 2 AHS Athletic Directors
- 2 AHS faculty members
- 2 AHS alumni
- 1 AHS Parent
- 1 Community member
- 1 Elementary administrator
- 1 District Communication Coordinator

The meeting went GREAT!! We are in the process of dividing up our team into the following five subcommittees: Communication, Selection Process, Branding, Honoring the Past, and Fundraising. We have LOTS of work ahead of us and we will make sure to provide regular updates on our progress along the way! Feel free to direct any questions to me at any time.

AHS SUMMER WORK 2020:

Each summer, some courses require students to complete relatively brief assignments in preparation of the coming school year. Please refer to the following document, also located on our

website, to ensure your son/daughter is prepared to start the school year: [AHS Summer Work 2020](#).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Once schedules are officially released to students in early August, we will share the school supplies list.

ANDERSON ROCKETRY TEAM WORKSHOP:

FHSD Girls Grades 6-11: Join the Anderson High School Rocketry Team in our summer model rocketry workshop, where you will have the opportunity to build and launch your own model rocket! Participants will attend a virtual workshop with the team to build their rockets and discuss what it means to be a girl in STEM. Then they will join the team for a socially distanced rocket launch day at Anderson High School.

There is a registration fee required with this workshop that covers all costs associated with the building and launching of your model rocket. As we approach the date of the virtual webinar, a member of the team will drop off all necessary supplies to your house. So please be sure to complete both the information google form and the payment local events form.

Click [HERE](#) to register now!

Important dates and times:

Virtual Workshop: August 2, 2020 at 5 PM

Launch Day: August 9, 2020 at 3 PM

Please see THIS [FLYER](#) for more details.

All questions and concerns can be directed to ahsrocketryteam@gmail.com

2020-2021 STUDENT PARKING INFORMATION:

It's about that time of year! For students returning to school who are interested in purchasing parking permits, please check out [THIS LINK!](#)

AHS SUMMER WORK INFORMATION:

Please take a minute to review the document linked below to determine whether or not a course that your son/daughter has signed up for has any corresponding summer work. For questions about summer work, please contact the corresponding teacher provided on the document: [AHS Summer Work 2020](#)

BECOME A MEMBER OF ANDERSON'S PTO:

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ANDERSON PTO PARKING SPACE AUCTION:

The PTO is hosting online auctions for TWO student parking spaces Sunday, August 2nd. Students will be able to pick prime spots before the senior lottery and all proceeds will directly benefit the Anderson High School PTO. Only parents/guardians of 10th, 11th, and 12th graders are eligible to bid.

[Space #1](#): Closes Sunday, August 2nd, 7:30 PM

[Space #2](#): Closes Sunday, August 2nd, 8:15 PM

<https://www.32auctions.com/AHSPTOParking2020>