

Avon Middle School North Newsletter


September 2022





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$E + R = O$

AN EVENT + YOUR RESPONSE
= THE OUTCOME

*You can't change the event, but you
can change your response which will
change the outcome.*

Principal's Message - September 2022

Avon North Families,

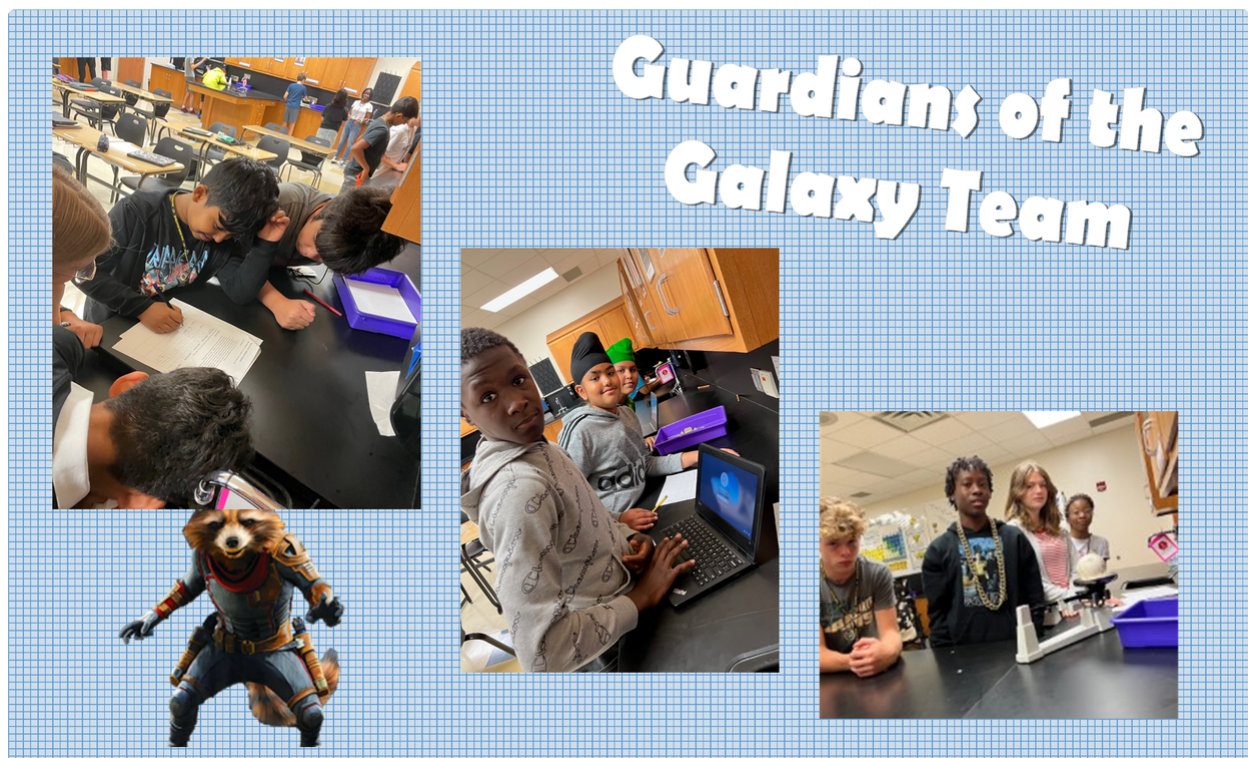
Our students have enjoyed numerous learning experiences during the first month of school that help us reach our mission of all students belonging, learning, and growing. To highlight how students are **learning** each month our teachers have taken photos of students engaging in learning activities during the past month. The pictures give you a glimpse into the positive learning experiences your child is having at North. To encourage all students to **belong**, we recently announced clubs that will be hosted at AMSN this school year. Please encourage your child to join one of the clubs to feel a better sense of belonging to our school.

Each morning, I share a morning message with our students to encourage them and help them **grow** through the ups and downs of the middle school years. I use the phrase “E + R = O” with our students which means Event + Response = Outcome. Events happen to us all the time and are out of our control. For example, a student calling us a name or giving us a look in the hallway. Our response is within our control and that will influence the outcome that we get from the situation. I encourage our students to be disciplined by choosing responses that match the desired outcome. I have shared two “R Factors” to help students process their responses to events. First, I encourage students and staff to “press pause” after an event to help provide clarity for decision making. This week, I introduced the second “R Factor” of “Get your mind right” to motivate students to choose responses that match their value system. Your child will continue to hear similar messages throughout the month of September as we work on pressing pause and getting our mind right when negative events happen to us that we can’t control.

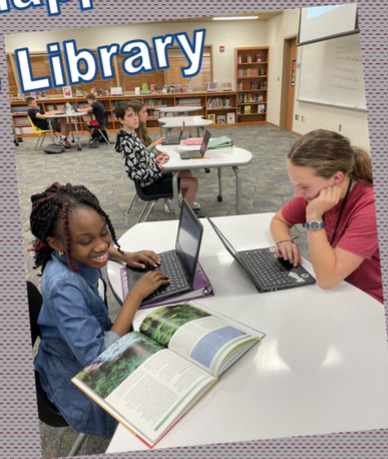
Finally, we continue to reiterate “if you see something, quickly say something” to a trusted adult at school and discuss with you at home. We believe that collaborating with our students makes our school an even better place to belong, learn, and grow. Please reach out to your child’s teacher or support team with any questions about your child’s school year. In addition, you are welcome to connect with me to provide any suggestions on ways to make AMSN an even better place for our students and staff!

Go Orioles!

Mr. Matt Hines, Principal



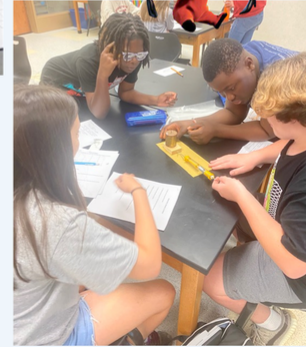
What's happening in the Library



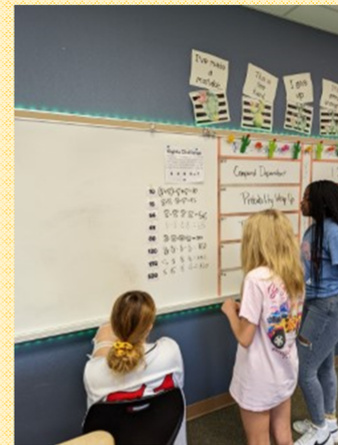
MRS. KOONTZ'S STUDENTS ARE TAKING PART IN RESEARCH ON 10 DIFFERENT BIOMES. THEY WILL USE THIS RESEARCH TO CREATE PRESENTATIONS.

In Miss McDonald's class, students worked together to use their knowledge of world climate zones and Earth science to create their own unique countries.





On the Incredibles Team - students designed and completed an experiment using friction. They were asked to determine how a change in mass or a change in surface changed the amount of force required to overcome static friction.



PRE-ALGEBRA STUDENTS WERE WORKING IN COLLABORATIVE GROUPS TO APPLY ORDER OF OPERATIONS. THEY HAD AN ASSIGNED NUMBER THAT REPEATED FOUR TIMES AND A GOAL NUMBER. THEIR JOB WAS TO USE ARITHMETICAL SIGNS AND ORDER OF OPERATIONS TO MAKE THE FOUR NUMBERS EQUAL THE GOAL NUMBER.



Student of the Month - August 2022

Congratulations to the following students!

Demi Akinbola, Kellen Schoeff, Isabelle Flatt, Madilyn Bertram, Hannah Foster, Damola Bankole-Brown, Zander Fields, Dylan Hanes, Ranvir Dhami, Jay Desai, Thad Heath, Nariah Moore, Drake Kobold, Jacqueline Hedges, Jagdeep Singh, Jordyn Clutter, Morgan Cripe, Aliana Gebreslassie, Garrit Nannenga, Harman Shergill, Ian Tolentino, David Stewart, Elaina Narvell, Graham Harris, Addison Barker, Je'shawn Brunson, Hannah Franz, Eli Neal, Standley

After School Clubs and Late Bus

The list below includes the after school clubs that have been approved for the 22-23 school year. The late bus will run every Tuesday and Thursday starting September 6 at 5:00 pm from the normal bus lot. *Students must sign up in the guidance office before the end of lunches on the day they plan to take the late bus.*

- Theatre (Ms. S. Brown)
- Craft Connection Club - meets every other Thursday starting 9/8/22 (Ms. S. Brown)
- Dungeons & Dragons Society (Mr. Valdez)
- Futsal Soccer Club - dates are announced on morning announcements (Mrs. Gustin)
- Photography Club - meets on Thursdays (Mrs. Livingston)
- Pep Band (Ms. Szymkow)
- ESports Team - meets on Thursdays (Mr. Kinnaird)
- North Fitness Club - (Mr. Tudor)
- Diversity Club - meets on Tuesdays (Mr. Kinnaird)
- Mosaic Club (Mr. Foley)
- Muslim Student Association (Mrs. DeMeuter)

Technology Update

Friendly reminder from Technology

The deadline to sign up for insurance on your student's laptop is September 5th. The cost to repair the display without insurance is \$65.00. This has been the most common repair so far this year. Insurance for the full year is only \$45.00. Link to sign up is <https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/gpo/acsc/>

Please refer to the map below for instructions on AM drop-off/PM pick-up for car riders

Avon Middle School North

Traffic Flow 22-23



Building Access

In Avon Schools, safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. A building access intercom system was installed at AMSNorth. Visitors will press the doorbell and be asked to identify yourself and provide a reason for your visit. Thank you for your patience in adapting to this updated, more secure system.

Orchestra News

Hello Orchestra Families, (previously shared through ParentSquare).

In the Avon Performing Arts we strive to provide life changing experiences through music and music performances. We have the exciting and unique opportunity to provide three experiences for our middle school orchestra students, all of which have audition due dates in September. All the opportunities I will discuss below have material printed and available in class, posted in your students Schoology course and attached here. I encourage you to ask and encourage your students to be brave and branch out into at least one of these audition processes and ensembles!

Avon North Chamber Orchestra

For the first time in 16 years, this ensemble will not be a combination of North and South students, but just North students. Audition packets are available in the back of the orchestra room and are clearly labeled Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass. Chamber will meet Thursday mornings starting September 15th from 8:10 to 9:10am. Transportation must be provided by our families. **Auditions are due by midnight on September 2, 2022.** Chamber performs at all concerts, as well as ISSMA Contest in March, Other performance opportunities may also arise. Please read the packet for more information including the calendar and cost. The chamber orchestra has a great performance history and is the premiere ensemble at Avon North Orchestra.

Indiana ASTA All-Region Honor Orchestra

All-Region will be hosted at Avon North on November 19th, 2022 from 8:00am to 5:30pm, with a free performance at 4:30pm. As part of the Indiana ASTA regulations, we are only allowed to send nine students to this honor event. To help Indiana ASTA make their decisions on who is selected, I ask that students complete a smaller portion of the Chamber Orchestra Audition Packet. Please see the All-Region Packet to see what is needed for the audition. **All-Region auditions are due by September 2, 2022 at midnight.** Central All-Region is the premier honor ensemble for middle school orchestra in Central Indiana.

Indiana ASTA Junior All-State

In its fifth year, we are always excited to have students audition for this prestigious statewide ensemble. Jr. All-State takes place in Fort Wayne, Indiana during the Indiana Music Educators Association Professional Conference on January 13th and 14th. There are no limits to how many students can audition for this ensemble. This ensemble is truly an honor. I would encourage all students to apply, but especially our viola, cello and bass students as this ensemble has had a challenging time getting that instrumentation the past two years. Jr. All State Orchestra is the premier honor ensemble for middle school orchestra in Indiana. **Auditions are due on Wednesday September 28, 2022.**

Final Words

With all three ensembles and audition opportunities, there are no grade restrictions or how many can audition. Meaning, 7th and 8th graders are allowed to audition and participate to their fullest potential. However, each ensemble will keep in place balanced instrumentation and overall size of each ensemble.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Mr. Keith Ziolkowski

Athletic Department News

Ticket prices for games and matches -

- Adults \$5.00 (adults age 62 and over are Free)
- Students with Avon Middle School ID \$4.00
- Children under age 5 are Free.
- Athletic Pass \$30.00 for 10 games - purchase at the gate

Please make sure your child has all the information filled out in Privit (located on the North website)

The fall season is off to a great start! Football opened with wins for our 7th and 8th grade teams. 7th and 8th grade volleyball are looking good so far this season. Girl's golf started off with a loss to a very strong opponent. We are looking forward to their next match. The tennis team opened their season the week of August 24th, and the cross county team opens their season on August 25th.

Athletic Calendar

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**Hendricks County
Health
Partnership**



**Youth
Empowerment
Programs**

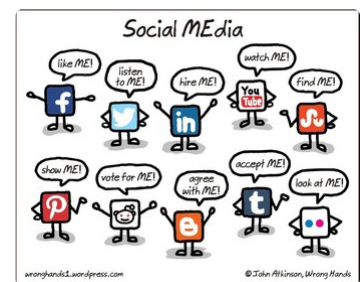


**Have you signed
up yet?**

This is a four year full-ride scholarship for income-eligible students in Indiana. You must apply while your student is in middle school.

Counselor's Corner

Social media is ingrained in everyday life for today's teens. It is important to monitor your child's technology use and teach responsible habits. Here are some helpful tips:



1. Look through your child's phone, tablet, and computer regularly. It is not a violation of privacy, it is a necessity. The internet and social media are constantly evolving with apps that hide inappropriate pictures, etc. Be aware of what your teen is viewing and using. Bottom of Form
2. Set boundaries for social media accounts. If your child is given the green light to have certain social media accounts, then it is important to talk about the information shared. For example, do not accept friends that are strangers, no sharing of address, phone number, etc. Always maintain a friendship with your child via these websites to see what they are doing and what their friends are doing.
3. Explain that image is not everything. Your child must understand that what is shared on social media is shared with a lot of people and can be impossible to permanently delete. Decisions made now can have an impact on the future

4. Set access limits. Limiting screen time for your kiddos sets healthy limits for them to participate in family activities, extracurriculars, and focus on academics. Limiting access can also improve mental health.

5. Know what your phone provider has to offer. Most carriers such as AT&T, Verizon, and Sprint have the ability to track and restrict your child's phone.

7. "[My Mobile Watchdog](#)" is a great app for parents to monitor their child's phone. It is easily installed, and you can monitor texts and call history, monitor apps, block websites, and even turn off apps from your own phone. "[TeenSafe](#)" is another great app for parents with the ability to monitor correspondence on your child's phone including Instagram.

Office Procedures

Attendance:

If a student is absent from school, a parent or guardian must call the school at 317-544-5500 by 10:00 am to report the absence or send an email to MNattendance@avon-schools.org

Early Dismissal:

When students have to leave school early for special appointments, a note from a parent or guardian must be brought from home to secure an "Early Dismissal" slip from the office. The note must be brought to the front office before school starts.

Tardy to School:

If a student arrives after 9:20 am, he/she must sign in at the office before going to class. If a student reaches 5 tardy slips to school, he/she will receive an after school detention for each tardy after the fifth one (per semester).

AM/PM Car Rider Procedures:

Cars must merge into one lane before reaching Door 1. In the morning, students are not to leave the cars before 9:00! The doors are not unlocked until 9:10 am. Students are to stand socially distanced in the main hall until the 9:10 am bell rings.

In the afternoon, students wait for their cars as they stand along the car-loading section of the sidewalk. Drivers are to pull their cars along the sidewalk ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE YELLOW SIGN THAT READS: STUDENT DROPOFF. When it rains, students will be dismissed from the cafeteria by radio when driver arrives at the student drop-off section of the curb. Student's name is to be posted on the passenger window.

Homework Request:

Parents and students may obtain homework assignments through Schoology and monitor grades through Power Parent.

Lunch:

Please note that we do not accept food for students delivered from restaurants or outside delivery services.

Student Pick-up from Extra-Curricular Activities:

Any student who is picked up on the north side will need to be picked up in the football parking lot. The students may be athletes or ones involved in extra-curricular clubs/activities. We will block the north drive coming off of Dan Jones Road from the Northwest corner all the way to the tennis courts. We will also block the entrance/exit into the football parking lot from this street. If you enter off of Dan Jones Road, please know that you will need to proceed all the way around the building using the front drive to get to the football parking lot. The best way to enter is off of 10th street.

We are asking for all parents to wait for their children in the football parking lot spaces for safety concerns. Due to the number of athletes and students involved in other extra-curricular events walking to and from the building, it is important that we keep curbs clear of cars. This allows for drivers to see

children better. This also allows for our student athletes to see traffic. All of our students' safety is of utmost concern, so we are asking for your help in making our campus as safe as possible. Thank you from the entire Avon North Administrative staff.

Follow the link to access PowerSchool, Schoology, and ParentSquare



Cafeteria News



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School breakfast and lunch prices are:

Breakfast - \$1.85

Lunch - \$2.95

Click on the link below to view the lunch menu.

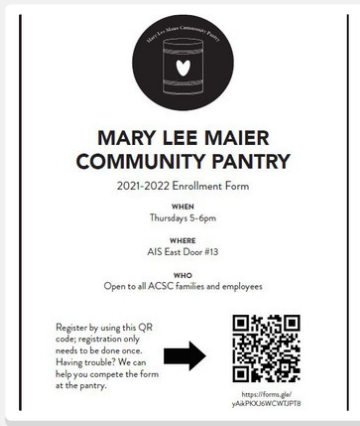
<https://avon-schools.nutrislice.com/menu/avon-middle-school-north/lunch/2021-08-20>

FACS Classes taking donations

The Family and Consumer Science classes are always open to donations of thread, buttons, or felt. If you have any of these items to spare, we will gladly take it off your hands!

Thank you,

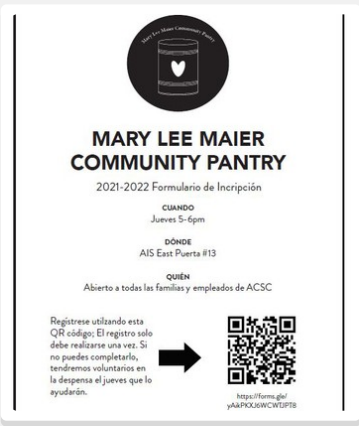
Mrs. Hicks, FACS Teacher



Food Pantry Flyer



Reminder!



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- Spanish