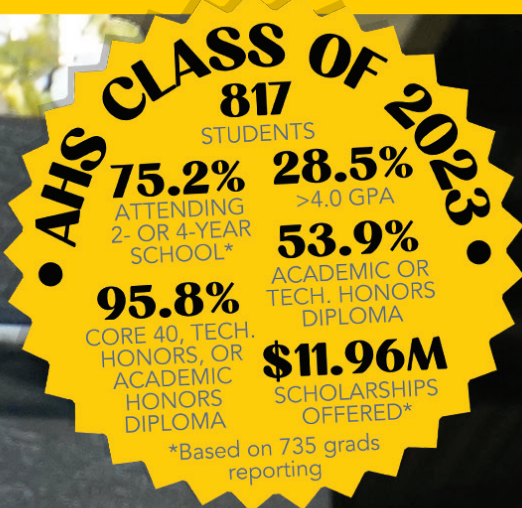


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We Have Much to Celebrate

From the Superintendent



We have reached the end of yet another school year. I couldn't be prouder of our students, educators, and staff for the incalculable academic accomplishments, immeasurable growth, exciting achievements, and inspiring effort.

We have much to celebrate.

In May, the Avon Education Foundation hosted the **Evening of Excellence**. The top 25 academic performers in the Class of '23 paid tribute to their favorite educators. It was an awesome celebration of the students and the educators who have helped them succeed.

We honored the 26 educators and support staff chosen by their peers as their school or department's **teachers and support staff of the year**. These deserving individuals stood out for their contributions during the school year, and they are excellent representatives of all 1,500 ACSC employees.

We have continued our **wise financial stewardship**. Once again, we lowered the 2018 referendum tax rate; it has now decreased by 32% since voters

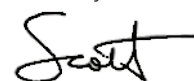
approved it. We made tremendous progress on renovation and expansion work at AHS and Pine Tree Elementary and plans for the construction of a third middle school – all with no increase to taxpayers or use of referendum funds.

May also means we bid farewell to **retiring employees**. This spring, we celebrated the retirement of 19 men and women who dedicated 379 years of service to our school corporation. They will be missed.

We also said goodbye to the **more than 800 members of the class of '23** at our 106th Commencement ceremony on May 26. These students have worked hard, experienced a lot together, and accomplished great things during their time in Avon Schools. As they move into future employment, enlistment, or additional education, they leave AHS carrying with them the investment of our great school corporation and community.

As you read this newsletter, join me in celebrating.

Sincerely,



Scott Wyndham, Ed.D., Superintendent
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SySTEMic Innovation in Avon

Students, educators continue to prioritize cutting-edge learning

In the coming decades, the most in-demand careers in our nation are going to require workers who are able to demonstrate well-developed skills and experience in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math — STEM.

In Avon Schools, we share a passion and commitment to prepare our students to succeed in the job market of the 21st century. Therefore, we are providing systemic and purposeful innovation opportunities to help students from preschool through graduation become critical thinkers.

"If we were to wait until middle school or high school to introduce our students to the world of STEM education, they would already be behind," says Director of Teaching and Learning, 7-12, Dr. Dustin LeMay. "For that reason, we made the strategic decision as a school corporation to make STEM learning a priority for all Avon students from kindergarten through graduation."

"If you were to talk to the youngest students in our school corporation's six elementary schools," says Carrie Alday, Director of Teaching and Learning, K-6,

"many of them will tell you that their hands-on STEM learning opportunities are among their favorite school experiences."

Recent AHS graduates regularly return to report back to their educators that they are finding that they are better prepared for college and career opportunities than many of their peers. They are quick to attribute that fact to the STEM experiences they had while they were students in Avon Schools.

"We know our students will enter the workforce requiring many strong skills — problem solving, the ability to collaborate with diverse teams, and a level of experience and emotional intelligence that enables them to be resilient, adapt, and continually learn," says Superintendent Dr. Scott Wyndham. "I'm proud that we are taking an active role in preparing students to succeed in the real world because of their STEM experiences from preschool through graduation at Avon Schools."

If you would like to learn about our corporation-wide commitment to STEM education from the perspective of students and their innovative and dedicated educators, visit avon-schools.org/stem.



Three of five project phases are well underway at Avon High School with work progressing quickly on the east, south, and west sides of the school. Phase 1 will be complete in time for the 2023-24 school year. Phase 2 will wrap in January of 2024.

Work along the south side and northwest corner of Pine Tree Elementary is progressing rapidly with renovation and expansion set to be complete by January of 2024.

Stay up to date at ahs.avon-schools.org/more and pinetree.avon-schools.org/renovation.



Podcast Celebrates Students & Educators



Episode 055: Teacher Appreciation Week

Listen in as dozens of students from Avon Middle School North and South tell us about what makes their favorite teachers so deserving of our appreciation.



Episode 056: 2023 Senior Sendoff

An annual tradition, Dr. Wyndham has a conversation with members of the AHS graduating class about their experiences in Avon, their plans for the future, and their advice for underclassmen.

Stream and subscribe at orioles-in-the-know.simplecast.com.

Evening of Excellence

Annual AEF event honors students and their favorite educators

An annual tradition sponsored by Avon Education Foundation, the Evening of Excellence is a celebration of the graduating class. It features the top 25 students by academic rank, and each student honors two of their favorite educators. They choose a teacher from their k-8 experience and one from their high school years.

It's an incredible event. See photos and read student tributes at avon-schools.org/experience.

The 25 students (in alphabetical order) and their honored educators are:

- Emily Ahern: Chris Guillion, Kevin Welborn
- Jacob Branham: Judy Harrison, Amanda Leahy
- Noah Bussell: Sarah Van Duzer, Matthew Payne
- Jasmine Diallo: Lori Taylor, Liviu Paul Haiducu
- Julia Harmon: Lori Kennard, Abby Neal
- Abigail Hatfield: Barrett Hartley, Karl Hartman
- Joshua Heitert: Laura Burkhardt, Lauren Patton
- Fiona Ko: Katie Bonilla, Lisa Kern
- Katherine Langford: Lori Rosemeyer, Kayla Karr
- Jonathan Loh: Sara Yambert, Kesara Becker
- Ian Lynam: Ben Jones, Caitlyn Steckbeck
- Kavya Mahajan: Holly Barker, Ranielle Moore
- Jackson McCarthy: Lowell Miller, Matt Harloff
- Bailey Nicholson: Marcy Sell, Sarah Fowler
- Victor Ogunsanya: Rebecca Milner, Callista Keeney
- Chinmay Patel: Ryan East, Andrew Johnson
- Raj Patel: Malari Williams, Anthony Record
- Roshan Patel: Stan Storey, Timothy Titzer
- Dana Peng: Warren Johnson, Heather Meunier
- Christopher Quinney: Matt Abbey, Daniel Derda
- Sohaib Qureshi: Kimberly Shambaugh, Alex Prittie
- Matthew Ritter: Amy Nisenbaum, Rashad Welch
- Maxwell Stewart: David Rodgers, Chris Hill
- Zainab Syed: Pamela Cintas, Erin Garland
- Faith White: Cory Falk, Adam Clark



'Let's Have a Parade!'

Avon Marching Black and Gold selected to march in 2024 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

A surprise announcement took place in the AHS Band Room the morning after the Marching Black & Gold Indoor Winds brought home yet another WGI World Championship from the annual competition in Dayton, Ohio (Percussion placed third). The tiredness didn't dim the excitement in the room.

Participants in 8th grade Band from Avon Middle School North and South joined current band students for the announcement. They will be sophomores when the parade occurs.

Find out what's next and how you can participate at ahs.avon-schools.org/performing-arts.



Each spring, all 12 schools and a few departments nominate teachers and support staff members whom they believe are deserving of recognition as their Teacher & Support Staff of the Year.

The two individuals selected as the corporation Teacher & Support Staff of the Year will be revealed at the staff Back to School Celebration on July 24.

Meet all 26 honorees online at avon-schools.org/experience.



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Grads Who Serve

Students dedicate selves to military service

Nearly 30 Avon High School '23 graduates have informed the school that they will serve in the U.S. Armed Forces upon graduation

Please join us in celebrating and expressing our gratitude to these servants.

- Gavin Baldwin, Army
- Nick Castaneda, Marines
- Ciarnan Cruz-Symons, Marines
- Andrew Du, Army
- Noah Handlon, Marines
- Abigail Hatfield, U.S. Military Academy, West Point
- Josue Jason, Marines
- Harsh Khaira, Army
- Maddix Lane, Marines
- Lucas McKee, Air Force
- Landen Moore, Air Nat'l Guard
- Mariah Moore, Army Nat'l Guard
- Vanessa Morales, Air Force
- Gavin Nicholson, Air Force



Enlisted graduates lead the Pledge of Allegiance at Commencement.

- Matthew Palmer, Army Nat'l Guard
- Dylan Parker, Air Force
- Lucy Pitcock, Nat'l Guard, IUPUI
- Gage Poland, IU/ROTC Marines
- Joseph Rivera, Air Force
- Brandon Rivera, Army
- Prabhdeep Sidhu, Air Force Nat'l Guard, IUPUI
- Maya Snyder, Army Nat'l Guard
- Sydney Strano, Army
- Samuel Summers, Air Nat'l Guard
- Auston Sutton, Army
- David Trowbridge, Army
- Grady Wang, Air Force
- Syllas Wyatt, Marines

Honoring Retirees

Dedicated staff receive appreciation

This spring, we celebrated 19 men and women who are retiring this year. Each person made a unique and lasting contribution to Avon students' success. All told, these retirees accumulated 379 years of service to Avon Schools. Meet them all at avon-schools.org.



"I have been honored to have spent my teaching career at Avon High School. AHS started as an average sized rural school and has grown into a suburban behemoth. New construction occurred almost every year I taught. It's fitting that the school is once again growing as I finish my time."

Rick Gamble
AHS Director of Chorus

UNSTOPPABLE teamwork.

MARK BOOHER, MD
Avon Team Physician



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