

# Armada High School

*The Tigers are back on the prowl*

## **The Tigers are off and running**

Hello Tiger Nation, I am excited to join the Armada family as the new Principal of Armada High School. I come to you with over 20 years of service in public education as both a Teacher, an Assistant Principal, and High School Principal. It is my goal to provide a safe learning environment that intellectually challenges each student to be their very best.

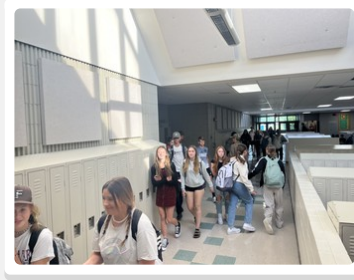
The 2022-23 school year has gotten off to a fast start, with nearly 600 students and staff returning in early September. The High School is excited to announce that it has added several new staff members to the team. Hannah Homrich, Heather Carrigan, and Lia DiFozio have joined the Armada teaching staff.

One of several changes for the 2022/23 school year has been the return to a six hour day. AHS students have reacclimated and are thriving with the return to having every class every day. After over two years of lost educational and extracurricular activities, we are excited to once again be able to offer a "traditional" high school experience for our Tigers. It has only been one short month since we have started the school year, but the smiles on the student faces and the infectious energy of the staff has made the AHS hallways and classrooms a great place to be. I look forward to continuing to work with your students. Let's have a great year, GO TIGERS

Andrew Kastl  
AHS Principal



**Armada High  
School Principal -  
Andy Kastl**



**The halls are full of  
energetic Tigers**



**Tigers Den is open!**

## **Armada Area Schools Bond Proposal**

On November 8, 2022, there will be three bond issues on the ballot for Armada Area Schools. Get out and vote!



- All three bond issues are not expected to increase the tax rate
- 1) 18 mills for non-homestead property renewal. This millage has been in place since 1994 with the passage of Proposal A. All school districts have this millage in order to receive the allowed per pupil funding amount. This is a ten-year renewal from 1/1/25 through 12/31/34.
  - 2) 0.85 mill for the sinking fund. The district has had a sinking fund millage for the past 18 years. The purpose of this millage has been to allow construction and repair of school buildings and sites. New rules will also allow for technology and safety items. This is a ten-year millage from 1/1/25 through 12/31/34.
  - 3) New \$26.5 million bond issue. If approved, this bond issue is not expected to increase the tax rate and would keep the current debt mills at 7.0. See district website at [www.armada.k12.mi.us](https://www.armada.k12.mi.us) for complete details, but some of the proceeds from this bond issue will be used to:
    - a. **Elementary School**
      - i. Expand the main parking lot to the east
      - ii. Repave the bus loop
      - iii. Repave drive in front of school and Tiger Tracks loop behind the school
      - iv. Purchase new student and staff furniture
      - v. Updates to the HVAC, plumbing systems, and new emergency generator
    - b. **Middle School**
      - i. Expand the cafeteria into an adjacent space
      - ii. Renovate the gym locker rooms
      - iii. Renovate the stage area to become a new fitness room
      - iv. Purchase new student and staff furniture
      - v. Updates to the HVAC, plumbing systems, and new emergency generator
    - c. **MA2S & Administrative Building**
      - i. Create a secure main entrance at MA2S
      - ii. Replace exterior door and rekey all doors
      - iii. Updates to the HVAC and plumbing system
      - iv. Purchase new student and staff furniture
    - d. **High School**
      - i. Build new main entrance offices and security entrance
      - ii. Updates to the HVAC, plumbing systems, and new emergency generator
      - iii. Purchase new student and staff furniture
      - iv. New athletic concession stand and bathroom building
      - v. Install synthetic football/soccer turf at stadium
      - vi. Install synthetic softball turf
      - vii. Resurface the running track
      - viii. Demo six old tennis courts
      - ix. Additional fencing and paving work
      - x. New JV softball scoreboard, varsity baseball press box, and stadium press box
      - xi. Replace select roofing
    - e. **Transportation and Maintenance Departments**
      - i. Widen the bus drive
      - ii. Repave the transportation parking lot
      - iii. Build an additional maintenance storage space
      - iv. Purchase new school buses



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  - iii. Repave drive in front of school and Tiger Tracks loop behind the school
  - iv. Purchase new student and staff furniture
  - v. Replace stage curtain
  - vi. Updates to the HVAC, plumbing systems, and add emergency generator
  - vii. Replace exterior entry doors and rekey all doors
  - viii. Install gutters/downspouts at valleys
- b. **Middle School**
  - i. Expand the cafeteria into an adjacent space
  - ii. Renovate the gym locker rooms
  - iii. Renovate the stage area to become a new fitness room
  - iv. Purchase new student and staff furniture
  - v. Replace select interior doors and rekey all doors
  - vi. Updates to the HVAC, plumbing systems, and add emergency generator
  - vii. Replace clock system
  - viii. Replace select roofing
- c. **MA2S & Administrative Building**
  - i. Create a secure main entrance at MA2S
  - ii. Replace exterior door and rekey all doors
  - iii. Updates to the HVAC and plumbing systems
  - iv. Purchase new student and staff furniture
  - v. Replace select roofing
- d. **High School**
  - i. Build new main entrance offices and security entrance
  - ii. Replace select exterior and interior doors and rekey all doors
  - iii. Replace boiler system
  - iv. Updates to the HVAC, plumbing systems, and new emergency generator
  - v. Replace foyer flooring
  - vi. Purchase new student and staff furniture
  - vii. Replace clock system
  - viii. New athletic concession stand and bathroom building
  - ix. Renovate old athletic/concession building
  - x. Install synthetic football/soccer turf at stadium
  - xi. Install synthetic softball turf
  - xii. Resurface the running track
  - xiii. Demo six old tennis courts
  - xiv. Additional fencing and paving work
  - xv. New JV softball scoreboard, varsity baseball press box, and stadium press box
  - xvi. Replace select roofing
- e. **Transportation and Maintenance Departments**
  - i. Widen the bus drive
  - ii. Repave the transportation parking lot
  - iii. Build an additional maintenance storage space
  - iv. Purchase new school buses

transportation gate iv. Add lighting to the bus drive v. Build an additional maintenance storage space vi. Purchase nine new buses

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## News from the Counseling Office

### Counseling intern

Mrs. Norrod, our current Career and Navigation specialist will be working hands with our counselors as a counseling intern as she finishes her degree.

### College Visits

The following colleges will be here to visit with interested Seniors. For more information or to Sign Up, visit the Senior [BAND](#). If there is a star next to the visit that means there is also an opportunity for on-site admission.

9/26 - Macomb Community College @ 8am 10/12 - OU on-site admissions\*

9/27 - Concordia University @ 12:45pm 10/17 - St. Clair Community College

9/28 - GVSU @ 8am 10/31 - GVSU on-site admission

9/28 - Western University @ 1pm \* 11/3 - Ferris State University @ 12:30pm \*

9/30 - Wayne State University @ 9am

9/30 - Michigan State University @ 12:45pm

10/3 - Central Michigan University @ 8am \*

### GOING PLACES

The Counseling Department will be running the #Accepted program again this year, but with a new name and look. It will now be the Going Places program. Seniors, as you start to get letters of acceptance from your post-secondary college, trade school, job or military, please bring your letter to the counseling office. Our first classroom visit with shirts and raffle drawing will be in October. Currently, we have **4.5%** of our senior class of 2023 with an acceptance for post-graduation programs! Keep up the good work!!

We will have drawings in the months of October, November and December to award prizes to students who provide us with documentation of their achievements. At this time, we will also deliver the brand new Going Places t-shirts to students who have provided us with proof of their post-secondary plans!

### **MONTH**

### **GOING PLACES**

October

\$50 (4)

November

\$50 (2)

December

\$25 (2)

The 2023-2024 [FAFSA](#) form will be available October 1, 2022. It is highly recommended that this gets filled out ASAP! [Here](#) is a resource to help students and parents understand everything there is to know about the FAFSA. The FAFSA is often required to qualify for different scholarships. A financial aid/FAFSA informational session will be held on October 18th at 5pm by financial aid experts at Michigan Tech University. Students/parents do not have to be interested in Michigan Tech to attend this free workshop. Reserve your spot [here](#). This information was emailed to parents and seniors, and can be found in the Senior Class BAND.

Additionally, students who bring in proof that their FAFSA has been completed will be entered into the monthly drawings. We do not want any personal information - just showing us the congratulatory email on completing the FAFSA is enough!

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### **FAFSA**

October

\$50 (2)

November

\$50 (2)

December

\$25 (2)

### **Study Skills Presentation**

Earlier this month Mrs. Felcyn, Ms. Mazey and Mrs. Norrod went into the Freshman classes to prepare the Freshmen for high school with some great study skills and habits. They also covered techniques to help reduce anxiety.

### **Preparing for your Future presentation**

Senior English classes also got a visit from Mrs. Felcyn, Ms. Mazey and Mrs. Norrod. They talked to Seniors about next steps in preparing for their plans after high school. This included ordering transcripts, applying for scholarships, when to take the SAT and when you should start looking for scholarships.

### **Student of the Month**

Congratulations to **Olivia Schommer** and **Liam Coenen** for being selected as September's Student of the Month. Olivia was nominated for her leadership skills, humbleness and personal growth. Liam was nominated for his infectious enthusiasm, for showing initiative and promoting a positive culture. Congratulations!



## What's Happening at AHS?

Tuesday, October 4

MFG Day - trip to TK Mold and Engineering

Wednesday, October 5

MFG Day - trip to Daiek Woodworks

Friday, October 7

Homecoming Pep Assembly - 1:30

Homecoming Parade - 5:00

Homecoming Game - 7:00

Saturday, October 8

Homecoming Dance 7:00-10:00

Fall Band and Orchestra Concert is on Wednesday, October 9 at 7pm in the auditorium.

Wednesday, October 12

PSAT/NMSQT - elective testing

Thursday, October 13

Conferences- Teachers will communicate availability

Friday, October 14  
No School for Students

Wednesday, October 19  
Band Fall Concert

Monday, October 31  
Half Day of School

Saturday, November 5  
Saturday, December 3  
SAT

## **Always Striving to Improve**

### **Armada High School Introduces Rock'n' Roll History, part 2**

Everyone knows that a music group's second release is better than the first, right? Well, students at Armada High School are hoping that Part 2 of Rock 'n' Roll History is at least as good as part 1. R&R 2 is a one trimester class that serves as a sequel and bridge from 20th Century Music History part one. The previous course set a foundation with blues, 50s and 60s rock 'n' roll as a reflection of history, culture and politics of those times. This sequel course looks more specifically at the 70s, 80s, 90s 2000s and beyond, with a special focus on how newer genres like progressive rock, hip hop, alternative, punk, heavy metal, and electronic music have shaped culture and reflected the modern history of the USA and the outside world, along with generational social/political/cultural changes. So, next time you're in the car listening to your favorite 90's rock and your kid starts to talk about what that song means, or why it is important, listen up, they might teach you a thing or two.