

Dear Parents and Students:

We hope that your family has been enjoying the summer break. These months have been exciting at Avon Middle School in preparation for the first day of school on Thursday, August 30, 2018. The custodial staff have been applying the finishing touches and general cleaning of the facility. Teachers have started preparing their rooms as well. Soon the halls will be filled with activity as we enter into a new school year of opportunity and growth. Please note the following items.

IMPORTANT LINKS

These *clickable* links provide information on **School Fees**, **School Supplies**, **School / District Calendar** and **Student Handbook** for your reference. Also, these documents can be found on the district website at www.avonlocalschools.org under Avon Middle School.

[School Fees](#) (fees will not be assessed to accounts until October 2018)

[School Supplies](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

On the first day of school students will be given an Agenda (daily planner) which contains the Student Handbook. Items in the handbook include academic and grading assessment, dress attire, attendance procedures, code of conduct, use of technology, restricted items, scholastic programs, safety procedures, bell schedule, opportunities for students, and other important information.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

REMINDER Returning **Student Registration** information update (sent in a previous e-mail) needs to be completed immediately. This includes emergency contact and other important information needed by the school prior to Thursday, August 30 (First Day). If you have any questions, call the AMS Main Office at (440) 934-3800.

Friday, August 24: New Student Orientation (arrive 15 minutes before your session if you need a student schedule). To assist to new students, volleyball players in uniform will be available.

- 6th Graders and new 7th/8th Graders (last name A-K): 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
- 6th Graders and new 7th/8th Graders (last name L-Z): 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 28: AMS Open House is from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (a time for you and your child to become acquainted with the daily schedule, teachers, classrooms, locker location, and building lay-out).

Physical Education T-shirts are required and will be available for purchase at our Open House for \$11.00 or two shirts for \$20.00 via cash, check, or credit card. Otherwise, P.E. shirts can be purchased from Randall's Team Shop located at 690 Avon Belden Road in Avon Lake. Other spirit wear may be available as well via the AMS Boosters.

Thursday, August 30: First Day of School (school day is 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

Monday, September 24: School Picture Day by Lifetouch Photography (packet will be sent home)

Mid-October: School fees can be paid online through your **PayForIt** account.

STUDENT SCHEDULES & LOCKERS

SCHEDULES: Student schedules with assigned lockers and locker combinations can be viewed on and after August 22 by logging into PowerSchool, but must be done on a computer (not a mobile device). Also, students can pick up schedules at Open House on Tuesday, August 28 or can pick up schedules on the First Day in first period classes. In case students forget their schedules, student names will be alphabetically posted in the AMS Commons area with their first period class next to their names (Thursday, August 30).

LOCKERS: Students are required to use only their assigned hallway locker. Details on gymnasium locker room lockers and combination locks will be explained by the physical education teachers. More information about locker usage and care are provided in the Student Handbook.

TRANSPORTATION / PARKING LOT PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

Click [here](#) for vehicle morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures.

Carefully review **Bus Routes** and **Safety Rules** by *clicking* the links below:

[Bus Routes](#) (routes for the 18-19 school year will be posted in late August)

[Bus Safety Rules](#)

If you have moved or your transportation needs have changed, please complete the electronic Transportation Survey below:

[Transportation Survey](#)

LUNCH MENUS & PAYMENTS

[View Lunch Menus](#) - Breakfast \$1.50, Lunch \$3.25, Milk \$0.50

Lunch menus will be available the week of August 20th

[Deposit Lunch Money](#) - Students can deposit money via PayForIt or bring a check to the kitchen staff to be applied to their lunch account. If you do not have a PayForIt account, *click* on "register" on the log-in page.

[Apply for Free & Reduced Lunch](#) - Log in or register for a new account to begin the process. If you already have an account, log in with your existing credentials. For new applicants, *click* on "Register," then follow the prompts.

Free & reduced income qualification information:
Click [here](#) for the 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines
Click [here](#) for information about Community Resource Services

COMMUNICATION & NEWS

eNews: To receive weekly updates and information on key middle school events, register for our weekly eNews by *clicking* on this link ~ [eNews Registration](#) ~ then select “Middle School eNews”, provide your name and email address and *click* “Subscribe”.

Twitter: To receive news updates on what’s happening at AMS, follow Avon Middle School on Twitter @AMSEagle.

Remind: To receive quick updates and information regarding special activities, features, and events at Avon Middle School, text @amseagle to 81010.

AMS BOOSTERS INFORMATION

Click [here](#) for information on meeting times, special programs, and contacts.

REPORT CARDS & PROGRESS REPORTS

Report Cards and Progress Reports will be online this school year. During the school year, special notices will be sent out via eNews regarding these academic “check-points.”

MEDICATION & DRUG POLICY INFORMATION

Click [here](#) for important information regarding **drug testing**, **medical vaccinations** and the “**Teen Home Alone Program.**”

Pursuant of the Avon Board of Education policy, no student will be permitted to possess prescription medication on school grounds. The AMS Main Office will be responsible for the dispensing of prescribed medication. Below is a link for administering medication at school that must be completed and returned with the prescription in the original container. More details on these policies can be found in the Student Handbook.

[Medication Authorization Form](#)

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL & REMINDERS

School resumes on Thursday, August 30, 2018. Students arriving to school between 7:40 and 7:48 a.m. will report to the Commons and sit around the tables to wait for the opening bell.

Building Hours: 7:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Early Bird Classes: Arrive no earlier than 6:50 a.m. for Early Bird classes (7:05 - 7:55 a.m.)

Regular School Day: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES & SUPPORT INFORMATION

Please note the following items that highlight, encourage, and promote strengthening Avon schools, families and our community.

Click [here](#) for important information regarding the 40 Developmental Assets.

Click [here](#) for important information regarding this year's Parent Seminar Series.

Click [here](#) for general information for students involving Student Activities & Events.

Click [here](#) for important information regarding Student Services.

The entire Avon Middle School professional and support staff extend to you and your family a cordial, enthusiastic welcome! With the home, community, and school working together, we can have significant and lasting impact on our youth. If you have any questions, please call the AMS Main Office at (440) 934-3800.

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