



AVON OLD FARMS SCHOOL

Welcome to Avon Old Farms! The purpose of this message is to share recommended courses for your son and other important information related to our academic program.

A proposed and preliminary list of courses for your son has been created after a thoughtful review of his admission folder and a thorough consideration of his previous course of study. An “H” next to a course title indicates an honors-level course, and “AP” denotes Advanced Placement.

Please contact the Academic Office for additional information about your son's class list:

12th/PG: Rob Dowling; dowlingr@avonoldfarms.com

10th/11th: Jill Harrington; harringtonj@avonoldfarms.com

9th: Brian Cugell; cugellb@avonoldfarms.com

Setting up a student Avon email account:

Your son will receive an automated message from Google Workspaces inviting him to set up his account. **This email contains a link that is only live for 48 hours.** Please be on the lookout for this message. If he doesn't see it in his email, please have him check the spam folder. If he has difficulty, please contact Peter Deckers by email at deckersp@avonoldfarms.com for assistance.

Final academic schedules will be available during early August pending the receipt of a final transcript from this school year. Please arrange to have final transcripts sent to the attention of our Registrar, Jill Harrington, at harringtonj@avonoldfarms.com, as soon as his school year has been completed. We will not finalize your son's academic schedule for the upcoming year until we have reviewed his final official transcript. For your reference, a [comprehensive course catalog](#) is available to view on the Academia page of the school website. If you have any immediate concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Please visit our [New Parents page of the website](#) for key start of school information. The Start of School page can also be found under the Parents tab of the website and contains details related to the following:

All-School Summer Reading: All students are expected to read Mike Massimino's *Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe* in preparation for his visit to campus in September. Mr. Massimino exemplifies what it means to aspire and persevere, and his memoir provides an engaging account of his unlikely path to becoming a NASA astronaut that is relevant to our students regardless of grade level. For more details, please visit www.avonoldfarms.com/summerreading.

Summer Assignments for Advanced Placement/Honors Courses: Students enrolled in most Advanced Placement and Honors courses are required to complete additional reading and writing assignments over the summer as part of their graded coursework. Details about these assignments will be provided via Google Classroom. Students will receive login information for specific Google Classrooms via their Avon Old Farms email addresses. Since there is action required by students enrolled in these courses, please promptly access the emailed information.

World Languages Diagnostic Assessment: Students who are initially scheduled in a level two or higher course of Spanish, Mandarin or Latin are required to take a language placement test that will assist in confirming the proper course placement. The World Language Placement Tests are administered via Google Classroom. Please have your son access the language placement test using the invitation which will be sent to his issued Avon Old Farms email address in the near future. Students should complete the appropriate placement test by **July 1, 2022**.

Math Placement Diagnostic Assessment: Students will be asked to complete a math diagnostic assessment to assist in confirming the proper course placement. This assessment is designed to evaluate students with a wide range of math experience. **Students should only complete the problems they recognize. The assessment does not permit any assistance or use of any resources other than a calculator while completing the required work.** The AOF Math Diagnostic Assessment is administered via Formative. Please have your son access the math assessment using the invitation sent to his Avon Old Farms email address. Students should complete the appropriate placement test by **July 1, 2022**.

Online Bookstore: In order to make purchasing books more convenient, the school has partnered with eCampus. Families are not required to use this vendor; however, all of the necessary information regarding academic texts is available on the site. The online bookstore will be live with current information for 2022-2023 on **August 8, 2022**, and there will be a two-week period of free shipping following the opening of the bookstore. Families who need to travel a significant distance to school may have books mailed directly to campus at 500 Old Farms Road, Avon, CT, 06001. If you have questions regarding books, please contact Dean of Studies, Graham Callaghan at callaghang@avonoldfarms.com.

Bigelow Learning Center: If your son receives academic accommodations, please contact the Director of Academic Support, James Reece, to ensure that current and appropriate documentation (neuropsychological evaluation, IEP, and/or 504 plan) is on file. Please send all necessary documentation by **July 1, 2022**. Mr. Reece can be contacted at reecej@avonoldfarms.com or 860-404-4286. For more details, please visit <https://www.avonoldfarms.com/academia/academic-support>.

ACT/SAT Accommodations: If your son receives accommodations for standardized testing (SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement examinations, etc.) please also send that documentation to James Reece at reecej@avonoldfarms.com. If you have questions about standardized testing, please contact our test coordinator, Marie Delnicki, at 860-404-4285 or by email at delnickim@avonoldfarms.com.

Math Supplies: The Mathematics Department requires each student enrolled in Algebra 1 and Geometry to have a standard (non-graphing) scientific calculator. **Students enrolled in Algebra 2 or above will be required to have both a scientific (non graphing) and a graphing calculator (Texas Instruments TI-84 or equivalent). Students ARE NOT ALLOWED TO use any version of the TI – Nspire (or comparable programmable) calculator.** Questions regarding the calculator should be directed to Mathematics Department Chairman, Matt Proffitt. He can be reached at proffittm@avonoldfarms.com.

Please know that while this email pertains to academic information, you will also find detailed information about school life on the [New Parents page of the website](#). Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

All of us here at Avon Old Farms are excited about the upcoming year, and we look forward to meeting both you and your son!

Cordially,

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