



# Akron Preparatory School

## Family Newsletter | October 2026

### A Message from the Principal

Dear Akron Prep Families,

October is here, and we have a lot to celebrate as a school community. Our scholars have worked hard through the first quarter, our staff continues to show up with purpose each day, and our families have remained an important part of everything we do.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Fall Festival. It was great seeing our scholars and families together, enjoying the evening and building community. Events like this are an important reminder that school is about more than academics—it is also about relationships, connection, and creating positive experiences for our scholars.

As Quarter 1 comes to a close and Quarter 2 begins, this is a great time to check in on your scholar's progress. Please make sure assignments are completed, grades are reviewed, and communication with teachers remains consistent. If your scholar needs additional academic support, transportation assistance, or help with any other school-related need, please reach out to us. We want to work alongside you.

October will also bring Parent-Teacher Conferences, Read-O-Ween, Spirit Week, volleyball, state testing, and more opportunities to celebrate our scholars.

Thank you for continuing to trust Akron Prep with your children and for partnering with us throughout the school year.

With appreciation,

**Jon Thompson**

Principal, Akron Preparatory School

# Pride Calendar

| Date                 | Event                                          |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>October 12</b>    | No School — Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| <b>October 15</b>    | Read-O-Ween, 5:00–6:30 p.m.                    |
| <b>October 16</b>    | No School for Students                         |
| <b>October 19–23</b> | Spirit Week                                    |
| <b>October 20</b>    | First Volleyball Game                          |
| <b>October 21–22</b> | Third Grade Reading Guarantee Testing          |
| <b>October 29–30</b> | Green Team & Merit Parties                     |

## October Highlights

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held virtually. Please make sure you have signed up with your scholar's teacher.

### Read-O-Ween

Scholars are encouraged to dress as their favorite book character and join us for an evening of reading and family fun. Join us from 5pm – 630pm at the the school.

### Spirit Week

We will celebrate school spirit throughout the week. Daily themes and additional details will be shared soon.

### Volleyball Season

Our volleyball team is beginning its season. We encourage families to come out and support our ladies.

### Green Team & Merit Parties

Scholars who have demonstrated positive behavior, effort, and strong choices will be recognized through our monthly celebrations.

# Academic Update

## Third Grade Reading Guarantee

For many of our third grade scholars, this will be their first experience taking a state assessment.

Families can help by making sure students:

- Get plenty of rest
- Drink plenty of water
  - Eat breakfast
  - Arrive on time
- Take their time and trust what they have learned

Students will have another opportunity to take the assessment in the spring.

## Quarter 2

Now that scholars have settled into the school year, academics will continue to ramp up.

This is especially important for our **middle school students**, as academic performance can impact future high school opportunities.

If your child needs academic support, please contact the school at **330-247-6232**.

# Culture Update

## Fall Weather & Uniforms

As temperatures begin to change, scholars may wear:

- Akron Prep-approved sweatshirts
- Long-sleeve shirts under polos in approved school colors
- Jackets, coats, hats, and gloves to and from school

Outerwear should be put away once students are in their homerooms.

Please continue making sure scholars arrive in the proper Akron Prep uniform each day.

# Family Reminders

## Attendance

Scholars may begin arriving at **7:30 a.m.**

**School Attendance Goal: 95%**

Daily attendance, arriving on time, and avoiding unnecessary early dismissals are critical to academic success.

## Dismissal

The school day ends at **3:30 p.m.**

We are using a **number placard system** to make dismissal faster and more efficient. If you do not have a placard, call **330-247-6232** and ask for **Ms. Ryan**.

Early pick-up ends at **3:00 p.m.**

## Transportation

For busing and routing concerns, contact:

**330-761-1390, press 1**

# Meet Our Pride

## September Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to **Mr. Riggs**, our September Staff Member of the Month!

Mr. Riggs teaches **4th and 5th grade Social Studies** and is in his **third year at Akron Prep**. We appreciate his commitment to our scholars and school community.

## September Students of the Month

Congratulations to all of our **September Students of the Month**.

Be sure to check our **social media pages** to see and celebrate our recognized scholars.

# Stay Connected

Stay informed through:

- ClassDojo
- TalkingPoints
- Email
- Akron Prep's website
- Akron Prep's social media pages

# Grow Our Pride

Akron Preparatory School is still enrolling scholars in **Kindergarten through eighth grade**.

Refer a family that enrolls at Akron Prep and receive a **free school uniform**.

Call **330-247-6232** to learn more or schedule a school tour.

# Together, We Are Akron Prep!

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