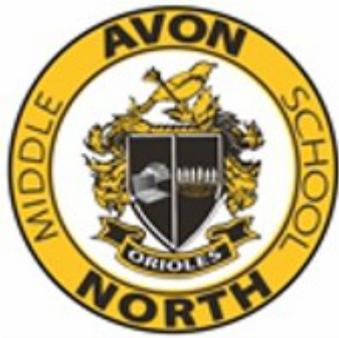


# Avon Middle School North Newsletter

February 2023



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AN EVENT + YOUR RESPONSE  
= THE OUTCOME

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

## AMSN Office Staff

Matt Hines, Principal

Ginger Davis, 8th grade Assistant Principal

Ranessa Lee, 7th grade Assistant Principal

Ed Faughnan, Dean/Athletic Director

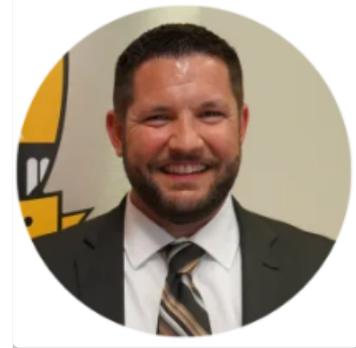
Andrea Davasher, 8th grade Counselor

Allison West, 7th grade Counselor

## Principal's Message - February 2023

Avon North Families,

Second semester is off to a great start as we continue to focus on our mission of all belonging, learning, and growing! Our students completed NWEA and results were sent out on January 13 via ParentSquare. Our staff uses these results to target instruction that will support individual math and reading skills. I am happy to report that our ELA and Math NWEA scores in both grade levels showed improvement from last year. We hope to build off this momentum to have a great ILEARN session in the spring.



During the month of February, our student-run diversity club and a group of our educators have planned activities to celebrate National Black History Month. Our school's focus on ensuring all

students belong starts by celebrating the different cultures of our students. During this school year, we have recognized Hispanic Heritage month with a “loteria”, announcements were made for disability awareness, Mr. Valdez (AMSN Engineering Design Teacher) shared the pledge of allegiance in Potawatomi for Indigenous Peoples’ Day, and much more. In March, we will recognize Women’s History month with various activities.

As we race to the finish line of the 22-23 school year, please encourage your child to continue to use the “R-Factors” when responding to events in school and life. We recently introduced the fourth “R-Factor” of “adjust and adapt”. Because times are always changing, I have encouraged our students and staff to be flexible. As we choose how to respond, we must monitor the outcome and adjust appropriately. I hope you have heard your child mention “press pause”, “get your mind right”, and “step up” as these are the three “R-factors”, we have discussed. Students tell me that they have pressed pause after a situation and chose a better response. We will continue to discuss the “R-factors” throughout the school year to help our students and staff choose the best response when events are out of their control.

Thanks for taking an active part in your child’s educational journey and never hesitate to reach out to me via ParentSquare or [mahines@avon-schools.org](mailto:mahines@avon-schools.org) with any questions or concerns.

Matt Hines, Principal



## WIDA

Our 7th and 8th grade multilingual learners at North continue to participate in WIDA ACCESS for ELLs testing through February 23. This test is an opportunity for students to demonstrate all the ways that they understand and communicate in English. Prepare for test day by making sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats breakfast. Students are notified in Schoology about specific dates and times of testing as well as



resources and links to practice tests. Please contact Mrs. Kimmell, EL Teacher, through Parent Square or [dlkimmell@avon-schools.org](mailto:dlkimmell@avon-schools.org) if you have questions or need more information.



## 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 ([vldavis@avon-schools.org](mailto:vldavis@avon-schools.org)) if you are interested and would like more information.

## Congratulations to our 2nd qtr. Outstanding Orioles!

Miryam Starr, Rylan Brown, Kaylee Gruzinsky, Avrie Sier, Garrit Nannenga, Charles Webster, Hannah Foster, Jay Desai. Also pictured, Mr. Hines, Mrs. LaHaye, and Mr. Hawk



## Free Substance Use Workshop

Parents and Caregivers, how much do you know about teenage substance use and mental health? Sadly, it can be difficult for even the most engaged adults to remain informed about this difficult but important topic. Especially with the use and abuse of drugs like Fentanyl on the rise, it is vital for parents and caregivers to remain educated.



Date: **Wednesday, February 22**

Time: **6:00-8:00 pm**

Location: **Avon High School Auditorium (Door 33)**

Cost: **FREE!**

<https://www.avon-schools.org/experience-avon/experience-avon/~board/acsc-posts/post/free-substance-use-workshop-for-parents-caregivers>



**ATTENTION**  
**all 5th-8th graders!**

Do you enjoy bowling?  
Would you like to learn the basics of bowling  
and have the opportunity to  
compete against other local 5th-8th graders?  
Maybe you're interested in bowling for  
the High School Teams in the future?

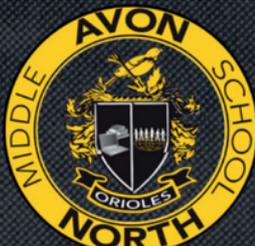
**Join us for an Informative Callout Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 26th from 1-3pm**  
**Western Bowl**  
**6441 W Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN**

Program runs March thru April on  
Sunday afternoons & Tuesday after school  
with end of season tournaments:  
Regionals-May 6th  
Semi State-May 13  
State Finals-May 20

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Contact: AHS Coach, Charlie Dorton  
p: 317-908-7471  
e: charliedorton@yahoo.com

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## Congratulations to the Avon American Legion Contest Winners!

The students pictured include 8th graders - Ellis Neal and Hannah Foster. 7th graders - Pratyush Sathich Kumar and Lily Hircsh. They were recognized by the local American Legion post for winning their assessment and essay contest. The students will be recognized at the American Legion district level in March.



## Broadcasting Bootcamp

Join us this summer for an action-packed broadcasting experience led by our Avon TV teacher and students! This summer camp experience is open for students who will be in in grades 7, 8, and 9 in the fall.

Date: **June 21-23**

Time: **8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

Location: **AHS Broadcast Studio**

Cost: **\$100**

<https://www.avon-schools.org/experience-avon/experience-avon/~board/acsc-posts/post/broadcasting-bootcamp-23>



## Music Department News

### Orchestra News

Hello Orchestra Families!

As we start the second semester, I wanted to share important details with each of you about our busiest quarter of the school year! Below you will find dates and times of rehearsals and performances. I ask that you mark these in your calendars as soon as you can to avoid other conflicts.

Date Description Start Time Drop Off Start Time

February 24th 8th Grade Combined Rehearsal 8:10am 8:00am at Door No. 3

February 27th 7th Grade Combined Rehearsal 8:10am 8:00am at Door No. 3

March 2nd Normal Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal 8:10am 8:00am at Door No. 3

March 2nd During Class, combined class rehearsals - -

March 2nd Performance ISSMA Preview/X Concert 6:00pm Students Stay at School

March 6th 8th Grade Combined Rehearsal 8:10am 8:00am at Door No. 3  
March 9th Normal Chamber Rehearsal 8:10am 8:00am at Door No. 3  
March 10th 7th Grade Combined Rehearsal 8:10am 8:00am at Door No. 3

March 10th Performance - ISSMA Contest\* TBD TBD  
March 11th Performance - ISSMA Contest\* TBD TBD

\* ISSMA Contest is a competition for your students to attend. Avon North will not know the official schedule until about two weeks or less prior to the event. Please mark both dates on your calendar. To help with your scheduling of different events, March 10th performance times are between 5:30pm to 10:00pm, March 11th performance times are between 8:30am to 3:30pm or later. Each performance slot is approximately 25 minutes

Contact Information – Mr. Keith Ziolkowski, [kmziolkowski@avon-schools.org](mailto:kmziolkowski@avon-schools.org) or ParentSquare

## Athletic Department News

Please click on the Athletic Calendar below for the schedule of all the events.

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

Athletic Calendar

## Counselor's Corner

Free College!

Did you know??? If your child meets the income requirements for free or reduced lunch, he or she also qualifies for free tuition at any state school in Indiana for all four years! Please don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! In order to qualify, you have to apply while your student is in Middle School. It only takes about ten minutes to apply at the link below!

<https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholars/enroll/>



## Student Mental Health Awareness

Prioritizing mental health is an essential part of the educational journey and well-being of everyone.

[Download](#)

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## 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.



**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.

## 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](mailto: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



## Cafeteria News

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>



**MARY LEE MAIER  
COMMUNITY PANTRY**

2021-2022 Enrollment Form

**WHEN**  
Thursdays 5-6pm

**WHERE**  
AIS East Door #13

**WHO**  
Open to all ACSC families and employees

Register by using this QR code; registration only needs to be done once. Having trouble? We can help you complete the form at the pantry.



<https://forms.gle/YA8PKXG6WCWUFT8>

**Food Pantry Flyer**



**REMINDER:**  
MARY LEE MAIER COMMUNITY PANTRY IS SERVING AT AIS EAST- DOOR 13. WE ARE CONTINUING TO OPERATE IN A DRIVE THRU FORMAT.

**Open on Thursdays!  
5:00-6:00pm**

**Reminder!**



**MARY LEE MAIER  
COMMUNITY PANTRY**

2021-2022 Formulario de Inscripción

**CUANDO**  
Jueves 5-6pm

**DÓNDE**  
AIS East Puerta #13

**QUIÉN**  
Abierto a todas las familias y empleados de ACSC

Regístrese utilizando esta QR código; El registro solo debe realizarse una vez. Si no puedes completarlo, tendremos voluntarios en la despensa el jueves que lo ayudarán.



<https://forms.gle/YA8PKXG6WCWUFT8>

**Food Pantry Flyer  
- Spanish**



# HEART AND SOLE SHOE DRIVE



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**THANK YOU!**



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