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ORIOLE OUTLOOK

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From Mr. Shockley

INSPIRED STUDENTS.
ENGAGED LEARNERS.
EMPOWERED CITIZENS.

The Oriole Outlook parent newsletter is a monthly publication sent via ParentSquare to all AHS families. Key topics covered each month include Guidance Department announcements, Library News, student celebrations, club highlights and other school events. I hope you enjoy our first edition for the 2023-24 school year!

I am always impressed by the level of parent engagement observed in our students' education. We had hundreds of parents and caregivers attend our annual Back-to-School Night on August 10. Senior parent turnout was very strong on August 17 when our school counselors held Senior College Planning Night and mini college fair. [Click here](#) to see the senior college presentation.

On August 25, I sent out an email notice to families explaining various activities occurring on Thursday 9/14. The email contained a newsletter with details about what is happening at each grade level. [Click here](#) to find the newsletter about 9/14.

Remarkably, we have completed the first month of school, and that means progress reports will be sent out next week. So, please look for your student's progress report sent via ParentSquare coming on Wednesday 9/7. The 1st nine weeks concludes on Friday 9/29. For those new to AHS, grades accumulate over the semester accounting for 85% of the semester grade, and the final exam is worth 15%.

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend!

GO ORIOLES!

Save The Date

September

4th	Labor Day/No School
6th	Freshman class ring ordering lunches/after school until 6PM Main Commons Door 33
12th	Choir concert, 7:00PM Auditorium
14th	Junior Day of Caring Senior Kickback
21st-22nd	Lifetouch senior pictures Upper west Gym 8-3
22nd	Grades 9-11 Lifetouch Pictures Upper west gym 8-3
29th-30th	Musical 7PM-Auditorium

October

1st	Musical Auditorium 7PM
2nd	Financial Aid Night
4th	9th-11th PSAT
5th	Symphony for a dance floor Auditorium 7PM
9th-20th	Fall Break/No School
25th	Trunk or Treat

Club Corner

Avon High School currently is home to over 70 student organizations. All clubs have an emphasis on student leadership and community service.

A list of current clubs can be found on the Avon High School Club webpage below.

Clubs meet after school and students interested in joining a club should message the club sponsor. Any students interested in starting a club here at AHS should message Mr. Nelson.

Just this month Student Government approved the Pickleball Club and the Horticulture club! Disc Golf and the Muslim Student Association will likely be approved at our next meeting!



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 Events



Guidance Updates

Our Guidance Counselors are off to a fast start as we begin the 2023-2024 school year! All of our counselors serve grades 9-12. Please visit our [Guidance Department website](#) to see the counselor breakdown by student last name.

Click on the links below for checklists tailored to each grade level at Avon High School:

- [Freshman Year Checklist](#)
- [Sophomore Year Checklist](#)
- [Junior Year Checklist](#)
- [Senior Year Checklist](#)

AP Exam Registration

All students taking AP exams in May of 2024 must register for their exams this fall. Registration for AP exams is September 5-November 3. Please see [this flyer](#) and [this parent letter](#) for information and the QR code needed to begin the two-step process. Contact Mrs. Garcia in the Guidance Office or on Schoology if you have any questions.

PSAT-October 4th

The PSAT 8/9 will be administered to freshmen, and the PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to sophomores and juniors at Avon High School on the morning of October 4th. Both exams will be taken on student computers. More details will be coming soon. Click on the picture to the left for information on preparing for the PSAT.

PSAT/NMSQT™

CollegeBoard / NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

ZAPS Test Prep

Is your student taking the SAT or ACT this year? See the flyer on the next page for more information about SAT and ACT test prep seminars offered at Avon High School. Sign ups end soon!

Important Info for Seniors

All seniors attended group presentations in August directed by our College & Career Counselor. Students learned about post-secondary planning and the options available after graduation, including college, skilled trade and vocational training, the military, and direct entry into the workforce.

Guidance counselors have begun meeting individually with seniors and will continue for the next several weeks. They will be checking that students are meeting graduation requirements and helping them to begin their post-high school planning.

Avon High School seniors applying to college must fill out and turn in a Blue College Application Checklist for each school they apply to. Completed checklists can be turned in to either Guidance Office. Have your senior contact Mrs. Larson in the main Guidance Office or send her a Schoology message if they have any questions.

You can find the handouts below and much more information for seniors on the [Post Secondary](#) page of our website:

- [Handout](#) and [PowerPoint](#) from Senior Parent College Planning Night
- [Fall Timeline for Seniors](#)

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. Look for more information in the orange folders passed out to seniors in SRT at the end of September.



3 WEEKS LEFT TO SIGN UP!



**Doorway
to College™**
Foundation

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FOCUSED TEST PREP

According to testing giants ACT and SAT, most high school graduates *don't score high enough* on college entrance exams to be considered "ready" for their freshman college classes.

Now more than ever, parents are being encouraged to help their children improve study and test-taking skills – starting as early as middle school.

We can help your student prepare – and help them improve their test performance. It starts with a one-time, five-hour seminar that's proven to be effective. Most students notice impressive test-score increases after the session.

A Doorway to College Foundation session is headed to your school. Get your student signed up! Then check out the other resources

Reserve a Spot for Your Student Today!

SAT & ACT Test Prep Seminars

Avon High School/SAT PREP SEMINAR

Wednesday & Thursday

September 13 & 14, 2023

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Avon High School/SAT PREP SEMINAR

Monday & Tuesday

October 23 & 24, 2023

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 PM

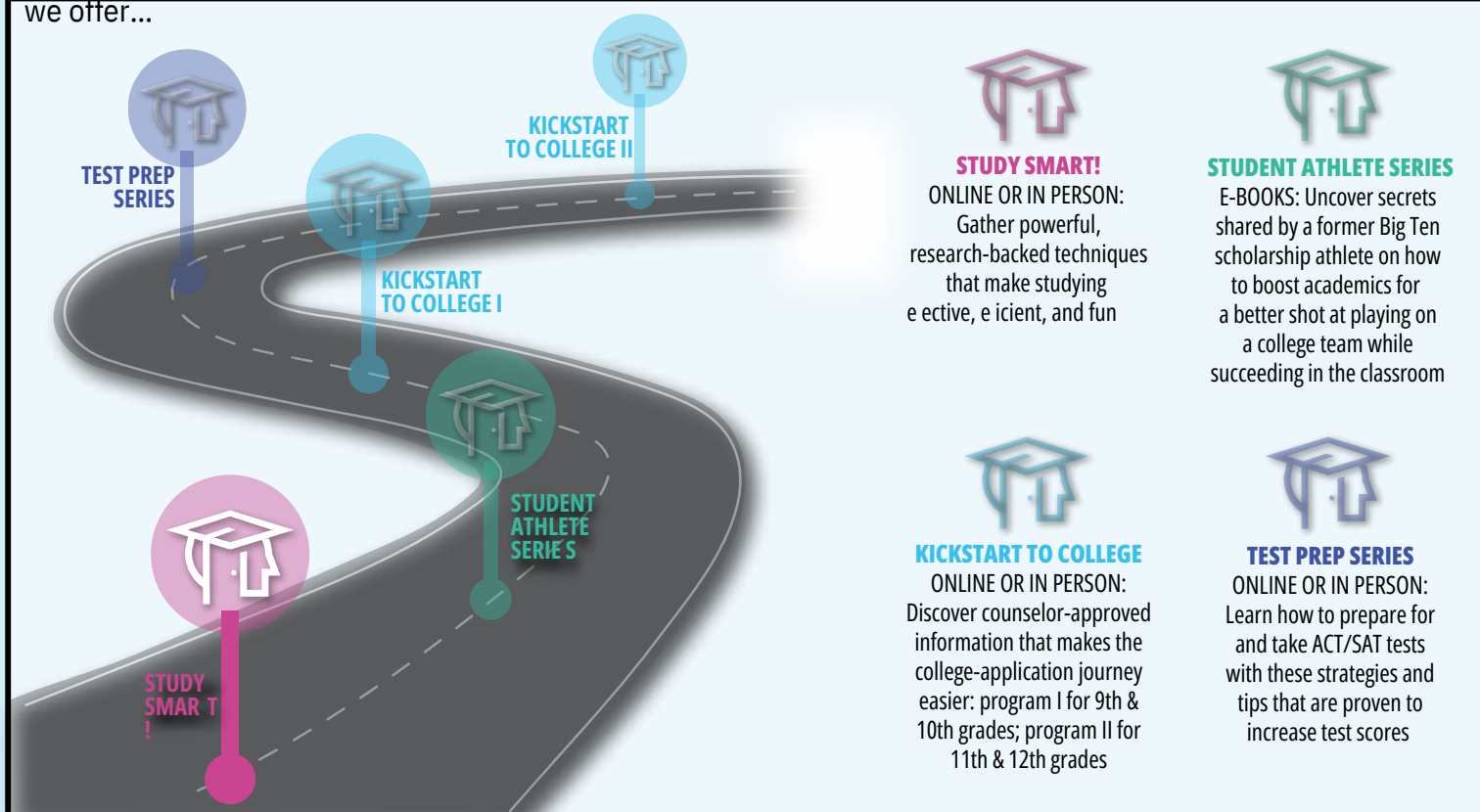
Seminar Fee: \$110.00

Register at:

www.doorwaytocollege.org

or call 877-927-8378

we offer...



Important Senior Dates

Class of
2024
Avon High School

DATE	EVENT	TIME	DETAILS
Thursday, September 21 & Friday, September 22	12th Grade Picture Day	8:00am-3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper West Gym Shirt/tie or nice dress/top are required. Shoulders and chest must be covered; no strapless, low necklines, spaghetti straps or tank tops are allowed. Students will be sent an alphabet breakdown of when to get pictures taken. No announcements will be made. Last chance to be in yearbook! Proofs for yearbook picture will be mailed home.
Wednesday, October 25	Herff Jones Graduation Announcements and Gown Meeting	10:15-10:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditorium during SRT Seniors will bring home ordering information Miss the meeting? Pick up a packet in either one of our Guidance Offices
Wednesday, November 1	Herff Jones Graduation Announcements and Gown Ordering	9:45am-6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Commons Enter door 33
Wednesday, April 17	Herff Jones Graduation Announcement and Gown Delivery	9:45am-12:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Commons Anything not picked up will be in A-JAC or JAD-Z Guidance Offices
Friday, May 24	Class of 2024 Commencement	7:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indiana Convention Center No tickets required

**Watch our website for updated information
as we get closer to each important senior date.**

Ribbon Cutting at Simon Youth Academy



Admin team ready to ROCK into the new school year!



We had a great time at Community Day!
[Click here for more photos!](#)



Student Government



What's Happening in the Library

- Students from all grade levels have checked out books to read for Sustained Silent Reading time!
- Students have been taking part in research in order to learn about biomes, careers, and environmental scientists.
- Students have used their research to create presentations, posters, and essays.



[Click Here for AHS Schedules](#)

Your paragraph text

WE ARE

AVON.



Inspired students.
Engaged learners.
Empowered citizens.

WE ARE

ONE.



WHY IS THERE A CHRISTMAS TREE ON TOP OF THE NEWEST CONSTRUCTION?

"THE TREE IS AN ANCIENT CONSTRUCTION TRADITION. OTHER TRADITIONS INCLUDE THE LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONES, THE SIGNING OF BEAMS, AND RIBBON-CUTTINGS. BUT WHAT'S PARTICULARLY CHARMING ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION TREE IS THAT IT ISN'T ASSOCIATED WITH THE BEGINNING OR THE END OF CONSTRUCTION. RATHER, THE TREE IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RAISING OF A BUILDING'S HIGHEST BEAM OR STRUCTURAL ELEMENT. HENCE THE NAME OF THE RITE: THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY. IT'S A SIGN THAT A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT HAS REACHED ITS LITERAL APOGEE, ITS MOST AUSPICIOUS POINT. THE GREENERY SERVES TO 'SYMBOLIZE THE HOPE THAT THE BUILDING WILL BE EVERLASTING.'" IT IS ALSO A SYMBOL OF THE HOPE FOR GOOD LUCK DURING CONSTRUCTION.

THIS TRADITION IS SOMETHING CONSTRUCTION WORKERS TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY, ACCORDING TO A PR PERSON FROM THE STEELWORKERS UNION WHO WAS PRESENT WHEN THE CHRISTMAS TREE WAS PLACED ABOVE THE STEEL BEAM THAT WAS SIGNED BY LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THE AHS COMMUNITY.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO SEE MORE

FOLLOW MR.SHOCKLEY ON HIS LATEST TOUR OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE



Attendance

If your child misses school or is late for any reason, call the Attendance line, (317) 544-5000, option #1. You may call this line 24 hours a day.

Students will be marked 'unverified' (unexcused) without a call from a parent.

If your student was marked unverified in a class for the day, you will receive an automated call that evening. An unverified absence means we have not received a phone call from a parent/guardian about the absence. If you receive this phone call and feel it is in error, please have your student talk with the teacher who marked the absence or you can contact the teacher via email. If the absence needs to be marked differently, the teacher will contact the Attendance Office to make the change.

All medical verification can be emailed to AHSAttendance@avon-schools.org.

Early Dismissals

Occasionally, students may need to be dismissed early from school. Please email early dismissal information to AHSStudentServices@avon-schools.org. Please include student name, grade, time student is to be dismissed and reason for dismissal. Or, you may call Student Services at 317-544-5000 ext. 5200 and leave a message with all of the aforementioned information. We will deliver the early dismissal pass to the student before dismissal time.



Bus Passes

We will not be providing bus passes for the 2023-2024 school year.



Immunizations

The Indiana State Department of Health sets the immunization requirements for students attending public schools in Indiana. For the 2023-2024 school year, all students in grades K-12 will be required to have 2 appropriately spaced doses of Hepatitis A vaccine and a second dose of Meningitis is required for seniors. Contact your health care provider to ask what vaccines your child may need. Low-cost immunizations are available at the Hendricks County Health Department at (317) 745-9222.