



AVON OLD FARMS SCHOOL

Welcome to Avon Old Farms! The purpose of this message is to share recommended courses for your son and other important information related to our academic program.

A proposed and preliminary list of courses for your son has been created after a thoughtful review of his admission folder and a thorough consideration of his previous course of study. An “H” next to a course title indicates an honors-level course, and “AP” denotes Advanced Placement.

[\(Contact your Academic Dean/Provost for your personalized course recommendations\)](#)

You will use the same username and password you used to access the Admission portal to sign the 2022-2023 contract.

If you have a problem with Veracross access, please click on the “Can’t access your account?” link to reset your password. If you continue to have difficulty, please contact Peter Deckers by email at deckersp@avonoldfarms.com for assistance.

Setting up a student Avon email account:

Your son recently received a message from our IT department inviting him to set up his account. Please be on the lookout for this message. If he doesn’t see it in his email, please have him check the spam folder. If he has difficulty, please contact Peter Deckers by email at deckersp@avonoldfarms.com for assistance.

Final academic schedules will be available during early August pending the receipt of a final transcript from this school year. Please arrange to have final transcripts sent to the attention of our Registrar, Jill Harrington, at harringtonj@avonoldfarms.com, as soon as his school year has been completed. We will not finalize your son’s academic schedule for the upcoming year until we have reviewed his final official transcript. For your reference, a [comprehensive course catalog](#) is available to view on the Academia page of the school website. If you have any immediate concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Please visit our [New Family page of the website](#) for key start of school information. If you missed our zoom introduction this week, you can find a recording of it on this page. The Start of School page can also be found under the Parents tab of the website and contains details related to the following:

All-School Summer Reading: Each year at Avon, we are fortunate to be able to bring an author to campus for a day to interact with our community. In preparation for that visit, we read the author's book. We are in the final stages of planning for this year's Visiting Author Program and all-school summer read. Please stay tuned for the upcoming announcement.

Summer Assignments for Advanced Placement/Honors Courses: Students enrolled in most Advanced Placement and Honors courses are required to complete additional reading and writing assignments over the summer as part of their graded coursework. Details about these assignments will be provided via Google Classroom. Students will receive login information for specific Google Classrooms via their Avon Old Farms email addresses. Since there is action required by students enrolled in these courses, please promptly access the emailed information.

World Languages Diagnostic Assessment: Students who are initially scheduled in a level two or higher course of Spanish, Mandarin or Latin are required to take a language placement test that will assist in confirming the proper course placement. The World Language Placement Tests are administered via Google Classroom. Please have your son access the language placement test using the invitation which will be sent to his issued Avon Old Farms email address in the near future. Students should complete the appropriate placement test by **July 1, 2023**.

Math Placement Diagnostic Assessment: Students will be asked to complete a math diagnostic assessment to assist in confirming the proper course placement. This assessment is designed to evaluate students with a wide range of math experience. **Students should only complete the problems they recognize. The assessment does not permit any assistance or use of any resources other than a calculator while completing the required work.** The AOF Math Diagnostic Assessment is administered via an online platform called Formative. Please have your son access the math assessment using the invitation sent to his Avon Old Farms email address. Students should complete the appropriate placement test by **July 1, 2023**.

College Counseling: As you approach the fall, please be aware that all sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT in October, and that we recommend that all juniors take both the SAT and ACT on the December test dates. Juniors should consider setting up their College Board and ACT accounts now since that initial set up can take a little time. Then subsequent test registration is quite easy. Juniors will be assigned college counselors in December; Sophomores will be assigned college counselors in May. If you have any questions about the process or timeline, please feel free to contact the Dean of College Counseling, Kathleen Barzun, at barzunk@avonoldfarms.com. Please make sure you have set up and are checking your new AOF email account regularly!

Online Bookstore: In order to make purchasing books more convenient, the school has partnered with eCampus. Families are not required to use this vendor, however. The online bookstore will be live with current information for 2023-2024 on **August 7, 2023**. and there will be a two-week period of free shipping following the opening of the bookstore. Families who need to travel a significant distance to school may have books mailed directly to campus at 500 Old Farms Road, Avon, CT 06001. Be sure to include your student's name in the mailing address. If you have questions regarding books, please contact Dean of Studies, Graham Callaghan at callaghang@avonoldfarms.com.

David C. Bigelow '44 Learning Center: If your son received academic accommodations at his previous school, please contact the Director of Bigelow Learning Center, James Reece, to request accommodations for your son at AOF and share the appropriate

documentation (neuropsychological evaluation, IEP, and/or 504 plan). Please email all necessary documentation by July 1, 2023 to Mr. Reece at reecej@avonoldfarms.com. For more details, please visit the [Bigelow Learning Center webpage](#) or call James Reece at 860-404-4286.

ACT/SAT Accommodations: If your son qualifies for standardized testing accommodations (SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement exams)) please contact James Reece at reecej@avonoldfarms.com. For general questions about standardized testing, please contact our test coordinator, Christie Reif, at 860-404-4231 or by email at reife@avonoldfarms.com.

Math Supplies: The Mathematics Department requires each student enrolled in Algebra 1 and Geometry to have a standard (non-graphing) scientific calculator. **Students enrolled in Algebra 2 or above will be required to have both a scientific (non graphing) and a graphing calculator (Texas Instruments TI-84 or equivalent). Students ARE NOT ALLOWED TO use any version of the TI – Nspire (or comparable programmable) calculator.** Questions regarding the calculator should be directed to Mathematics Department Chairman, Matt Proffitt. He can be reached at proffittm@avonoldfarms.com.

Please know that while this email pertains to academic information, you will also find detailed information about school life on the [New Family page of the website](#). Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

All of us here at Avon Old Farms are excited about the upcoming year, and we look forward to meeting both you and your son!

Cordially,

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