

Avon High School
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From Mr. Shockley...



The holiday season has started, and that means only three weeks remain in the semester. Encourage your student to finish strong in these final days by completing all assignments and projects and making up missing work. Your student's teacher will be the best source of information regarding your student's progress this semester. Have your student reach out to his/her teachers about current standing and what is needed to earn the grade he/she wants to have in various classes. Work completed in these

last days could have a significant impact on the final grade earned in a class. Make the most out of the time remaining!

Our return to in-person learning will be on Friday, Dec. 4. You can see the schedule on our website by clicking this [link](#).

The decision to not have final exams was announced this week to students and families. This has been a challenging year for both students and teachers, and we feel this is in the best interest of everyone. If your student is in a college level class (Ivy Tech/Vincennes), your student's teacher will follow-up with information if their particular class will have a final exam. We have to follow the expectations from the university partner. *The schedule for the week of Dec. 14 will be as follows: Monday, 12/14 (Black); Tuesday, 12/15 (Gold); Wednesday, 12/16 (Black); Thursday, 12/17 (Gold); and Friday, 12/18 (eLearning Student Work Day/Teacher Office Hours).*

As you review the parent newsletter, enjoy reading the "Guidance" section which highlights college application deadlines for several state schools, upcoming SAT/ACT dates as well as the two most recent episodes of the Guidance podcast. There are two staff celebrations and highlights of some activities happening in our classrooms, along with pictures of the musical.

GO ORIOLES! #WeAreAvonWeAreOne

Save the Dates



Nov 19th– Dec 3rd eLearning

Dec 7th Chamber Concert, Auditorium, 7:00pm-Postponed until January 25th

Dec 9th One Hour Delay

Dec 10th Dance Recital, Auditorium, Cancelled

Dec 12th Concert Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra Concert 5:00pm

Dec 14th Intermezzo and Symphony Orchestra, 6:30 pm 8:00 pm Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestra

Dec 15th Choir/Orchestra Concert, Plainfield Christian Church, 7:00pm

Dec 18th eLearning Student Work Day

Dec 21st - Jan 1st Winter Break

EARLY DISMISSALS

Please **email** early dismissal information to AHSStudentServices@avon-schools.org. Please include **student name, grade, time student is to be dismissed and reason for dismissal**. Or, you may call Student Services at 317-544-5000 ext. 5200 and leave a message with all of the aforementioned information. We will deliver the early dismissal pass to the student before dismissal time.

BUS PASSES

We will not be providing bus passes for the 2020-2021 school year.

ATTENDANCE

If your child misses school or is late for **any reason**, call the Attendance line, **317-544-5000**, option #1, 24 hours a day.

Students will be marked 'unverified' (unexcused) without a call from a parent.

If your student was marked unverified in a class for the day, you will receive an automated call that evening. An unverified absence means we have not received a phone call from a parent/guardian about the absence. If you receive this phone call and feel it is in error, please have your student talk with the teacher who marked the absence or you can contact the teacher via email. If the absence needs to be marked differently, the teacher will contact the Attendance Office to make the change.

All medical verification can be emailed to AHSAttendance@avon-schools.org

The Indiana State Department of Health sets the immunization requirements for students attending public schools in Indiana. For the 2020-2021 school year, all students in grades K-12 will be required to have 2 appropriately spaced doses of Hepatitis A vaccine. Contact your health care provider to ask what vaccines your child may need. Low cost immunizations are available at the Hendricks County Health Department at 317-745-9222.

All students still not up to date with their immunizations need to have appointments made. Parents please call the AHS clinic with the appointment dates. Students with future appointment dates will not be excluded from school. Thank you!



Indiana Graduation Pathways



With the passage of Graduation Pathways, students are now able to individualize their graduation requirements to align to their postsecondary goal. No longer must all students fit into the same academic mold, but rather, they can choose the options that best meet their postsecondary needs and aspirations. Students can create pathways that serve their educational interests and prepare them for postsecondary educational and career opportunities.



Although this begins with the class of 2023 (current sophomores), juniors and seniors may also take advantage of this option as an alternative to passing ISTEP as their graduation qualifying exam.

With scheduling at Avon High School for the 2021-2022 school year right around the corner, counselors will be discussing Graduation Pathways with their students during their individual scheduling meetings. Counselors will talk with students about the different options available to them for fulfilling their employability skills component as well as their post-secondary competencies. Options to consider may include activities within the community, having a job, and/or involvement in school organizations, sports, performing arts, and certain classes. Students might also focus on different course choices that, taken in sequence, will concentrate on an individualized career pathway. Freshmen will hear more about Graduation Pathways from the school counselors in their Prep for College & Career course this school year.

Families are encouraged to talk with your student about career and course interests. The [Indiana Career Guide](#) and the [Indiana Graduation Pathways Overview](#) are great resources for these conversations. For a helpful brief summary of Graduation Pathways, check out [this video](#).



[Indiana Graduation Pathways Overview \(Spanish version\)](#)

5 HOURS THAT LEAD TO IMPROVED TEST SCORES

According to testing giants ACT and SAT, most high school graduates *don't score high enough* on college entrance exams to be considered "ready" for their freshman college classes.

Now more than ever, parents are being encouraged to help their children improve study and test-taking skills – starting as early as middle school.

We help students prepare – and help them improve their test performance. It starts with a one-time, five-hour seminar that's *proven to be effective*. Most students notice impressive test-score increases after our interactive seminars!



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Reserve Your Spot Today!

In Just a Few Hours, You Can Improve ACT, PSAT, or SAT Scores!

There's only one thing you need to do ...

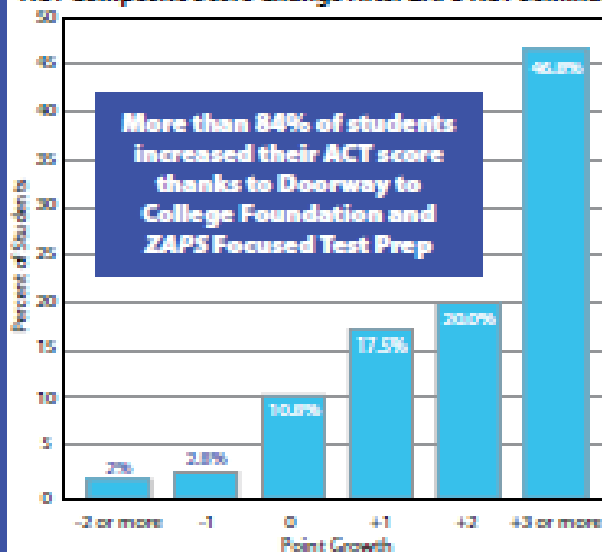
Decide whether you want to sign up for a 5-hour **virtual-live seminar** or a **prerecorded seminar**. Either way, our nationally-renowned ZAPS® Focused Test Prep workshop is taught by pros who know the ins and outs of test-taking.

Spend just 5 hours with us, and you can improve your scores:

- Increase ACT scores by 2-4 points
- Increase PSAT/SAT scores by 50-150 points

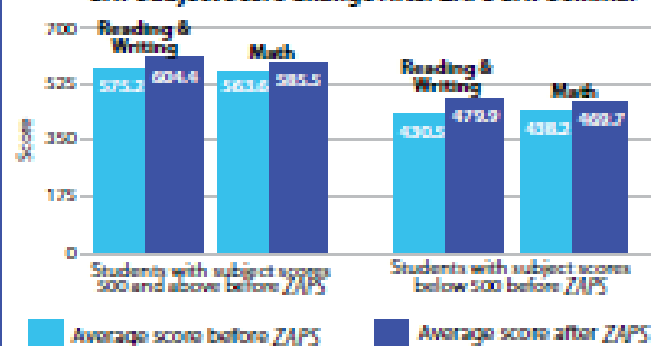
*Claim your discounted price of **only \$95.00!***

ACT Composite Score Change After ZAPS ACT Seminar



* Independent study involving 576 students who took the ACT before and after attending ZAPS ACT seminar presented by DtoCF

SAT Subject Score Change After ZAPS SAT Seminar



* Independent study involving 170 students who took the SAT before and after attending ZAPS SAT seminar presented by DtoCF

Average SAT score increase after ZAPS SAT Seminar

Students with subject scores 500 and above before ZAPS

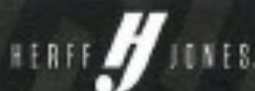
29.2 Reading and Writing
21.9 Math

Students with subject scores below 500 before ZAPS

49.4 Reading and Writing
31.5 Math

Register at
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or call 877-927-8378

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at checkout to receive your
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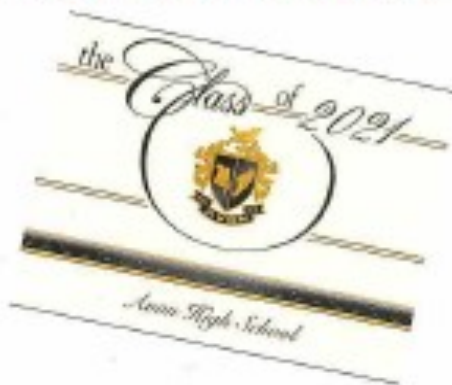
Congratulations to The Class of 2021!

It's time to celebrate your journey! Way to go Seniors! Now is the time to show the world who you are and get your hands on all of the things that only the Class of 2021 can claim as theirs.



Avon High School Students and Parents,

Herff Jones is excited to offer digital pathways to design and order your cap and gown, graduation announcements and accessories, and senior apparel. Toward that goal, we presented graduation product information to your school virtually on November 20th. You can view the presentation by scanning the Presentation QR Code below.



Don't miss this opportunity to shine! Celebrate your senior year in style. Just follow the steps below to access all of the information you need to celebrate your milestone:

1. Browse the catalog to see what's new for 2021 by scanning the Catalog QR code below.
2. Scan the Flyer QR Code below to access important deposit, pricing, payment and warranty information. Here you will also find your school's custom announcements and accessories.
3. Visit highschool.herffjones.com. Search for your school in the green ribbon at the top of the page to find your school's catalog and start shopping.
4. Click Shop Grad Products in the large blue banner.
5. Page through to view packages and individual items.
6. Continue to follow the prompts until you have everything you need for the perfect graduation!



Order by December 6th, 2020 to ensure product availability and pricing.



Presentation



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Your Best Value: **The Mascot Package!**

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a Cap & Gown and all of
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accessories in one package!



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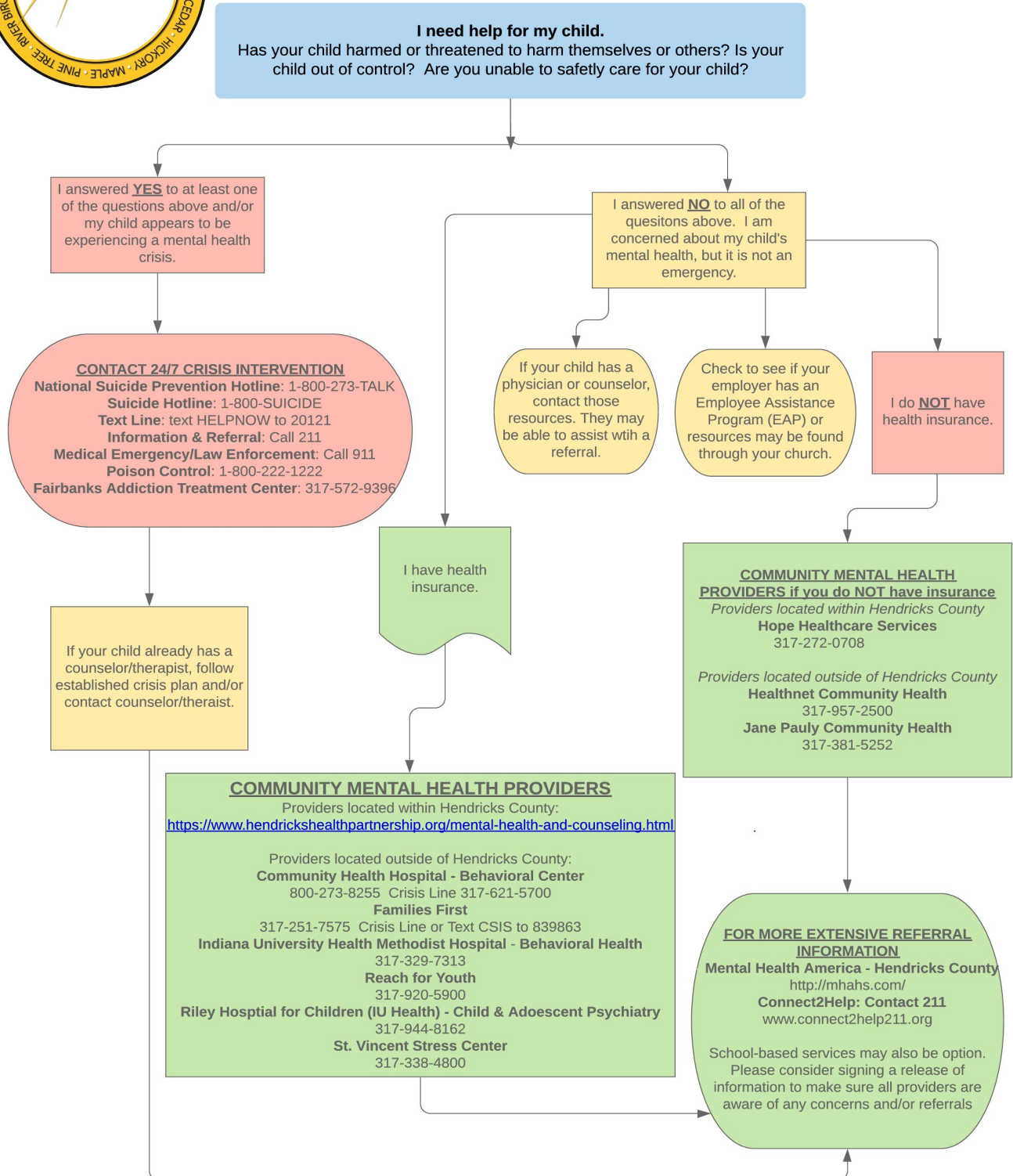
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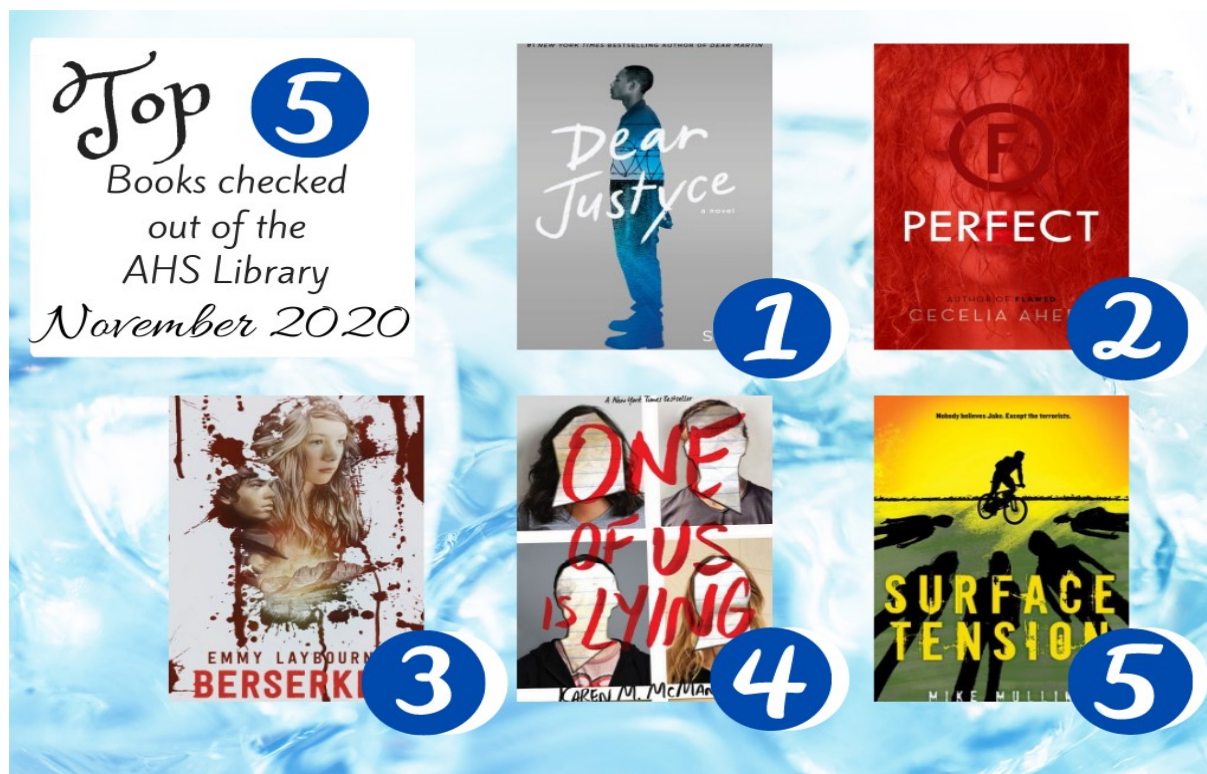
Guidance



Avon Community School Corporation Mental Health Guidance Flowchart



Library News



When: Every Wednesday between 6:00-7:00 pm

Where: Door #1 at the front of AHS

Books must be reserved in advance using the catalog information below and Library Staff will contact you to confirm the reservation.

Books may be reserved at <https://sites.google.com/view/ahs-library/home> - click on Library catalog and sign in with network user name and password.

Library News



ACCESS SORA OVERDRIVE APP FOR EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

1. Download the Sora by Overdrive App on your device.
2. Look for Avon High School. We are part of the West Central Indiana Schools Shared Digital Collection -- this should come up automatically.
3. Login with your AHS computer network login and password.
4. Search for any book or audiobook and borrow it.
5. This will automatically return in 2 weeks.
6. You can also access this on your computer from the AHS Library website. Click on Sora - Books & Audiobooks.

AHS Library Classroom Delivery

To keep your students safe, the AHS Library is now delivering library books to the classrooms. Students may reserve a book through our online catalog and the book will be delivered during SRT. Students are also welcome to pick up the book if they would prefer.

Books may be reserved at <https://sites.google.com/view/ahs-library/home> - click on Library catalog and sign in with network user name and password.

Athletics News

We ARE NOT offering any All Sport Passes this year due to the capacity limits because of Covid.



[Athletic Home Page](#)

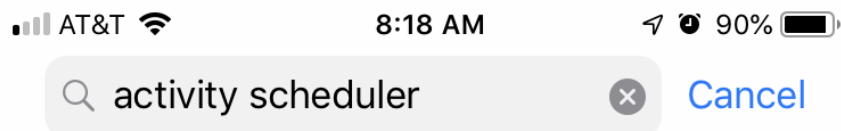
How to view Avon High School Events

Avon High School website www.avon-schools.org/ahs

Select Calendar from the gray bar. All upcoming events will be listed. At the bottom of the screen you can click more events to see the entire month.

Download the rSchool Today Activity Scheduler App

You will be able to view upcoming events on the main screen as well as select specific team or club schedules. Once you have selected the team/club you are interested in viewing you will have the option to download the schedule to your device.

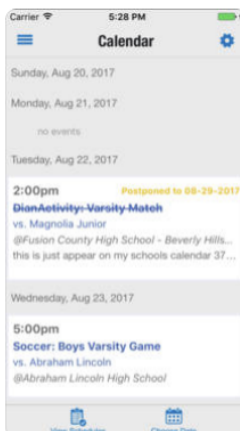


Activity Scheduler

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Important Information



Don't forget to register for Parent Square, to choose your preferences for preferred language and how you'd like to receive our messages (email, text, push notification)

Download the ParentSquare app today!

Stay involved with your child's learning
and activities at school. From anywhere.



 ParentSquare



Use the email address or cell phone number you provided your school.

You may also register at <https://www.parentsquare.com/signin>

Do your order things from Shutterfly.com? If you will now use this link

www.avonhighschool.ShutterflyStorefront.com click on Shop Shutterfly and log into your own account to create/purchase your items, then AHS will receive 8% of all sales. You pay the same price you usually would, but now AHS benefits from it. Please share the link with your family and friends.

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Important Information



Temporary Free Meals

Dear ACSC Families:

To address the hardships that many families are facing due to Coronavirus, the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) has implemented a **temporary** program under the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) that will allow all school breakfasts and lunches to be provided free of charge. ACSC started this program on Monday, September 14th.

Breakfasts and lunches will be provided free of charge—regardless of whether your child qualifies for free/reduced lunch. However, this program is **temporary** and will only be available by the USDA until December 31st or until the funds run out.

A la carte items will still be available for sale and we encourage all families to leave current funds in your child's lunch account as the program could end at any time. Families will still be able to add funds to your child's lunch account for a la carte items using the Titan Family Portal or by sending cash or check to the school.

Families are still welcome to pack lunches as participation is completely optional.

Please direct all questions to the Food Service Department at (317) 544-6000.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Important Information

ACSC Families—The Mary Lee Maier Community Food Pantry is Open on Thursdays—Register Today!



The Mary Lee Maier Community Pantry is open every Thursday (when school is in session) at Avon Intermediate School East.

Enrollment is simple. Please complete your 2020-2021 enrollment before you shop. Use this QR code to open the link, or visit <https://forms.gle/RdqJRMkbJkdkqwhg7> to access the form.



Be sure you press the **SUBMIT** button at the end of the form or your results will not be saved.

Español

Por Favor complete su inscripción de 2020-2021 antes de comprar.

Utilice el código QR para abrir el enlace, o visite <https://forms.gle/RdqJRMkbJkdkqwhg7> para acceder al formulario.

Asegúrese de presionar el botón **ENVIAR** (SUBMIT) al final del formulario o sus resultados no se guardarán.



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AVON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

2020-2021

Approved 5/6/19

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- F** First Day of School
- D** K-12 Staff Development Days
(Grades K-12 on one-hour delay)
- V** Vacation - School Closed
- S** Snow Make-Up Day - If cancellation occurs 5 or more days prior to this day
- N** Teacher Day - No School
- E/N** Student E-learning Day/Teacher PD Day

Teacher Organization - July 27
 Teacher In-Service - July 28
 First Student Day - July 29
 Last Student Day - May 27
 Fall Break - October 12-23
 Winter Break - December 21-January 1
 Spring Break - March 22-April 2

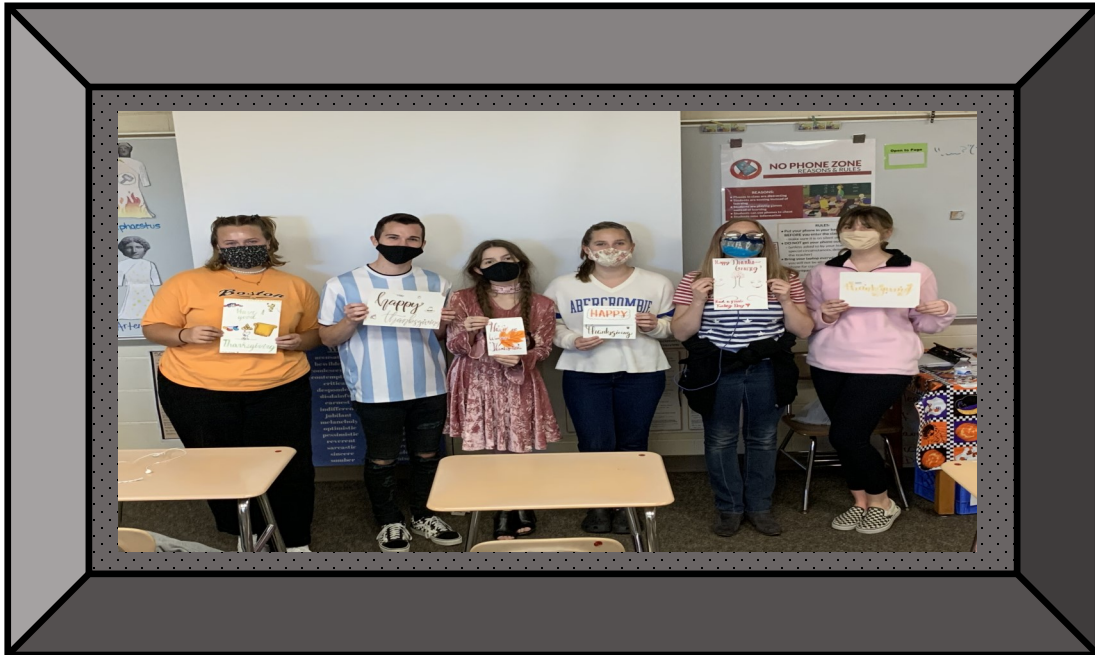
1st Grading Period - Sep. 25 (42 days)
 2nd Grading Period - Dec. 18 (47 days)
 3rd Grading Period - Mar. 12 (47 days)
 4th Grading Period - May 27 (44 days)

Semester 1 T = 91 days
 Semester 1 S = 89 days
 Semester 2 T = 94 days
 Semester 2 S = 91 days

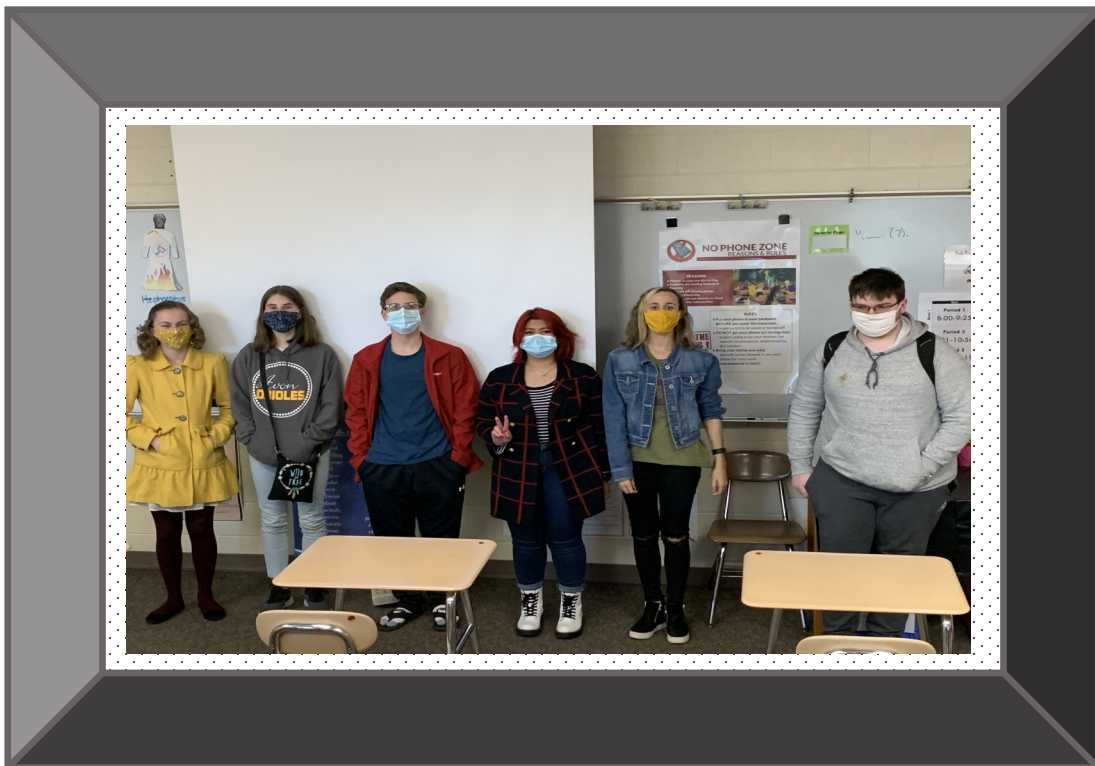
Teacher Days Total = 185
 Student Days Total = 180

AHS Highlights

Calligraphy Club made Thanksgiving Cards for hospitalized kids!



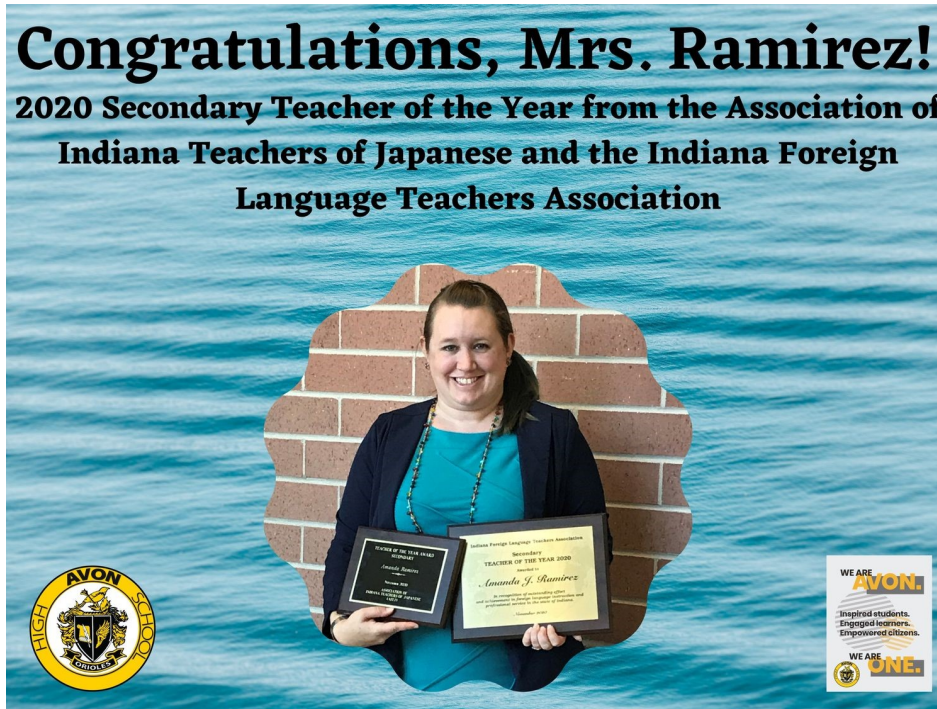
History Club Learned about the Free Navies of WW II



AHS Highlights

Congratulations, Mrs. Ramirez!

**2020 Secondary Teacher of the Year from the Association of
Indiana Teachers of Japanese and the Indiana Foreign
Language Teachers Association**



Congratulations, Mr. Rohrbach WISH-TV November Golden Apple Award Winner!



AHS Physics Teacher, Zach Rohrbach, wins the Golden Apple award for inspiring students, whether they enjoy physics or not. Look at that smile, even through his mask. (Mr. Rohrbach – Nov. WISH TV....)

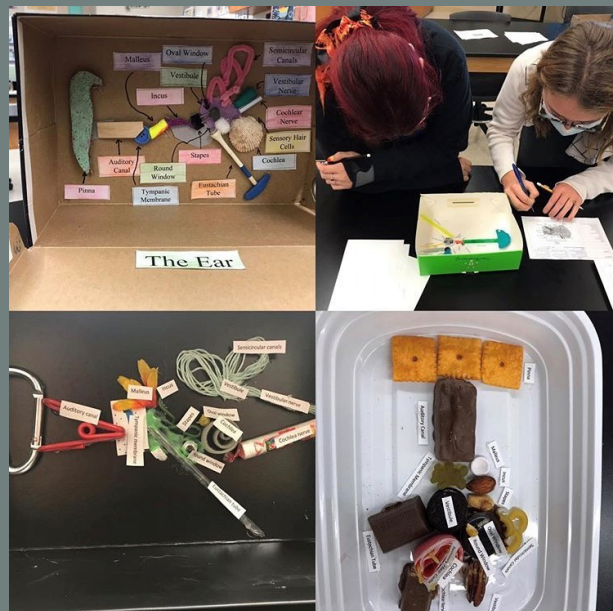
<https://www.wishtv.com/goldenapple/avon-physics-teacher-uses-creativity-humor-to-inspire-students/>

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Mr. Nelson's class playing Supermarket Sweep in Spanish



Mrs. Belton's Medical Intervention students showing off their ear structure knowledge with awesome ear models

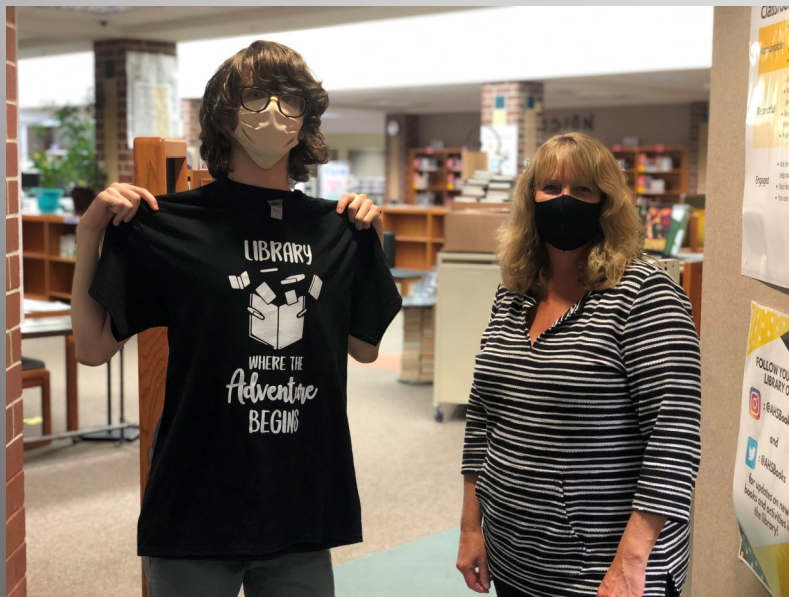


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Mr. Borcharding and Mr. Rohrbach's Physics classes experimenting with Newton's Law and an introduction to Inertia

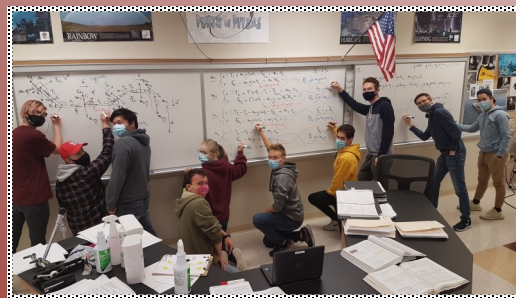
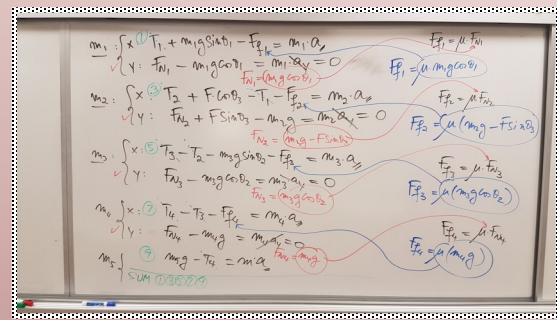
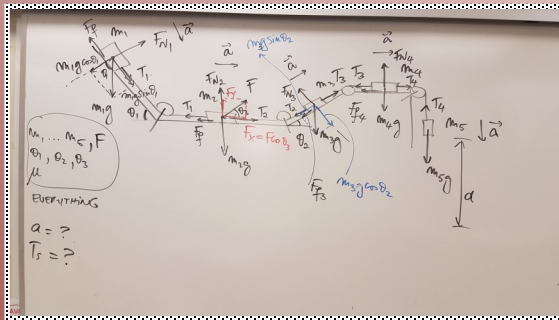


Mrs. Young with a student from our first class of Library Media students.

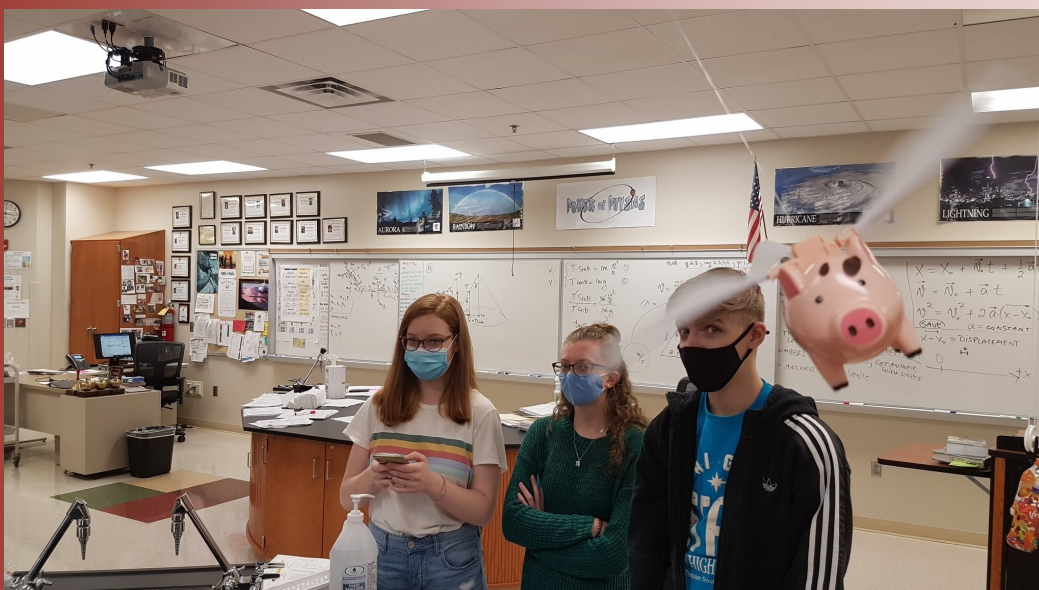


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Problem with 13 unknowns solved with the help of 13 AP Mechanics students (with 3 of them on zoom facing the board) in Mr. Haiducu's class.

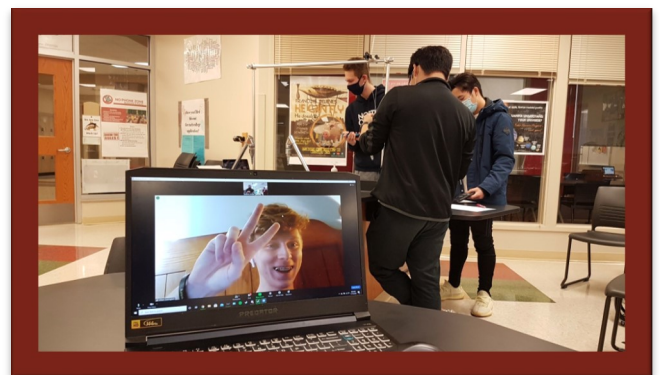


Pigs fly again in Mr. Haiducu's physics classroom



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Mr. Haiducu's students working on the Atwood machine lab: in person students in groups, the online ones in breakout rooms and taking data remotely



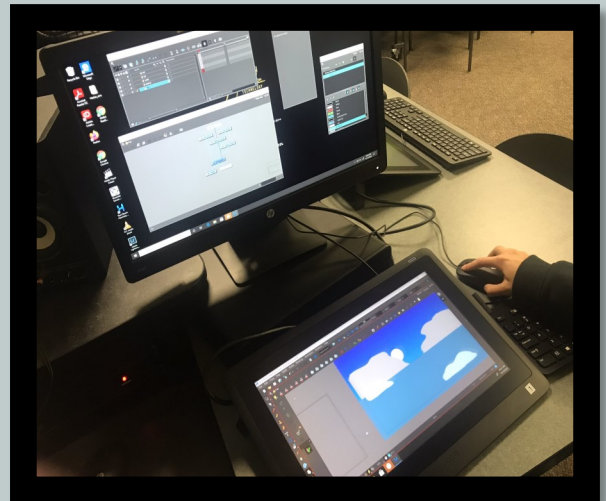
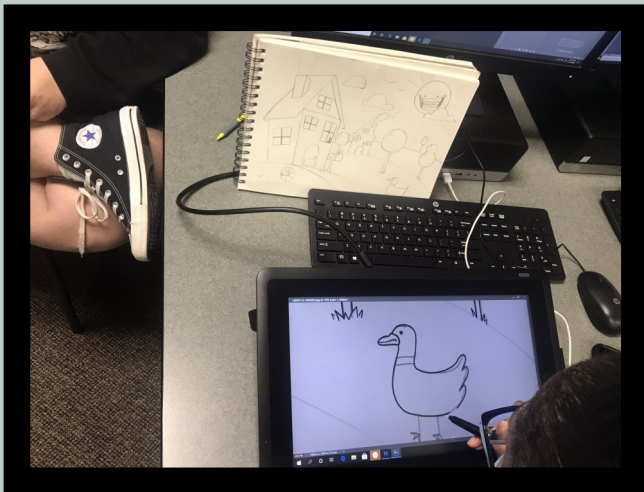
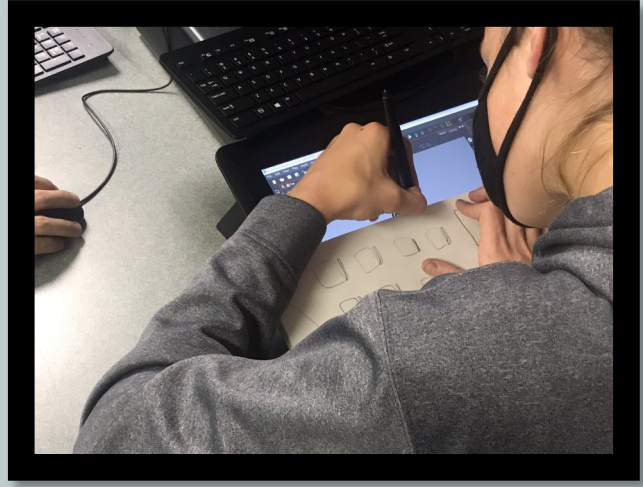
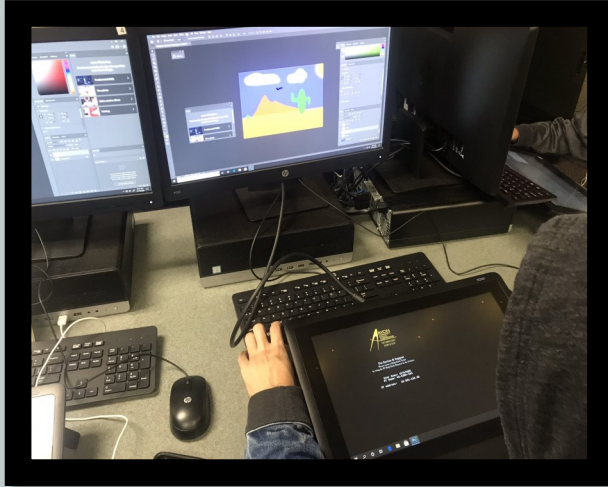
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Mrs. Tauer's TV class are creating Tik Toks



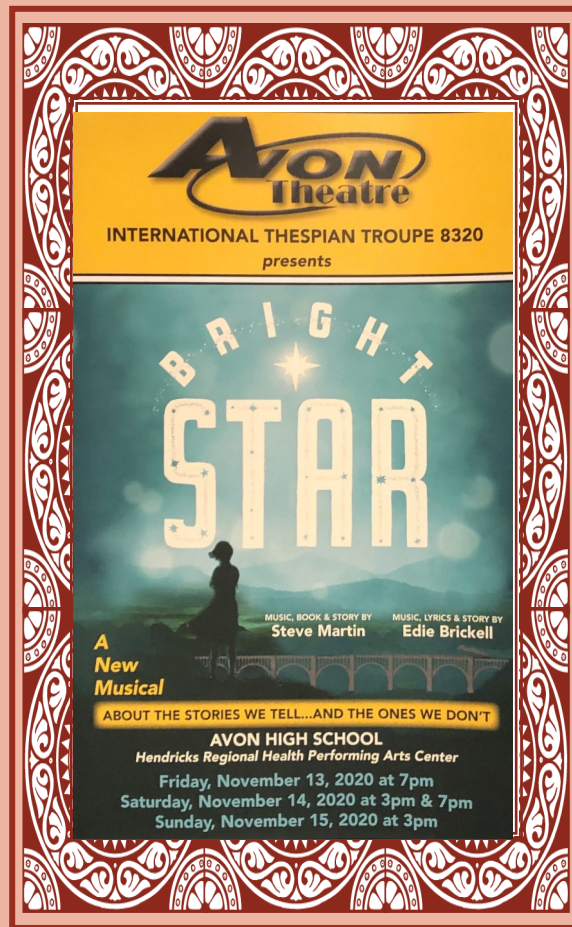
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Mrs. Tauer's Animation students have made their characters and are working on background. Next up is special effects and voices



AHS Highlights

AHS recently put on the musical “Bright Spot,”



AHS Highlights

AHS recently put on the musical “Bright Spot,” Continued



AHS Highlights

DECA has spent the last few weekends cleaning up yards in the Avon area in their annual Rake and Leave



AHS Highlights



Congratulations to Lulya Fecadu for her successful completion of the Youth Environmental Leadership Summit at Indiana University! The mission of YELS is to bring high school students together in order to 1) engage students in real-world problem solving for environmental change and sustainability, 2) expose students to innovative academic, research, and professional opportunities in the environmental field,

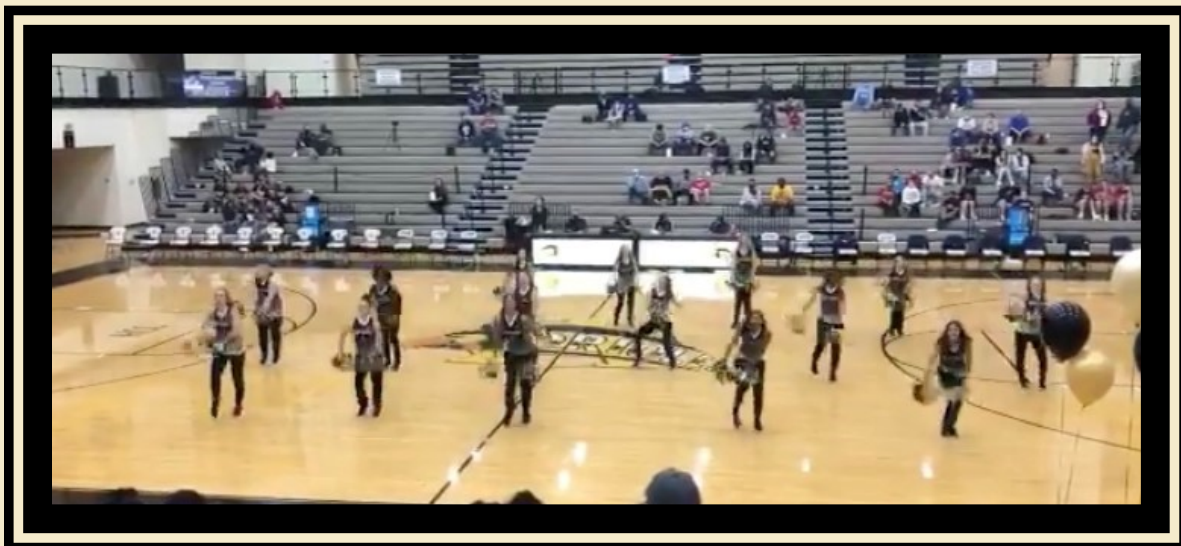
and 3) serve as a knowledge-sharing forum for Indiana high school environmental educators. The summit is usually a single-day on-campus experience, but this year it was conducted over the course of a week, entirely online. Lulya learned about the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IU, and enjoyed connecting with students around Indiana and guest speakers passionate about Environmental Science. She said it was a great way to "learn about the steps needed to improve our environment, shed light to environmental issues needing awareness, and participate in fun activities". Mrs. Kern, science teacher, also attended the Summit and enjoyed learning from the many inspirational speakers.

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Small Group Symphony Cello Sectionals with Senior co-Principal Cellist Samuel Crook. So inspiring to watch our student leaders LEAD with LOVE!

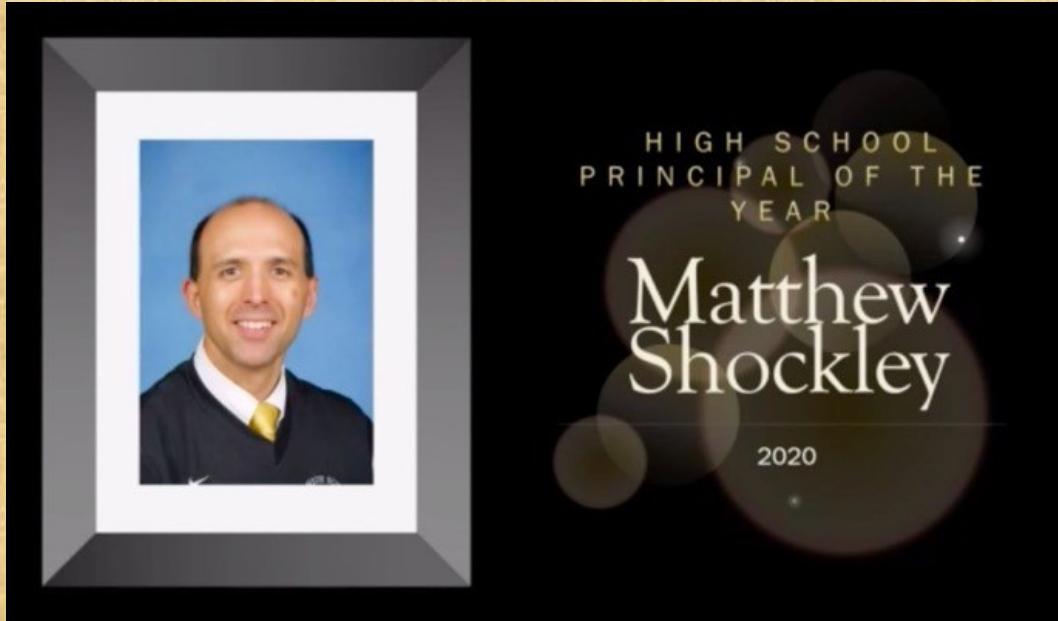


Avon Gold Dance Team performing at halftime of the Girls' Basketball Game



AHS Highlights

Congratulations to Mr. Matt Shockley, Indiana High School Principal of the Year.



Picture credit from IASP.



L-R Dr. Scott Wyndham, Superintendent, Dr. Terry Terhune, Asst. Superintendent, Mr. Matt Hines, Assistant Principal, Mr. Matt Shockley, Principal, Mrs. Anne Englehardt, School Board President, Dr. Maggie Hoernemann, Retired Superintendent

Community News

Community Flyers

Did you know that ACSC has a designated page where you can find flyers featuring important information in Hendricks County? Sections include Community Events, Arts, Athletics and Educational. New flyers are added to this page regularly, so be sure to visit often!

Click here: <http://www.avon-schools.org/domain/46>

Clothing Voucher Program

The Washington Township Assistance Program has launched a Clothing Voucher program for school-aged children enrolled in a school within Washington Township.

The process is similar to the current process for applying for Township Assistance. One must come into the office to pick up an application and set an appointment. The household will need to verify all pertinent information the same as any other application: Identification, Household expenses, Resources, Income. In addition, for clothing, verification of school enrollment within Washington Township will be required. The income standards are set at the same level as Free Lunch Program, 130% of poverty level.

If approved, a voucher will be issued for Burlington Coat Factory in Plainfield to purchase school clothing. Permitted items are: Shirts, Pants, Shorts, Dresses/Skirts, Underclothes, Shoes, Socks, winter outer clothing, and belts. Clients who are approved are eligible for up to \$300 a calendar year per child. This, at the discretion of the Assistance Director, may be distributed in 2 separate vouchers of \$150 each. This is to ensure that children have enough and appropriate clothing throughout the seasons of the school year.

Apply at the Washington Township Trustee, 311 Production Drive, Avon or call 317-272-1835 with questions.



PEDIATRIC UNIT

What are Water Beads?

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Water beads are water-absorbing beads made from super absorbent polymer, often marketed as toys or learning aids.

Water beads have many names, including but not limited to jelly beads, water orbs, hydro orbs, polymer beads, gel beads, and Orbeez. When these tiny balls are placed in water, they can expand up to 200 times their original size. They only shrink back down to size when left to dry. They come in various colors and shapes like spheres, jewels, dinosaurs, etc.

Water beads can be used as educational tools and a form of entertainment for young children and children living with autism or increased anxiety. At the younger end of the spectrum, these beads can further develop sensory skills and hand-eye coordination. With a little more age, children can use water beads to make/play various games and practice math skills such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.



Water beads

Benefits of using water beads:

- Develop sensory skills and increase hand-eye coordination
- Improve counting, sorting, and matching skills
- Kinesthetically learn to differentiate between colors

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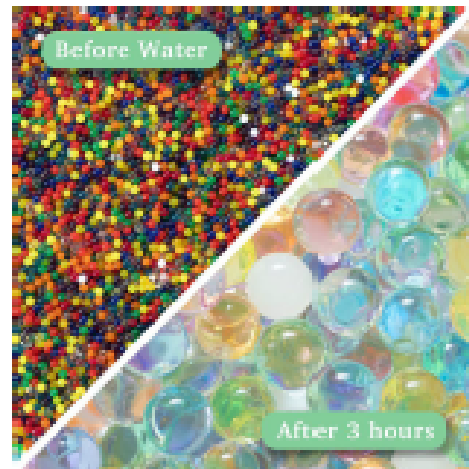
Educational, but Requires Supervision

Water beads hold potential to educate and entertain children, but they may also pose a serious safety risk.

The shape and color of water beads make them look uncannily similar to various candies often marketed to children. The younger the child, the more difficult it is for them to differentiate between the two. If swallowed, water beads can continue growing in size as they travel through the intestines because they don't dissolve; ultimately, this may lead to an obstruction of the gastrointestinal tract. Unfortunately, there are also multiple reported cases of children putting Water beads in their ears. The beads are often difficult to see, especially if they are clear beads. In some cases, the beads could only be removed surgically and lead to ear drum damage or some form of hearing loss.

Water beads can be educational and endlessly entertaining for kids, but they should be kept out of reach from toddlers or anyone under the age of five. If there is any chance of a toddler getting ahold of water beads, it's recommended to completely remove all water beads from that environment. The best way to have fun with water beads and stay as safe as possible is to maintain constant supervision and/or hand on interaction.

Should a situation arise in which your child needs to be admitted to a hospital, remember Hendricks Regional Health is home to Hendricks County's only designated pediatric unit, specially designed to treat children. Our experienced staff is available 24/7 to care for all ages from birth to 18 years.



Signs and Symptoms a Bead May Have Been Swallowed

- Refusing to eat
- Drooling
- Abdominal Swelling and soreness
- Wheezing
- Complaints that something is stuck in the throat or chest
- Vomiting
- Constipation



Be a Sub.

Avon Community School Corporation is currently recruiting
Qualified Substitute Teachers

Benefits include...

- A Flexible Schedule to choose your own work days.
- The ability to choose which buildings you want to work in.
- The option to select the assignments that appeal to you.
- An opportunity for advancement.
- Earnings of \$80 per day or \$40 per half day.
- Licensed Teachers with a current/valid license \$100.00 a day.

Education and Licensing Consideration
(Need one of the following to qualify):

- Valid Teaching License
- Minimum of twenty (20) credits from an accredited college/university.
- Related experience in an educational setting with a high school diploma.

How do I apply?

Complete an online application at www.avon-schools.org
<https://www.applitrack.com/avonschools/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Substitute>

- If you meet the minimum considerations, an HR representative will contact you.
- You will be required to complete a Criminal History Check and apply for a Substitute Teaching Permit (Unless you have a current teaching license.)
- Upon a successful background check, your substitute permit will be approved and you will be contacted to schedule a new hire orientation.