

August, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After working our way through some of the most challenging 18 months in the history of education, we would like to welcome you to the 2021-22 school year! We have confidence that our school day will model the more traditional look our families and students expect while still being mindful of health and safety. As always, Apple Valley High School is committed to providing a world-class education. We are a STEM school dedicated to Academics, Arts and Athletics. Our “STEM for All” approach, combined with our “AAA” philosophy helps us to continue a proud tradition of excellence. We are grateful to our community for supporting our staff and students throughout these unprecedented times. In this letter, we hope to provide you with some basic information to help you prepare for the school year.

Infinite Campus – Infinite Campus is our student information system. Students will be able to view their schedules online on or around August 24th. Information for parents around Campus and much more can be found at <https://avhs.district196.org/families>

1. If you have not done so, the following link shows you how to set up your Campus Parent portal: <https://avhs-xshare.district196.org/CampusHelp/>
2. **IMPORTANT** – Each year, District 196 schools asks families to review, update and confirm their household and student information. This is done in Infinite Campus. Families are asked to verify contact information, communication preferences and student health information. When you access your Campus Portal account, you will be required to complete the annual review process before you can access the information in the portal.
3. Due to continued enrollments throughout late August and early September, some changes to schedules are made prior to the opening of school. Students should be sure to follow the schedule posted in Campus on September 1st.

Schoology – Schoology is the virtual learning environment used by high schools in ISD196. It allows our teachers to create, manage and share academic content. It allows our students to explore that content and complete and submit assessments for grading. Students should be familiar with this tool when starting the school year. Student access to Schoology is found at <https://school.district196.org/login/ldap?&school=967827650>

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Important Early Dates

- **August 24** (approx.) – Schedules available in Campus

**PLEASE NOTE – these may change prior to the start of the school year as we continue to adjust for class size balance.

- **August 30** – Back to School Night for all students, 6pm-8pm
- **September 1** – buses will transport 9th grade students to school as scheduled for a typical school day (classes begin at 7:40am). Students in grades 10-12 will begin their school day at 11am. Bus transportation will be provided
- **September 2** – Regular school day for all students (7:40am-2:30pm)
- **September 3, 6, 7** – No School (classes resume September 8)
- **September 10** – Picture Day for all students

Attention Class of 2022 – Stay tuned for information coming out in early September to sign up for your **“Fall Senior Interview”**. During this 45-minute interview, your counselor will review credits for graduation and will discuss college/career planning, including scholarship opportunities and financial aid. Those meetings will take place throughout the month of October and parents are encouraged to attend if possible.

Attention Class of 2025 and our new students – Welcome to AVHS! We look forward to working with you and your family this year. Look for information coming later this month for opportunities to connect with your school counselor and learn more about our school and programs.

School Supplies – AVHS does not have a “general” supply list. The standards of notebooks, pencils, pens, folders will be helpful for all classes. Teachers will inform of any specific supply requirements for their class.

Calculators – A scientific calculator is required for Intermediate Algebra, Geometry and Honors Geometry. A graphing calculator is required for Algebra 2, Honors Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, all AP math classes, CLA/DE and Multivariable Calculus. Students in Intermediate Algebra and our Geometry classes may choose to purchase and use a graphing calculator right away, which can be used in all subsequent math courses.

Stay Connected – AVHS has many places for you to find information:

- School web page: <https://avhs.district196.org/>
- Twitter Accounts:
 - @AVHSAthletics
 - @AVHSAcademics
 - @AVHSArts
- Summer Newsletter – <https://www.smores.com/7tgw4-avhs-summer-updates>
- AVHS Student Services Newsletter – <https://www.smores.com/y6bw4>

We look forward to seeing you at the start of the school year and to working with you to help students add to our school’s tremendous legacy of success. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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