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From Mr. Shockley

INSPIRED STUDENTS.
ENGAGED LEARNERS.
EMPOWERED CITIZENS.

On Wednesday, October 4, AHS will administer the PSAT exam to students in grades 9-11. Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm on Wednesday, October 4. Bus transportation will be provided. Seniors will not attend school on this day. Below are specifics for each grade level.

Grade 9: Students will take the PSAT 8/9, which is a practice for the SAT, a college entrance exam, a very useful career, and skills interest inventory. Guidance counselors utilize the PSAT 8/9 to help students consider career options and to measure college readiness.

Grade 10: Students will take the PSAT/NMSQT. The PSAT/NMSQT is not only a measure for college readiness, but is a practice SAT, which all juniors in Indiana will take in the spring of the 11th grade year. PSAT scores are also used for course placement and help us evaluate student progress and inform our core instruction.

Grade 11: Students will take the PSAT/NMSQT. The scores from the PSAT/NMSQT may qualify juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Competition (NMSC) where they can earn National Merit Commended, Semifinalist, or Finalist recognition as well as become eligible for numerous scholarships. It is also the final practice before taking the SAT in March 2024. All juniors in Indiana must take the SAT at that time for state and federal school accountability.

Grade 12: Students will not attend school on this day. We encourage seniors to plan college visits, military recruitment meetings, or even a job shadow. You may continue researching colleges and completing college or scholarship applications. This date is also a prime opportunity to schedule needed medical and dental appointments, etc. Please take advantage of October 4 to accomplish something for your senior year and beyond.

As you review the parent newsletter, enjoy reading about the success of our students. Along with a peek into a few of the classrooms at AHS. Be sure to check out the pictures from Junior Day of Caring and Senior Kickback. Also, read the Guidance Office section to stay abreast of upcoming events and deadlines relevant to your student.

Remember that Fall Break is Monday, October 9 through Friday, October 20. All AHS offices will be closed during the two-week recess.

Save The Date

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

November

1st	Herff Jones Cap and Gowns Orders, 9:45- 6:00 Main Commons Enter Door 33
7th	eLearning Day, No School
22rd-24th	Thanksgiving Break, No School

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Events

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.

We had a very successful homecoming event with a large turn out. We hope to continue that next year and make it even better for students.

Trunk or Treat will be on October 25th from 6:00-8:00. The event will be open at 5:30 for students who have sensory needs. Clubs interested in having a booth should contact Mrs. Meadows or Ms. Carpenter.





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.

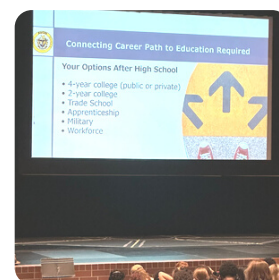
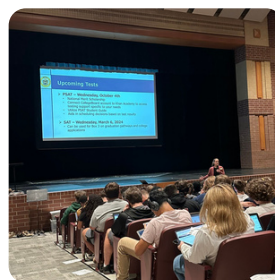
The counselors visited freshman and sophomore SRTs at the beginning of the year with information about upcoming practice college entrance exams and college & career planning.

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](#). A ParentSquare email was sent on Friday, September 22nd, with updates regarding state funding for AP tests. 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.

PSAT/NMSQT™

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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. Information about the revamped FAFSA will be discussed.

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.

Important Information for
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Important Senior Dates

Class of
2024
Avon High School

DATE	EVENT	TIME	DETAILS
Wednesday, November 1	Herff Jones Graduation Announcements and Gown Ordering	9:45am-6pm	<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.**

Junior Day of Caring



[Click here to see pictures.](#)

Senior Kickback



[Click here to see pictures.](#)

Homecoming Week



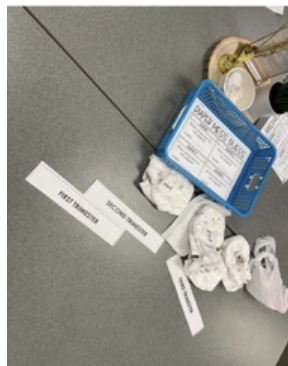
Homecoming 23'
"Bikers vs. Surfers"

Fall Fling Choir Concert



Classroom Highlights

Mrs. Spaeth's Child Development students prepared for upcoming tests with "Baby Shower" themed stations!



Latino Summit



Students of the Month



Congratulations to our September Students of the Month. They enjoyed lunch at Charbonos for displaying our values of being Accountable, Respectful, and Engaged.

Art - Madison King
Business - Ava Faust
English Language Arts- Cooper Dunbar
FACS - Madeline Herman
JAG - Lindsey Romero
Math - Brayden Call
Multi-language Learners- Brianna Ocana Haytara
Performing Arts-Savannah Hwang
PE/Health - Easton Fincher
Science - LJ Rivera
Social Studies - Eve Schurr
Tech Ed - Ana Acosta
World Language - Esther Bankole-Brown



TRUNK OR TREAT

TRICK OR TREATING. COSTUMES. ACTIVITIES

WHERE: AVON HIGH SCHOOL-ENTER DOOR 33
WHEN: OCTOBER 25TH 6:00-8:00PM
(5:30-6:00PM SENSORY FRIENDLY)

Entry is donation based with all proceeds going to AEF and the Mary Lee Maier food pantry!



What's Happening in the Library

- Congratulations to the Library Reading Contest Winners for August:
 - Manny Pena, Idowu Adeleke,
 - Bailey Prock, Heremela Abraham,
 - Noah Robb, Mattie Haney,
 - Oyindamola Bankole-Brown
- Students have been learning how to use databases for research in English 11, V.U. American History, V.U. English, Nutrition and Wellness, and Spanish.
- The Library Media students have created book displays on their favorite books.



**[Click Here for
AHS Schedules](#)**

WE ARE

AVON.



**Inspired students.
Engaged learners.
Empowered citizens.**

WE ARE

ONE.



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.