



# WELCOME BACK!



## Dear Avonworth Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to school next week!

By now, you should have received a back to school communication from your child's school. In case you missed it, those messages are linked below.

[Primary Center](#) [Elementary School](#) [Middle School](#) [High School](#)

Please take a moment to review the updates below. These updates include important information to help you prepare for the start of the 2023-2024 school year.



### SCHOOL SAFETY

If you missed the Back-to-School Safety message that was emailed on August 14, [view the message on our website](#).

### Campuses Closed During School Hours

The APC/AES and AMS/AHS campuses and the track/field at Lenzner Field are closed to the public during school hours. These changes are being made for the safety of our students and staff. We appreciate your cooperation!

**The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is Wednesday, August 23.**  
**The first day of school for kindergarten students is Thursday, August 24.**



### WEBSITE

We are very excited to share that we launched our new site today!

[Click here to check out the new site.](#)

### HANDBOOKS

Please take some time to review the handbook for your child's school if you have not yet done so. The handbooks are available on our website.

[Click here to review.](#)

### FOOD SERVICE

The lunch menu for every school will be available online. Menu items will be posted closer to the start of school.

[Click here to view our breakfast and lunch menu.](#)

The National School Breakfast Program will provide FREE breakfast for ALL students during the 2023-2024 school year. In addition, the National School Breakfast Program will cover the cost of lunch for all students who qualify for reduced meals. The free/reduced meals application is open for the 2023-2024 school year. [Visit our website to learn more and apply.](#)



### TRANSPORTATION

Our transportation provider, First Student, updated their software, making it possible for our students' bus information to be uploaded into our student information system, Alma. Once logged on, parents/caregivers can click on their initials in the upper right-hand corner, click "My Info," and locate bus information under the "My Students" list.

Please note that an issue was discovered with the 7th-grade bus information today. First Student is correcting this, and an email will be sent to seventh-grade parents/caregivers when their student's bus information is available in Alma.

If you have any changes or updates concerning transportation, please contact: [Leslie Craig-Robinson at First student: 412-734-9288 or \[leslie.craig@firstgroup.com\]\(mailto:leslie.craig@firstgroup.com\)](#).

We appreciate your patience during the first few weeks of school as our drivers and families familiarize themselves with their routes for this school year.

### ALMA UPDATING PARENT/CAREGIVER CONTACT INFORMATION



It is critical that we have the most up-to-date parent/caregiver contact information in our student information system, Alma. Please use the link below to access directions for updating your contact information in Alma.

[Directions for Updating Contact Information in Alma](#)

[Primary Center Alma](#)

[Elementary School Alma](#)

[Middle School Alma](#)

[High School Alma](#)

### CONSTRUCTION

It has been an exciting summer watching the demolition and construction begin on the secondary campus. We are happy to confirm that the first phase of the project will be completed for the start of school on August 23.

Our secondary principals will be sending information concerning the student drop-off and pick-up directions at the middle/high school, as well as the location of the temporary entrance for the middle/high school.

This is an exciting time for the secondary campus. However, the construction and renovation of the secondary building will require our patience, cooperation, and flexibility. Thank you in advance for your understanding!

[ENJOY THIS VIDEO OF THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS](#)

[FROM JUNE 9 TO AUGUST 15](#)

### PICTURE DAYS

Moving forward, the Avonworth School District will utilize Lifetouch to provide our school photos. The following dates will be fall school pictures days at our school buildings.

**September 8 - Middle School & High School**

**September 12 - Primary Center and Elementary School**

Ed Birkholz, an Avonworth graduate, has been our photographer for the last thirty years. We are thankful for his incredible work as our photographer and wish him the best in his retirement.

### WELLNESS

The Avonworth School District remains committed to the well-being of our students, staff, and families. With August being National Wellness Month, we want to remind you that Avonworth School District has partnered with Care Solace to provide an additional layer of care for our school community.

[Click here to learn more about Care Solace.](#)

To connect to care today, call 888-515-0595, or visit [caresolace.com/avonworth](https://caresolace.com/avonworth).

### ANNUAL NOTICES

Our annual notices are on our website all year for families to review at any time. However, we like to bring them to your attention at least once a year as a reminder that they are there for your reference at your convenience.

[Visit our website to view our annual notices.](#)

**We hope you enjoy your last few days of summer break! We're looking forward to seeing everyone soon!**