

Avon Middle School North Newsletter


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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.*

Fall Break

October 10 - 21



Principal's Message - October 2022

Avon North Families,

It's hard to believe that we have completed 25% of the school year! As the new principal, I would love your feedback on how the start has been for you and your child. **Please take 3-5 minutes and complete [this survey](#) to help our administrative team learn and grow together.**

Our teachers are working hard to finalize your child's grade and you will receive an electronic grade card via Parent Square on October 7th for the 1st quarter grades. Over the last month, our students have had numerous learning opportunities to help them reach our mission of learning, growing, and belonging at AMSN. Two of my favorite learning visits included students dissecting a sheep's brain in medical detectives and shark tank pitches in computer science class. The two activities required collaboration between students and a foundational knowledge base in the content area. Our students were engaged and focused on learning new skills during the two learning visits.

Last month, I shared our "E + R = O" model of helping teach students ways to respond to adversity and events that are out of their control. We continue to encourage students to "press pause" and "get your mind right" as responses 1 and 2 in the system. Last week, I introduced our third response which is "step up". Step up encourages students and adults to choose a disciplined response when the situation requires it. The stepped-up response elevates our chance of receiving a positive outcome.

Thanks for helping your child get off to a great 1st quarter of the 22-23 school year! Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, student support team, and/or me to help with your child's experience at North.

A.L.I.C.E. Drill

Today, September 30, 2022, we conducted our first ALICE drill by discussing what to do in an emergency inside of our building. Our students were led by Chief Lyday, ACSC Police Chief, over the PA to discuss with their teachers how to lockdown their classroom. Also, they discussed evacuating in an emergency and compared that to evacuating during a fire drill. We use the acronym ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) as a tool to help kids process ways to think during an emergency both in and out of school. The order of the letters depends on the situation and students and staff must use the process based on the emergency situation. Please discuss the conversation with your child and let us know if you have any questions about our ALICE protocol. The goal is to help our students think independently, both in and out of school, in an emergent situation to keep them safe.



School Spirit Week!! October 3-7

AMSN will have a School Spirit Week to increase the sense of belonging and bring joy to our team. Next week, October 3 – 7, our students are encouraged to wear the following:

- **Monday: Team Color Day**
- Justice League: Blue
- Xmen: Yellow
- TMNT: Green
- Avengers: Purple
- Incredibles: Red
- Guardians: Black
- **Tuesday: Decades Day**
- **Wednesday: Avon North Spirit Day**
- **Thursday: Meme Day**
- **Friday: Dress Like Your Teacher Day**



Reading Challenge Winners

Congratulations to the Reading Challenge Winners for September!

Lily Hwang
Hannah Foster
Idowu Adeleke
Isabelle Oliver

Join FAN !!

If you are interested in supporting our teachers through positive messages and gifts, then consider joining FAN (Families at North) to help uplift our educators. Please e-mail Mrs. Davis (uldavis@avon-schools.org) if you are interested and would like more information.



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Costumes for a Cause!

On Monday, October 31st, we will allow students to dress up for the pantry by donating \$1 - \$5 to wear costumes to school. Our staff will also participate in the dress up event to raise money for the Mary Lee Maier Food Pantry that provides food to Avon families. Students will not be allowed to wear masks, no weapons or anything that resembles a weapon, and must follow the north dress code of being respectful of your appearance. The donation will be collected during WINN on October 31st.

Veterans Day Slideshow

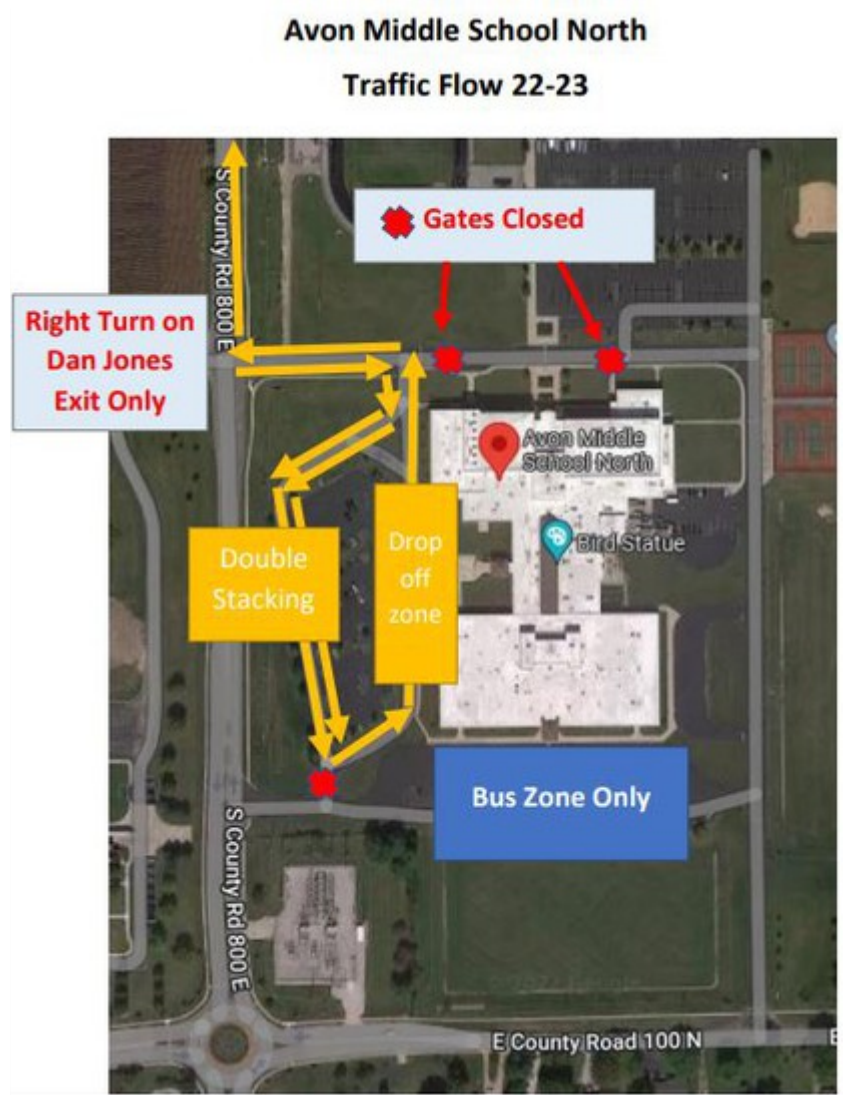
Veterans Day Slideshow: for those who would like to have their family member's picture included in the Veterans day slide show please email Mrs. Matthews at gbmatthews@avon-schools.org

Please include the following information:

A picture of the Veteran family member- include Veteran's name, how related to North's student, branch served and if they served in wartime.



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



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.

Avon Middle School North will participate in a school-wide fundraiser in November to raise money to support student activities throughout the school year including the end-of-year celebration. The goal will be to sell 1500 items from November 16th – November 30th. You and your child will receive more information in early November to help us reach our goal through the all-digital fundraiser.

Orchestra News

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.

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.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Mr. Keith Ziolkowski

Athletic Department News

As the fall season comes to an end winter season is ready to start.

Boy's basketball has an open gym for anyone interested in trying out 7th or 8th grade basketball on Thursday October 6 from 4:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. You must have all your forms in Privit completed by this date. Privit can be found on the North web page under athletics.

Try outs for boys' basketball will be on Monday October 24th right after school.

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

Edward W. Faughnan

Athletic Director/Dean of Students

Athletic Calendar

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Counselor's Corner

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT COLLEGE

As a parent, you've likely heard that it's never too early to talk to your child about college. At the same time, your child has years until it's time to apply. Is there a natural way to begin the discussion about college readiness without it feeling forced? Middle school is the perfect time for students and parents to have initial conversations about college and expectations. This is the time when students can start to get themselves on track academically for advanced work later on, and it is a great time to start exploring interests and aptitudes.

A few tips to start:

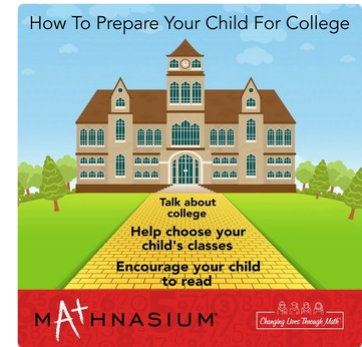
- Talk to your child about the required education and credentials for various [careers](#)
- Start a dialogue about the benefits of college. Some of the ones that may resonate with middle-school age children are as follows:
 - College students have the chance to explore topics of interest and meet people who are equally passionate about those topics
 - College can provide travel opportunities through study abroad
 - A degree makes an individual [more likely](#) to get a job in the future
 - College graduates get [paid more](#) than those with only a high school diploma
- Incorporate the occasional college visit into your family vacations. If your child is a fan of a college team, go see the campus. Even just walking by a university campus prompts your child to think about his or her future plans.

Once you've gotten started with these above tips, there are some additional ways you can support your middle school student in getting on the path to college and career readiness in the coming years.

These include the following:

- Peruse this [college preparation checklist](#) for parents and children
- Talk to your child about their interests and skills
- Assess grades and performance, looking for ways to assist and encourage
- Have your child take a learning style [quiz](#)
- Begin researching colleges
- Facilitate conversations between your child and people in their lives who attended college
- Find ways that your child can get involved in the community

There are many factors involved in the college application process. Believe it or not, this process begins in middle school!





**Hendricks County
Health Partnership**

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**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.

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.

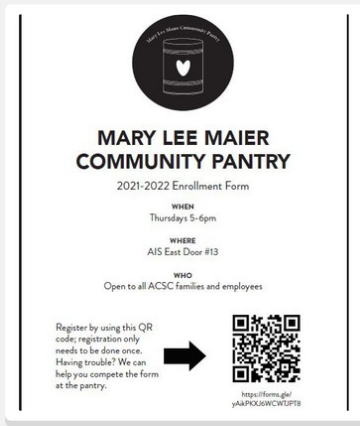
<https://avon-schools.nutrislice.com/menu/avon-middle-school-north/lunch/2021-08-20>

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!



Food Pantry Flyer
- Spanish