

ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Winter Update

Dear Arrow Families,

As we head into the holiday season, we hope your family has a great break. Many of the things contained in our newsletter are important for planning, not just for the next few months of winter, but for next year as well. In January, we begin our meetings with students and parents to present their schedule options for next year.

Counselors follow up on those presentations by meeting with students to go over questions and finalize their schedule requests for next year. We encourage you to investigate all the options Ashland High School and our partner schools may have in store for your student.

On January 11th, our first semester will come to a close. To help our students finish up any work they may need to get done and allow them time for exams they may have, we have a flexible end-of-semester schedule on January 9th, 10th, and 11th. You'll see more details on this in the next few pages of our newsletter. May your family have a blessed and restful holiday season.

Mr. Packard

Winter Formal Dance

On January 27th, 2024, Ashland High School will host a formal dance at AHS from 7-10 PM. There is no need for parents to spend money on new dresses or clothes. The old ones are fine!

Students who wish to bring guests who are not Ashland High School students should pick up a guest form in the main office and turn that in when they purchase tickets. Guests must be high school students under 21 years old. Students may only bring 1 guest. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at lunch the week prior to the dance and will be available at the door.

Important Dates

January 3rd- School Resumes following break

January 9th-11th - End of Semester Schedule

January 9th - 8th to 9th Grade Parent Scheduling Night 6 PM

January 10th - College Credit Plus Info Night 6 PM

January 11th - FAFSA Workshop for Parents

January 11th - End of the First Semester/2nd 9 weeks

January 12th - Teacher Trade Day - No School

January 15th - Martin Luther King Day - No School

January 27th - Winter Formal

February 7th - Winter Athletic Signing Day

February 15th - Parent Teacher Conferences

February 15th - Honors Diploma/Grad Req. Presentation 6PM

February 19th - President's Day - No School

February 27th - ACT Test for All Juniors at AHS

March 14th - Spring Sports Meet the Team Night

March 15th - End of the 3rd Grading Period

March 29th-April 8th - Ashland High School Spring Break

College Credit Plus Information Night

What: An informational meeting for any student interested in taking a CCP class at Ashland University, OSU-Mansfield, or North Central State College during the 2024-2025 school year. The information at this meeting is required for all students who plan to take college classes next year.

Where: The program will be on January 10th at 6:00 PM in the AHS Little Theater .

Why: It is essential that interested students understand what they need to do in terms of admission requirements, online applications, and deadlines they must meet in order to be eligible for CCP courses. **Required letter of intent to participate in CCP is due April 1**

Important Dates for CCP

Accuplacer Test to qualify for CCP: Tuesday, February 13th, starting in Arrow Time in AHS Kiva (must have applied to North Central State College CCP at least 1 week prior to testing)

Accuplacer Test to qualify for CCP: Friday, March 8, starting in Arrow Time in AHS Kiva (must have applied to North Central State College CCP at least 1 week prior to testing)

Accuplacer Test to qualify for CCP: Thursday, April 11, starting in Arrow Time in AHS Kiva (must have applied to North Central State College CCP at least 1 week prior to testing)

Required CCP Letter of Intent for 2024-25 School Year: Due to AHS Guidance by April 1

Paying for College (FAFSA) Night

In conjunction with Ashland University, AHS will be offering a “how to Pay for College” presentation for ALL interested college-bound seniors and their parents/guardians on January 11th beginning at 6 PM in the Kiva (Library).

Important information about local scholarships and financial aid options will be reviewed. AU financial aid representatives will be available to answer questions about the NEW FAFSA form (opening December 31st), and assist in its completion/submission for ANY senior (regardless of chosen university). FAFSA submission is often required for student eligibility for both merit and need-based awards

Please join us to hear the most current updates, and access valuable information regarding the many options available to help pay for college.

Ashland High School Counselor Contacts

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Mr. Grissinger - Students with last names G-M
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Mrs. Hodapp - Students with last names N-Z
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Scheduling for 2024-2025

In mid-January we begin the scheduling process for the 2024-2025 school year. This will involve our counselors presenting course information to our students the week of January 8th - 24th. Course registration sheets for next year are due the following week on January 24th, and counselors will then begin working with students on their schedules as well as planning for graduation pathways, careers, and college.

Course Registration Information for Parents

We encourage our parents to be involved in the process of helping students pick their courses for the following year. This process will begin at the end of January and continue through the end of March as students meet with their counselors to hear presentations and pick their courses for 2024-2025.

Scheduling presentations are available online for parents to view at their convenience, as is our Program of Studies, which has course details as well as valuable information about graduation requirements and college credit plus. This information can be found on our guidance website: <https://bit.ly/ahsguidance>

JUNIORS

January 17th Scheduling presentations during Arrow Time

January 26th 11th grade scheduling forms (signed by parents) are due

SOPHOMORES

January 23rd Scheduling presentations during Arrow Time

January 31st 10th grade scheduling forms (signed by parents) are due

FRESHMEN

January 24th Scheduling presentations during Arrow Time

January 31st 9th grade scheduling forms (signed by parents) are due

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INFORMATION

January 10th CCP college information night at 6pm

Spring Accuplacer offered 2/13, 3/8, and 4/11 starting in Arrow Time

New Honors Diploma Requirements for the class of 2026 and Beyond

Ohio recently changed its guidelines for honors diplomas to include a seal requirement along with the new option of a student strength demonstration. The new requirements will be viewable in our program of studies by the end of January.

Our guidance department will host a presentation for parents on these new requirements and our current graduation requirements for parents on the evening of February 15th at 6:00 PM in the Little Theater.



ACT Testing

Juniors: All juniors (including juniors at the Career Center, full-time CCP students, etc.) will be taking the ACT college admissions test here at AHS during the school day on Tuesday, February 27th. This is a free test for all juniors at AHS. Students will register for the test at school with their counselor. See your school counselor if you have any questions.

Other Testing Dates: For all other National ACT test opportunities, students must register and pay for themselves online at www.actstudent.org

February 10th (register online by January 5th)

April 13th (register online by March 8th)

June 8th (register online by May 3rd)

July 13th (register online by June 7th)

Looking for Scholarships?

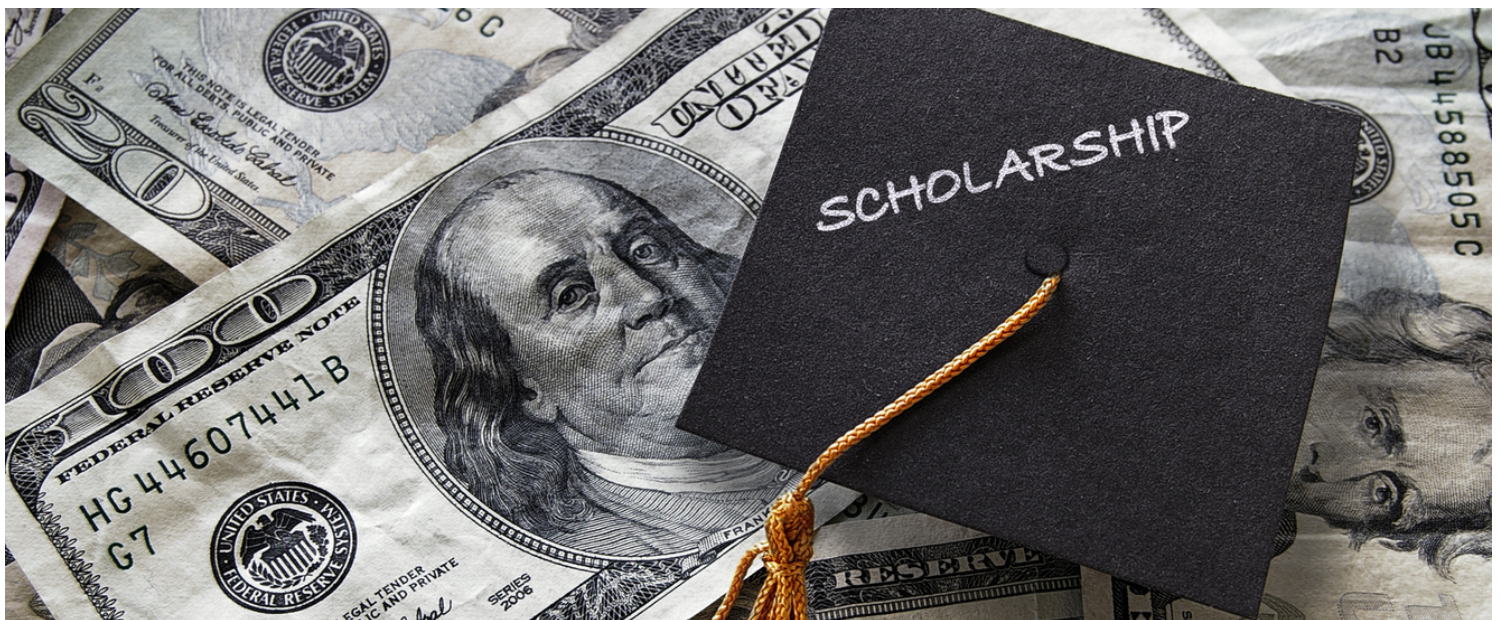
Many scholarships are available to help you pay for college. Many become available during the months of January, February, and March. Be sure to check the Ashland High School Guidance webpage for the most recent updates.

<https://bit.ly/arrowscholarships>



The best local group of scholarships can be found by browsing the Ashland County Community Foundation Scholarship listed here:

<https://ashlandforgood.org/scholarships/>



Chromebooks

Students have done a great job remembering their Chromebooks each day. Please continue to remind them to charge them at home so they are ready for school. If a student's Chromebook becomes damaged or is not functioning, please have them bring it to the office. AHS will do one free damage repair for students throughout the year, but repairs after that are billed to student accounts.

Parking Passes

All students who drive and wish to park in the student parking lot must purchase a parking pass. This applies to CCP and part-time AHS students as well. **At the beginning of 2nd semester these are pro-rated to \$5 for students.** *Students may not park in the staff parking lot, designated visitor spaces, or painted reserved senior spaces.*

Attendance

Detailed Attendance Guidelines for Ashland High School can be found in our handbook beginning on page 5. Please remember if your student will be absent to call the Attendance Office at 419-289-7968 ext. 3309

Medical Appointments

If your student will be absent due to a medical appointment, please be sure to have the doctor's office write an excuse for that day so that the absence will not count against their total hours missed.

Participation in an organized team/extracurricular activity requires that the student be in attendance for a full day on the day of the scheduled activity. A full day is determined by the time a student "arrives at" or "leaves from" school. To be eligible, a student must arrive by 9:15 a.m. If leaving early, the student must arrive on time and leave no sooner than 1:00 p.m.

Podcasts

Our Arrow Media students have been working hard on podcasts that tell the story of good things going on in our district. Search for Arrow Media Podcasts on Spotify or wherever you listen to your podcasts for our latest episodes.



Work Permits

Students who are between the ages of 14-17 and have obtained after school jobs will need a work permit signed by the school. Work permits are available in the AHS Main Office. Students should fill out the top portion of the permit, then have their employer fill out the bottom part. They may also need a physical from their physician. After these parts are completed, they can return the form to AHS and we will issue the work permit.

Extracurricular Eligibility

In order to be eligible, students must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent, have at least a 1.5 GPA and have no more than 1 F on their report card.

Students who have between a 1.5 and 1.8 GPA will remain eligible but will be placed on probation during the following grading period and may be required to meet regularly with their Arrow Time teacher.

2024

Friday, February 23 Deadline for senior photos—3:00 PM

submit to ahsguide@goarrows.org (physical pictures are NOT accepted)

- Pictures not submitted by this deadline will not be included in the senior section of the yearbook. Submit senior photos in .jpg OR .jpeg format.
- Direct all questions pertaining to the yearbook & senior picture submission to Ms. Kelly Swearingen, yearbook advisor OR check www.ashlandcityschools.org/hs/guide-yearbook

Wednesday, April 9 Jostens Delivery (caps, gowns, announcements) Date

- Payment in full is required at the time of pick-up. Payment must be in the form of cash or money order...no checks!
- Items may be picked up in the basketball concession stand during all three lunch periods, or in the office afterwards.

Wednesday, April 10 ACWHCC graduation delivery

Wednesday, April 11 PCTC graduation delivery

Friday, April 26 Senior Recognition Ads due to the Guide by 3:00 pm and yearbook orders are due.

Monday, May 20 Senior Social/Sunset Viewing, after Scholar Recognition Night, 8:00ish.

Thursday, May 30 Farewell Assembly Practice, 12:45-2:35 AHS Gym

- Seniors who are planning to participate in the Farewell Assembly must attend practice

Friday, May 31 Farewell Assembly, 8:00 AM AHS Gym

- Seniors report to Archer by 7:40 am in order to robe

Friday, May 31 Graduation Practice, 12:00-2:30, AHS Gym

You must attend practice to participate in the ceremony

Baccalaureate, 7:00 pm at Grace Church

- Participation is voluntary
- Graduates are to report to the church chapel by 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 1 Graduation, 10:00 am, Community Stadium OR 7:00 pm

- In the case of inclement weather, graduation will be held in Arrow Arena at Ashland High School; tickets required for entry to Arrow Arena; ceremony broadcast to Archer Auditorium
- If weather conditions are questionable for an outdoor ceremony, information will be posted on Channel 72, the website, and communicated via Twitter and Remind

Important Names and Contact Information

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Walsworth Yearbooks yearbookforever.com

Congratulations to Hannah Miller, Perry Kral, and Emma Neff for their selection to the OMEA Regional Honors Orchestra



Thank you to our Community Service Club for their volunteer work with the Ashland Toy Box.



AHS Boys Bowling

The 5-man team comprised of Landon Dreibelbis, Brantyn Long, Luke Rhine, Mikey McKinney and Max Oeken rolled a 1345 game and set the new state and national record!



Claire Plank

Soccer
2nd Team All Ohio



Ashland High School FFA

FFA students Attend the 2023
National Convention in Indianapolis



Cayden Spotts

First 4 year letterwinner in Arrow
Football in over 50 years



Communication

Clear communication with our parents and students is very important. At Ashland High School we regularly use our robocall system, school newsletter, Remind and school app to communicate important updates.

Parents will find a link to Final Forms posted on our website as well. Final Forms is an online system that allows parents to submit forms more quickly and directly. While the move to Final Forms will not fully take place until next year, parents are encouraged to go online now and update their information. This will make the process much quicker and easier for you next fall.

The link for Final Forms is: <https://goarrows-oh.finalforms.com/>

Other channels of communication are as follows:

Ashland High School Website

<http://www.ashlandcityschools.org/hs>

Twitter

AHS: Ashland_Arrows

Athletics: @ArrowsAD

Mr. Packard: @packardj

Mr. Paramore@Abusinessoffice

Instagram

Mr. Paramore - arrows_supt.goarrows

Phone - Main Office 419-289-7968

Fax - 419-289-8218

Ashland City Schools YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/c/AshlandCitySchoolsOH/videos>



Ashland High School End of Semester Schedule January 2024

January 9th	January 10th	January 11th
Period 1 7:40 to 9:25 AM Period 4 9:40 to 11:25 AM Homeroom Lunch (A) 9th and 11th Grade - Lunch 10th and 12th Grade - Arrow Time 11:30 to 12:00 PM Homeroom Lunch (B) 10th and 12th Grade - Lunch 9th and 11th Grade - Arrow Time 12:05 to 12:35 PM 7th Period 12:45 to 2:35	Period 2 7:40 to 9:25 AM Period 5 9:40 to 11:25 AM Lunch 11:30 to 12:15 PM Early Release/Make-up Exams 12:20 to 2:35 PM	Period 3 7:40 to 9:25 AM Period 6 9:40 to 11:25 AM Lunch 11:30 to 12:15 PM Early Release/Make-up Exams 12:20 to 2:35 PM

The AHS end of semester schedule is designed to provide flexible learning options to meet the needs of our students as they finish up the 1st semester of our year. Some classes may have exams while other classes may use it as a cumulative learning experience or to have an opportunity to accomplish more in class with a longer bell schedule.

All Students:

All Students are expected to be in attendance for a full day on January 9th. Students should also be in attendance on January 10th and 11th for periods 2, 3, 5 and 6, **even if those periods are study halls.**

Students may leave after 11:25 on January 10th and 11th ONLY if they have turned in the Dismissal Authorization Form

Early Release Time: Students may stay on the 10th and 11th to make up missing work or exams from 12:20 to 2:35 PM. Any student staying on campus will be monitored in their Arrow Time classrooms during that time. *Students who have three difficult exams on the first day may make arrangements ahead of time to take the exam during Arrow Time on the 10th or 11th.* Buses will run at their normal times. Any student needing transportation home will need to stay at Ashland High School during this time as buses will run on a regular schedule.

CCP Students - Students taking CCP classes off campus should notify their AHS teachers of any conflicts but in general should prioritize their college class during its regular time and arrange to make use of make-up times at AHS

Ashland High School Dismissal Authorization Form

Turn in to your 1st period Teacher or the Main Office by 1/5/24

Student Name _____

Student grade: 9 10 11 12

My student has permission to have early dismissal at 11:25 AM on **(circle all that apply)**

January 10th, 2024

January 11th, 2024

I understand that my child must arrange for transportation from school and that once they have left school grounds parents/guardians are responsible for their safety on the days and times above. Students who normally leave for college classes or other campuses (career center) do not need to submit this form in order to leave for those regularly scheduled events. I also understand that it is not mandatory for students to leave school on these days and that supervision will be provided in a study hall setting in the afternoon. **Students who have failing grades in any subject are highly encouraged to stay and spend time working in those classes.**

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____