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# ORIOLE OUTLOOK

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## From **Mr. Shockley**

INSPIRED STUDENTS.  
ENGAGED LEARNERS.  
EMPOWERED CITIZENS.

On Tuesday, October 26, AHS will administer the Pre-ACT exam and PSAT exam. Students in grades 9-11 will be dismissed at 1:00pm on Tuesday, October 26. Bus transportation will be provided. Seniors will not attend school on this day. Below are specifics for each grade level.

9th grade: Students will take the Pre-ACT, which is a practice for the ACT, a college admissions test, a very useful career and skills interest inventory. Guidance counselors utilize the Pre-ACT to help students consider career options and to measure college readiness.

10th grade: Students will take the PSAT. The PSAT is not only a measure for college readiness, but is a practice SAT, which all juniors in Indiana will take in the spring of the 11th grade year. PSAT scores are also used for course placement and help us evaluate student progress and inform our core instruction.

11th grade: Students will take the PSAT. The scores from the PSAT may qualify 11th graders for the National Merit Scholarship Competition (NMSC) where they can earn National Merit Commended, Semifinalist, or Finalist recognition as well as become eligible for numerous scholarships.

It is also the final practice before taking the SAT in March, 2022. All juniors in Indiana will take the SAT at that time.

12th grade: Students will not attend school on this day. We encourage you to plan college visits, military recruitment meetings, or even a job shadow. You may continue researching colleges and completing college or scholarship application. You might also take care of any doctor appointments, etc. if possible. Please take advantage of October 26 to accomplish something for your senior year and beyond.

As you review the parent newsletter, enjoy reading about the success of our students ..... See photos from Fall Sports and Band Senior Nights, along with a peek into a few of the classrooms at AHS. Be sure to check out the pictures from Junior Day of Caring and Senior Kickback. Also, read the Guidance Office section to stay abreast of upcoming events and deadlines relevant to your student.

Remember that Fall Break is Monday, October 11 through Friday, October 22. All AHS offices will be closed during the two week recess.

GO ORIOLES!  
We Are Avon We ARE One

## Save The Date

### October

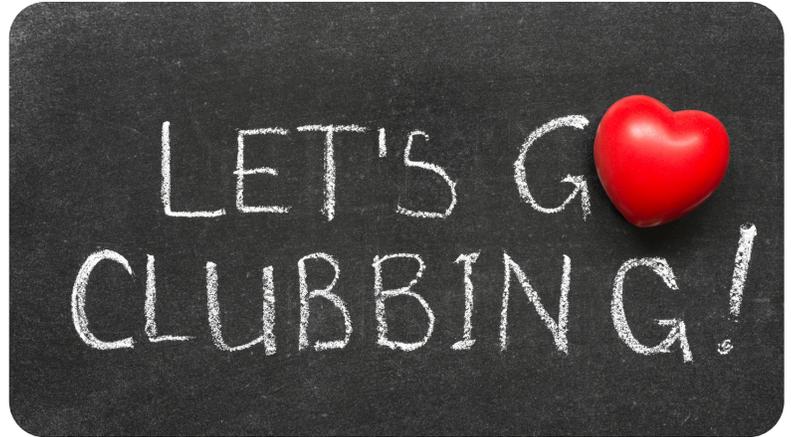
- 1-2 Fall Musical, Pippin AHS Auditorium, 7:00pm
- 2 SAT Exam, ALC 8:00-1:00
- 3 Fall Musical, Pippin AHS Auditorium, 3pm
- 7 Senior Picture ALC LGI215
- Symphony for a Dance Floor AHS Auditorium 7pm
- 8 Senior Pictures -ALC LGI251
- 11-22 Fall Break
- 26 Grade 9-11 Pre ACT/PSAT  
12th Grade NO SCHOOL
- 27 Herff Jones Graduation Presentation, AHS Auditorium 9:00am

### November

- 2 Student eLearning Day
- 24-26 Thanksgiving Break

## Club Corner

Kellie Rodkey, Assistant Principal



Avon High School currently is home to 67 student organizations. All clubs have an emphasis on student leadership and community service. A list of current clubs can be found on the Avon High School Club webpage <https://ahs.avon-schools.org/ahs-students/clubs>

Clubs meet during SRT on Thursdays or after school. Students who are interested in joining a club should message the club's sponsor.

Students interested in starting a new club should message Mrs. Rodkey. Just this month the Student Government approved two new clubs. The Rock Climbing Club is sponsored by Mrs. Nancy Myers. Students who are rock climbing enthusiasts will meet at area climbing sites to climb together. The National Art Honor Society, sponsored by Mrs. Lacy Ryan, was also just approved. Students in this club already have a list of mural requests that they will be painting in our community soon!

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<https://ahs.avon-schools.org/about/ahs-events>



## Guidance Office Updates

Our Guidance Counselors have had a busy start to the 2021-2022 school year! Grades 9-11 counselors are meeting one-on-one with freshmen to touch base as the students begin their high school career. Counselors visited the freshman PCC classes in September to discuss post-secondary options. They will visit the classes again in November and December to present information about Graduation Pathways requirements and to talk about academic plans for the four years at AHS. The counselors also visited sophomore SRTs at the beginning of the year with information about upcoming practice college entrance exams and college & career planning.

In late August, the senior counselors met with grade 12 English classes to give information about applying for colleges. Due dates, application tips, and how to send high school transcripts were discussed. Seniors received their orange FAFSA/Financial Aid folders in SRT class at the end of September. The senior counselors are continuing with individual meetings with all of their students. Make sure your senior checks the "Class of 2022 Guidance Group" in Schoology often for updates on scholarship and career opportunities.

## AP Exam Registration

Students in AP courses were given information about online test sign-up using Total Registration in late August. Students taking AP courses and exams must complete the online registration by October 29th. Register for AP exams [here](#).

## Counselors visit PCC Classrooms



## Guidance Links

Visit our [Stay Connected](#) Guidance webpage for a link to our Twitter page, Guidance Unscripted podcasts, and easy access to Schoology, Naviance, and more.

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## PSAT and PreACT -- October 26th

The PSAT will be administered to sophomores and juniors at Avon High School on the morning of Tuesday, October 26th, in SRT. Students in grades 10 and 11 received the Official PSAT Student Guide on Tuesday, September 28th. The booklet has useful test information, test-taking tips, and practice questions.

PreACT®

All AHS freshmen will take the PreACT on Tuesday, October 26th, in SRT. This exam by the ACT offers an excellent career and interest inventory component for students.

Click on the pictures to the left for more information about the exams.



## Financial Aid Night

Avon High School's Financial Aid Night presented by INvestED will be held on Tuesday, October 5th, at 7:00pm in the auditorium for senior parents and students. This presentation will include beneficial tips and advice as parents and students begin to explore how to pay for college.

## FAFSA Day



FAFSA Day for Avon High School senior parents is from 1:00-7:00pm on November 9th in the ALC Lecture Hall (enter door 13). Parents of seniors can get individualized help completing their FAFSA. The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#), or FAFSA, is the form that determines financial aid from the government and most colleges. The form collects personal and financial information from students and parents, and applies a formula to determine the Expected Family Contribution.



## Scholarship Help

Take a look at the [Post Secondary](#) section on the Guidance Webpage to see multiple scholarship websites to explore. The ALC Guidance office and your senior counselor are great places to learn about local scholarship opportunities.

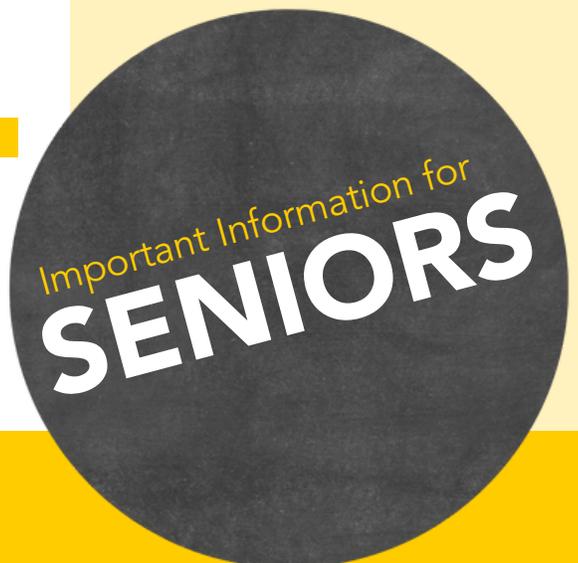
## Career Planning Resources

Two great websites to visit for career planning advice and resources are [LearnMoreIndiana.org](#) and [IndianaCareerReady.com](#). Both offer many ways to research high-demand jobs and tools to help find the perfect career fit.



## Important Dates for Seniors

- **October 1**
  - FAFSA now available
  - Last day to submit blue sheets to ALC Guidance Office for colleges with Nov 1 deadline
- **October 5**
  - Mini College Fair in SRT
  - Financial Aid Night in Auditorium at 7:00pm
- **October 26**
  - No school for seniors (good time to plan a college visit, military recruitment meeting, or job shadow)
- **October 27**
  - Herff Jones presentation about graduation gowns and announcements in SRT
- **November 4**
  - Herff Jones Graduation orders collected 11:30am-6:00pm in ALC Cafeteria Commons
- **November 9**
  - FAFSA Day at AHS 1:00-7:00pm (enter door 13)





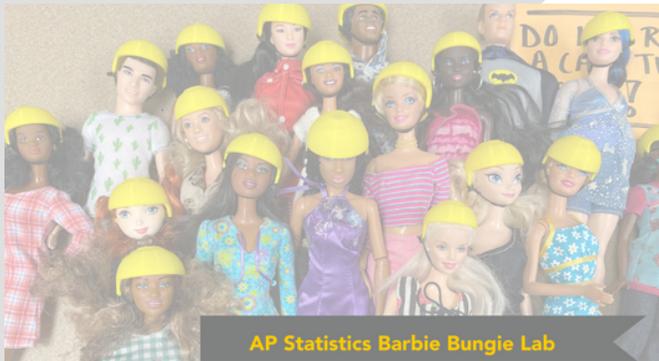
# National Merit



**'22 COMMENDED STUDENTS**

<https://ahs.avon-schools.org/about/ahs-news-updates>





### Ceramics III Vases



<https://ahs.avon-schools.org/about/classroom-highlights>

Click on the link above to see more photos of Classroom highlights and other activities.



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## Senior Picture Day Oct. 7 & 8

Top **5**  
Books checked  
out of the  
AHS Library  
September 2021



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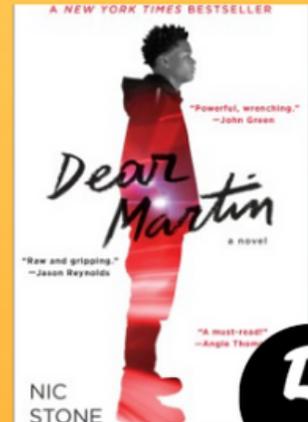
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## **STUDENTS MAY ACCESS SORA APP FOR EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS FROM THE AHS LIBRARY**

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.

..... Join the .....  
**Avon Schools Team!**



## Become a Substitute Teacher



### SALARY BENEFITS

\$90/day (\$110 with valid teaching license)  
\$45/half day (\$55 with valid teaching license)



### BONUS

Any substitute teacher who completes 12 or more full day equivalent assignments during the course of a calendar month will receive an additional \$10/day compensation for those assignments.



### FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES

Work as few as 4 days a month to as many as 4 days a week. Assignments can be accepted in advance to have a set schedule or accepted last minute.

A minimum of 20 credits from an accredited college or university - OR - related experience in an educational setting with a high school diploma.

**Ready to Apply?**



Scan this code →  
with your phone's  
camera or visit



..... [avon-schools.org/hr](http://avon-schools.org/hr) .....





## Attendance

If your child misses school or is late for any reason, call the Attendance line, (317) 544-5000, option #1. You may call this line 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](mailto:AHSAttendance@avon-schools.org).

## Early Dismissals

Occasionally, students may need to be dismissed early from school. Please email early dismissal information to [AHSStudentServices@avon-schools.org](mailto: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 2021-2022 school year.



## Immunizations

The Indiana State Department of Health sets the immunization requirements for students attending public schools in Indiana. For the 2021-2022 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.

On Thursday, November 4, students who have not yet provided proper immunization documentation will be excluded from school until proper documentation is received by the school nurse. A second dose of Meningitis is required for seniors.