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A QUARTERLY REVIEW OF WSHS AVID 20-21

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Need a little extra help with your classes? Seek out a tutor!

Sometime during your academic career, you will struggle with a concept or a class. You are not alone. It just might be for a specific lesson or concept or throughout the semester to help keep you on track.

There are students and community members who are willing to tutor in specific areas. If you are in need of a tutor, seek out your AVID Elective teacher, AVID Trained Teachers, the principals, or Ms. Helgeson. Any teacher would be able to point you in the right direction.

For more information, see your AVID Elective teacher or Ms. Helgeson - shannon.helgeson@winona.k12.mn.us

New Year, New AVID!

Welcome Staff and Students

Wow! What a difference a couple of months with school. We left the building thinking we were just going on Spring Break in March 2020.

As staff and students left for some rest and relaxation, very few had on their minds that we would not be back in the school building for the rest of the year. The COVID pandemic required everyone to start a new way of life. We had to think of being extra cautious when attending social functions or securing our basic needs. Students had to learn how to be on their media devices for educational purposes and not just connecting up with friends. Teachers had a week to convert lessons and materials to a digital format. Then teachers and students had to begin the distance learning journey. Graduation was not held in the traditional fashion but in a drive through fashion. The summer came and we still continued to trudge through the COVID pandemic.

This school year started off with the hope of starting in person learning in one form or another. Due to the safety of all in the school, we started out in distance learning. Slowly, the curve flattened and we were able to return to a hybrid learning model. It hasn't been ideal but at least we have some social interaction with others. As we continue through this school year, remember to be patient, work hard, and smile.

AVID would like to welcome staff and students to the unchartered 2020-2021 school year!

Welcome.....

9th Grade AVID CLASS 2020-2021

*Block, Cole
Casey, Kate
Eaton, Mariska
Ellinghuysen, Brody
Holtegaard, Sommer
Kendrick, Hannah
Knutson, Dylan
Kronebusch, Ashlee
Lemon, Ronnie
Lillard, Lamel
Lohnes, Cleo
Navarro, Alena
Northouse, Jordan
Parker, LaMarion
Pierce, Addy
Storlie, Meghan
Swartling, Emily
Van Kirk, Madison
Vinson-Audetat, Julien
Wenzel, Whisper-Marie
Zierfus, Alex*

Staff-
Ms. Sarah Andrews
Social Studies Dept.

Mr. Seth Haun
Math Department

Ms. Cherie Johnson
English Department

Ms. Trish Johnson
Science Department Transfer from
MS

Mr. Jacob Feldman
WSHS Asst. Principal

AVID Elective Teachers 20-21

Mr. Adam Matson-9th
Ms. Katie Pearson-10th
Ms. Maeve Peterson-11th
Mr. Seth Haun-12th

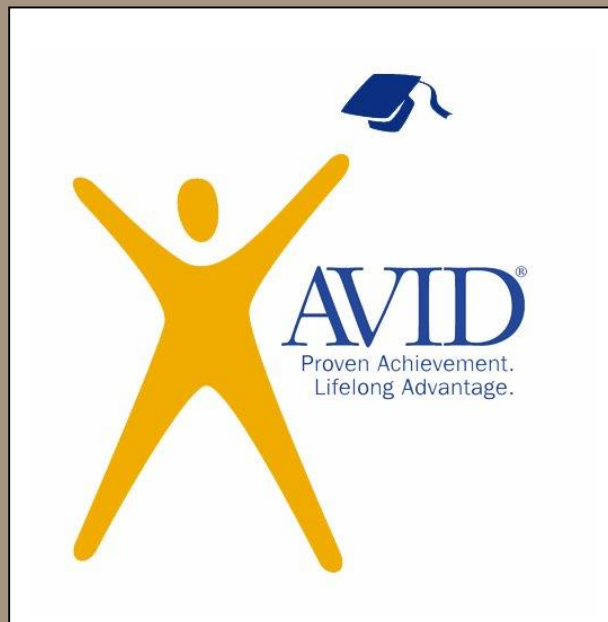
Upcoming Events

TAKE NOTE

Need \$\$\$ for College??

Sallie Mae will be having webinars on November 11th and 12th. Click on the link below for more information.

http://salliemae.m.delivery.net/w/webView?cid=12760046532&mid=1095504052&pid=966&vid=13837&ee=Y291cnRuZXkuemVpbWV0QHdpbm9uYS5rMTlubW4udXM_&si=&mv=H&bv=H&oc=H&k=11J12q&sc=ed



What's UP AVID?

Keeps you informed of what's going on around AVID.

AVID 12

After many months of preparation and waiting, including the test being rescheduled multiple times, the AVID 12 students were finally able to take their ACT test this fall. While many colleges are not requiring the ACT due to the current pandemic, it can still strengthen a college application and be used to gain access to college scholarships. In addition to preparing for the ACT test, the AVID 12 class has been focused on the college application process. October was Minnesota College Knowledge Month. This means that in addition to having the opportunity to learn all about the application process, most colleges and universities in the state waived their application fee for the month. Our seniors took advantage of this by applying to at least one Minnesota school of their choice. The students were supported in their efforts to complete their applications in many ways including but not limited to helping them create a college application essay, providing a framework for getting letters of recommendation, and help in actually filling out the application if needed. Next on the AVID 12 agenda is how to pay for college. We will be learning about federal student aid, scholarships, and maybe even a little personal finance and budgeting.

AVID 11

This quarter in AVID 11 we are working on adapting to hybrid and online school. Seven students have chosen hybrid and eight are working on EdGenuity. A primary focus has been building a portfolio of application materials for college; students received a checklist for their junior year from Mrs. Dahlby. They have also politely requested a letter of recommendation from a trusted teacher, counselor, or employer. In January, all AVID 11 students will take the PSAT to practice standardized testing and possibly qualify for scholarships. As quarter one comes to a close, we will continue to discuss what success looks like during this pivotal academic year: How do I know what I don't know? How can I study for tests in difficult subject areas? What resources are available to me?

AVID 10

This quarter in AVID 10, our focus has been learning about mental health in more detail. The AVID 10 group has recognized that mental health is an important issue in the lives of many of our students, especially during the pandemic. The lessons have focused on mental health basics, comparing how we treat mental health to physical health, stress management, and the stigma associated with mental health. While we recognize that we may not be able to help everyone, this unit has helped the students raise their own awareness about the issues that many people face today.

AVID 9

Adapting to hybrid and online learning is an ongoing process that the freshmen AVID students continue to face. In an ever-changing year, we work toward reflecting on the areas we need support in as a student and areas that are our strengths. The AVID 9 class has been working on the tutorial process, levels of questioning, and WICOR strategies and tasks. All of this is focused on utilizing resources and organization in order to be a successful student. The use of weekly grade checks, tutors within the school, and focused notes are some of the resources and strategies the AVID class has been using to support their own learning.



2020 AVID Spring Scholars Hard Work Brings Great Rewards!



Alivia Marks - Alivia ended her freshman 4th quarter with an excellent GPA and showed significant improvement in her classes throughout the year. She worked hard in AVID, completing all of her work, showing up on time, and participating as appropriate. Her ability to self-advocate -- a cornerstone of AVID skills -- grew considerably. We are so Great job Alivia!

Logan Klassen - As a sophomore this past spring, Logan was successful in raising his GPA throughout the term and also turning in all AVID assignments on time. While his academic performance was commendable, Logan also showed a great amount of positive leadership and collaborative growth even during distance learning, showing support for his classmates in small and large group settings.



Aaliyah Parker - Aaliyah ended 11th grade with an impressive GPA, and the highest 4th quarter GPA in the AVID junior class. Not only were her grades at the top of the class, but the quality of her work in her other classes as well as AVID was impressive. She went the extra mile to help other students and ensure that all felt welcome and included. Nice work Aaliyah!

Miles Larson - Currently a senior, Miles really hit his stride during distance learning in the spring. Not only did he end the term with an exceptional GPA, but he had ZERO late assignments in AVID during the whole quarter. His motivation and the quality of his work both took huge leaps forward, as did his ability to reflect on his own learning - and self-reflection is an AVID student's most valued skill. Great job, Miles!



College Visits COVID style!

Can't visit in person? Take a virtual tour! Every newsletter we will feature links to take virtual tours of colleges! This will continue until we are able to visit in person!



TAKE A LOOK!

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STATE UNIVERSITY

<https://youtu.be/E0wjY8uNTsA>



Minnesota State Southeast Technical College

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDSGdOJx8Lo>



Luther College, Decorah, IA

<https://www.luther.edu/campus/tour/>



University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse

<https://youtu.be/pD1gRxYW6lM>

