



from the desk of Principal *Matt Shochky*

Parent Information about Thursday, September 15

Thursday, September 15th is a special day when AHS lives out its “*We are Avon, We are One*” philosophy. It is still a required school day for some grade levels —it will just look a little different! Numerous teachers, counselors, and administrators have been preparing for a few weeks to make September 15th a meaningful and engaging day for those at school. ***We will have normal dismissal at 3:10pm with bus transportation for students who need it.***

9th Grade and 10th Grade

All 9th and 10th grade students will not report to school on September 15th.

The day will be an opportunity for freshman and sophomore students to catch up on assignments and homework to ensure their year is off to the best start possible! If you feel that your student is caught up, then we encourage students to read a book of their choice. As an Education Week article states, “Reading for pleasure deepens students understanding of themselves in the world and expands the possibilities of who they might become.”

11th Grade

Over 800 Juniors will participate in the 8th annual Day of Caring. Though this will be counted as a required school day, the learning will take place outside the walls of a traditional classroom. In order to help foster a spirit of integrity, empathy, and civic responsibility, students will work with their peers and teachers to serve the Hendricks County community. Groups of students and their designated chaperones will be dropped off at various locations such as nursing homes, elementary schools, town libraries, nonprofit organizations, and community parks to volunteer for the day. Students will receive more information about appropriate dress for the day from their SRT teachers. A sack lunch will be provided for each student.

Students who drive to school will be able to leave early once returning from volunteering.

12th Grade

Seniors will be together as a class to build unity and pride while also reflecting on their legacy at Avon High School. National motivational speaker, Keith Hawkins, who also led freshman orientation, will be back to create a memorable day for seniors. This is a required day of attendance like any other school day. Keith will be training 100+ seniors to help facilitate small group activities on Wednesday evening. ***Please note the following arrival/departure information for SENIORS ONLY:***

- Seniors are to report to SRT by 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 15th.
- Seniors who ride the bus or are dropped off at school at regular school times will report to their SRT at 8:25 a.m. on Thursday, September 15th.
- AM Area 31 students attending AHS instead of Area 31, AIM Mentors, or Work Based Learning Interns who do not have an SRT will report to ALC LGI 215 upon arrival to school.

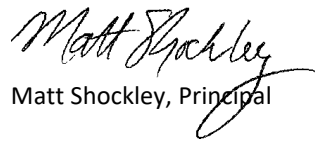
- Upon conclusion of this event, seniors who drive to school will be able to leave early.

Area 31 Students

Junior and senior Area 31 students will be given options for September 15th. Students could choose to participate in AHS activities all day **or** attend Area 31 at the appropriate times. Area 31 students will be submitting their decision to administrators, and those will be communicated to Area 31 and its programs. Students will be held accountable for their choice on that day.

- A.M. Area 31 juniors and seniors choosing to attend Area 31 on September 15th are expected to report there at the normal time. A.M. bus riders will be picked up at the normal time at home or meet the shuttle at 7:00am at door 33. A.M. Area 31 juniors and seniors are not expected to report back to AHS for the afternoon. If students need to ride the bus home from school, those juniors will report to the ALC LGI 215, and seniors will join senior activities.
- P.M. Area 31 juniors choosing to attend Area 31 on September 15th will not report to AHS in the morning but are expected to attend Area 31 at the regular time. If students ride the bus to school, they are to report to the ALC LGI 215. They will be dismissed to catch the bus to Area 31 at the regular time.
- P.M. Area 31 seniors choosing to attend Area 31 on September 15th will not report to AHS in the morning but are expected to attend Area 31 at the regular time. If students ride the bus to school, then they are to report to SRT at 8:25 a.m. and will participate in senior activities. They will be dismissed to catch the bus to Area 31 at the regular time.

Thursday, September 15th should be a memorable day for our upperclassmen! I would appreciate your cooperation and support to make this day a success.


Matt Shockley, Principal