



Guidance Office Updates

Our Guidance Counselors have had a busy start to the 2023-2024 school year! All juniors attended group presentations at the end of September given by our counselors. Students reviewed graduation pathways requirements, explored options for life after high school, and learned about college entrance exams.

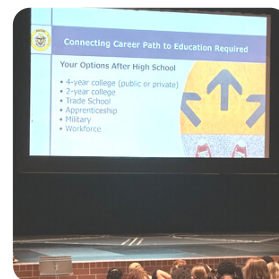
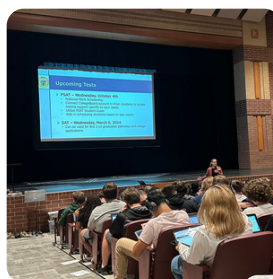
The counselors visited freshman and sophomore SRTs at the beginning of the year with information about upcoming practice college entrance exams and college & career planning.

Seniors received their orange FAFSA/Financial Aid folders in SRT class at the end of September. The counselors have met individually with each senior to check that graduation requirements are met and help with post-high school planning. If your senior is applying to a college with an early action deadline of November 1st, the blue College Application Checklist must be turned into Student Services or the Guidance office by October 6th. Make sure your student checks the "Class of 2024 Guidance Group" in Schoology often for updates on scholarship and career opportunities. See the next page for more senior year information.

AP Exam Registration

Students in AP courses were given information about online AP test sign-up using Total Registration in late August. Students taking AP courses and exams must complete the online registration by November 3rd. Register for AP exams [here](#). For more information see this [flyer](#) or contact Mrs. Garcia in the Guidance Office or on Schoology.

Junior Class Guidance Meeting Pictures



Guidance Links

Visit the [Guidance Department website](#) for more information, including contact information for our counselors and links to our [Twitter](#) page.

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PSAT at Avon High School will be Administered on October 4th

On October 4th, all freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9, and sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT. The tests will be taken on student computers in SRT rooms. Students will need to bring their fully-charged laptop, a pencil, and a calculator.

Area 31 juniors will attend at AHS only that day.

Click on the pictures to the left for more information and a link to a video about the exam.



Financial Aid Night

Avon High School's Financial Aid Night presented by INvestED will be held on Monday, October 2nd, at 7:00pm in the auditorium for senior parents and students. This presentation will include beneficial tips and advice as parents and students begin to explore how to pay for college.

FAFSA Day



FAFSA Day for Avon High School senior parents is from 1:00-7:00pm on January 11, 2024, in the ALC Lecture Hall (enter door 13). Parents of seniors can get individualized help completing their FAFSA. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is the form that determines financial aid from the government and most colleges. The form collects personal and financial information from students and parents, and applies a formula to determine the Expected Family Contribution.



Scholarship Help

Take a look at the Post Secondary section on the Guidance Webpage to see multiple scholarship websites to explore. Your senior's counselor is a great place to learn about local scholarship opportunities.

Career Planning Resources



Two great websites to visit for career planning advice and resources are LearnMoreIndiana.org and IndianaCareerReady.com. Both offer many ways to research high-demand jobs and tools to help find the perfect career fit.

Important Dates for Seniors

- **October 2nd**
 - Financial Aid Night in Auditorium at 7:00pm
- **October 4th**
 - No school for seniors (good time to plan a college visit, military recruitment meeting, or job shadow)
- **October 6th**
 - Last day to submit blue sheets to ALC Guidance Office for colleges with Nov 1 deadline

College Board's Real Talk

Real Talk is a virtual event put on by College Board for those students interested in learning more about HBCUs. The events will be on October 3 and October 10 at 8:00pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

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