

AHS Opening Newsletter

August 2023

Dear student, parents, and guardians:

On behalf of the Eagles of Avon High School, we welcome the **Class of 2027** to the **Nest!** Freshmen, you are just days away from launching the next chapter of your lives. We are excited for you to join us!

Communication is key to a successful high school experience. Always feel free to email me directly at bullerk@avoneagles.org. I am quick to respond. Emails such as this one will be the method you will receive school communication from the high school. When we email parents, we are also emailing our students. Parents/guardians and students receive the same communications to keep households on the same page. **Students:** it is necessary for you to check your "avoneagles" email daily.

Twitter (@KDBuller) is used to highlight our Eagles and as a brag page. Our high school webpage will almost always have a link on the homepage to my most recent email just in case you delete it. AHS school counselors will send weekly communications; **these communications are critical to college and career search processes**. All grade levels should read these emails. Grade specific emails will also be sent when relevant.

We are honored to announce the following personnel changes or additions in staffing:

- Mrs. Amy Achtziger, Office Aide; Replacing Mrs. Kvach
- Mr. Mason Adams, PAC Custodian; Replacing Mr. Davis
- Mr. Daesean Brooks, Educational Aide
- Ms. Kara Coffman, Math Teacher; Replacing Mr. Pompa
- Mr. Justin Frisce, CBI Instructor from LCJVS; New Programming
- Ms. Kearstin Hickey, Intervention Specialist; Replacing Mrs. Knick
- Mrs. Alyssa Ittu, Intervention Specialist
- Mrs. Agata Niemojewska, French Teacher; Replacing Mrs. Baeder
- Mr. Joe Peters, Custodian; Replacing Mr. Eary
- Mr. Trevor Scherf, Multi Media & Broadcast Journalism Teacher
- Mr. Jacob Simon, Intervention Specialist; Replacing Mr. Acheson

- Mr. Patrick Simon, Social Studies Teacher; Replacing Mrs. Botos

Our administrative and counselor caseloads will be the following

- Mr. Vinny Hokavar; last names A-G
- Mrs. Kelsey Mellino; last names H-O
- Mr. Adam Castrilla; last names P-Z
- Mrs Sherry Pietch; last names A-E
- Mrs Brianne Reinhard; last names F-K
- Mrs Julie Malone; last names L-Rj
- Mrs Rene Argenti-Reinker; last names Rk-Z

If you have any questions, please call the high school office at 440-934-6171 or email bullerk@avoneagles.org.

Eagle proud,
Mrs Kristina Dobos Buller, Principal
Mr. Adam Castrilla, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Kelsey Mellino, Assistant Principal
Mr. Vincent Hokavar, Assistant Principal

Important Fall Dates

August 1: AHS Principals' & Athletic Office Opens
August 8: AHS Student Services Office Opens
August 8: Schedules Go Live at 4:00pm
August 9: Senior Parent Meeting; 6:00pm-8:00pm, AHS Performing Arts Center
August 14: New Student Orientation; 1:00pm-3:00pm
August 14: Freshman Orientation; 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Freshmen receive schedules
August 14: Parking Pass Pickup & Locker Access; Grades 10-12; 8:00am – 3:00pm
August 15: Teacher Workday – No Student Access to Lockers or Classrooms
August 16: Teacher Professional Development Day
Freshmen Access to Lockers; 1:00pm-5:00pm
August 17: First Day of School
August 23: Open House – Virtual Videos Sent Between 5:00pm-6:00pm & Traditional Open House from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

Freshmen Orientation

Freshmen orientation will be on August 14th in the AHS Performing Art Center. Park in the west parking lot and enter the school through the PAC lobby doors.

This is a **must-attend** event for all freshmen and their parents. We ask families not to bring younger siblings or friends. This orientation has high school appropriate conversations that may

not be suited for younger children.

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Note: Those freshmen playing on JV or Varsity level teams that have conflicts will have a modified orientation with Mr. Frombach and the athletic office on August 15th at 10:00am. Meet in the high school commons. Parents of these students should attend the August 14th event.

New Student Orientation

Those 10th - 12th grade Eagles who are new to the Nest for the 2023-2024 school year are invited to attend a VIP event hosted by the high school counseling team on August 14th from 1:00-2:00pm. This is a student only event. New Eagles will get a tour of the school, a chance to meet each other, access their lockers and schedules, receive a brief glance of our handbook, and learn the ins and outs of our dress code provisions. New students: meet counselors at the west entrance upon arrival. We are excited to meet you!

Open House - Blended Format

Each educator will email a 3-5-minute video of introduction to each of their student’s homes during Open House hours on August 23rd. Feedback from your households on these videos has been tremendous. Families can see, hear, and get a feel for each of their student’s educators, at their leisure. These videos will be emailed from 5:00pm-6:00pm on August 23rd. Additionally, AHS will be open to parents who want to meet teachers in person from 6:00pm-7:00pm on August 23rd as well. We hope this blended format will meet all our parents’ needs.

Bell Schedule & Periods

Students must be in school by 7:35am if they wish to make it to first period on time at 7:40am.

Anyone entering the school after the 7:35am bell will be marked tardy to school.

There are two entrances to AHS prior to first period. Enter AHS via the south loop or west main entrances. The south entrance doors will close and lock at 7:35am and those arriving late to school will have to enter through the west/main office entrance, through the lockout/vestibule.

AVON HIGH SCHOOL

BELL SCHEDULE

TARDY BELL – 7:35 AM

PERIOD 1	7:40 – 8:29
PERIOD 2	8:33 – 9:22
PERIOD 3	9:26 – 10:15
PERIOD 4A	10:19 – 10:49
PERIOD 4B	10:53 – 11:23
PERIOD 4C	11:27 -11:57
PERIOD 5	12:01 – 12:54
PERIOD 6	12:58 – 1:47
PERIOD 7	1:51 – 2:40

Teacher Work Hours – 7:25 am – 2:55pm

Attendance

The AHS attendance line is (440)934-1770. This is a voicemail that is active 24 hours a day. A parent/guardian must report a student's reason for absence by 10:00am each day the student is not in attendance. Students may not call themselves off from school. If a parent/guardian does not call us in accordance with Ohio law, we will reach out to you.

Note: if your student needs to leave school early, for any reason, the student MUST provide the attendance desk a note in the morning. This is the same process you have used in all Avon schools thus far. Students: bring notes to the main office to receive a release slip.

AHS operates strict adherence to Ohio's guidelines for attendance. A subsequent email on excused and unexcused absence will be sent to you. Follow this [link](#) for Ohio law.

Vacations

Vacations are highly discouraged outside of scheduled breaks. If you plan on taking a vacation, please fill out a [vacation form](#) BEFORE your vacation and turn it into the main office for administrative approval. Note: hours away from campus during a vacation accumulate towards the 65 hour limitation for excusal with our without administrative approval per Ohio law.

Refer to the handbook, page 21, for more information.

It is not advised to make travel arrangements during ACT, AP, nor OST testing dates, as those opportunities will not be rescheduled and your student will face undue hardships in missing those assessments.

As the school year is ending earlier than ever, only students with medical reasons will be able to schedule final exams outside exam windows. Making travel plans prior to June is not advised. Your student's grades in a course could be significantly affected by missing exams.

Stay Connected

Worried your high school student will not share details with you? Concerned you won't recall announcements? Subscribe or follow the Nest at the following:

Mrs. Buller's Twitter: [Click Here](#)

Avon Athletics' Twitter: [Click Here](#)

Daily Announcements: [Click Here](#)

Student Services' Twitter: [Click Here](#)

The following links provide important reference materials. These documents can also be found on the district website: www.avonlocalschools.org.

[AHS Fees 2023-2024](#) (Reference Only - Fees will be assessed later in the fall.)

[Avon Local Schools Calendar](#)

[Avon High School Handbook](#)

Lunch Money, Free & Reduced Lunch Applications

Everyday at Avon High School our students have the opportunity to use our food service program for both breakfast and lunch. Please see the information provided from our food service department below for your reference.

If you have any questions please reach out to Nancy Mazzeo at mazzeon@avoneagles.org or 440-937-3049.

If you believe you will qualify for free/reduced **school fees** and free/reduced lunch, please [click here](#) to login to PaySchools Central .

Please Follow this [link](#) to view the Parent User Guide.

Important: You must apply for free/reduced waivers **each year**; approval does not carry over year to year. All meal statuses from the 2022-2023 school year will expire on September 30, 2023. If an application is not completed by this date, your meal status will change to "FULL PAY."

Also, lunch account auto-replenishments will need to be RESET for the school year. ***Any settings you had last school year will not carry over to this school year.***

Please note: Money will not be accepted at the registers during breakfast or lunch service. If a family does not wish to use online deposits into food accounts, a student must submit a cash or check into the deposit boxes located in the cafeteria first thing in the morning. Funds will be credited to the student's account and available to purchase off of the same day.

If cash is brought to the register during service, the student will be given an envelope to fill out and the funds will not be available until the next day. So that a student does not go without a lunch, Chartwells will allow a student with a register deposit to get a full lunch, but a la cart items will be excluded from sales as funds have not been loaded into accounts.

Free & Reduced Income Qualification Information:

[Click here](#) for the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines

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

School Fees

At the high school, fees will not be posted to your account to be paid until mid-fall. We will notify you when they are posted.

You are encouraged to pay school fees each school year for your high school student. Payments can be made online using <https://payschoolscentral.com/> or you can bring a check made payable to "Avon Board of Education" in an envelope marked "student fees" and turn it in to the main office.

Those seniors who have a fee balance prior to prom tickets going on sale, will not be able to purchase a prom ticket unless all school fees have been paid.

Medication & Drug Policy Information

Pursuant of the Avon Board of Education policy, no student will be permitted to possess prescription medication on school grounds. The administrative office will be responsible for the dispensing of prescribed medication. Below is the link for the medication authorization form that must be completed and returned with the prescription or over the counter medication in the original container. More details on these policies can be found in the Student Handbook.

Medication Authorization Form - [Click Here](#)

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), under Ohio Revised Code 3701.13 and 3313.671, requires all students entering the 12th grade to provide written proof that they have received a dose of the Meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine after age 16. The deadline is September 20, 2023.

Meningitis Vaccine Requirement for 12th Graders Form - [Click Here](#)

Junior & Senior Release Information

Juniors and seniors who selected JR/SR Release are eligible to leave campus during the designated period. Release will begin as soon as the first day of school.

Release periods occur first, fourth, sixth, and seventh periods.

In August, Mr. Hokavar will email every qualifying student and their parents the terms of JR/SR Release and unless a parent or student notifies Mr. Hokavar a request for a schedule change, release will be granted.

Schedules

Students will be able to access their schedules through PowerSchool on August 8 at 4:00pm. Freshmen will also be given a copy of their schedule at Freshmen Orientation.

Freshmen: you only have one class and a lunch period over 4a, 4b, & 4c. Each segment of a, b, & c are 1/2 a period. Courses over 4th period may occur 4a/b with lunch being c; 4b/c with lunch being a, or even a split period, 4a/c with lunch being b.

Schedule changes will only occur for the following reasons:

- Summer school or CCP credit
- Academic misplacement - determined by the classroom teacher once the school year has commenced
- Technical error - a course is missing or duplicated
- Change in the master schedule per the principal.

Contact your school counselor to request assistance if one of the above mentioned concerns has occurred. **Advanced Placement courses will not be dropped. Please do not make requests outside of these reasons as they will not be met.**

Senior Parent Meeting - The College Application Process & Transition Beyond AHS

Date: Wednesday, August 9th

Location: High School Performing Arts Center

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

AHS counselors will meet with the Class of 2024 and their parents/guardians on August 9th. Our team will begin working with seniors on this critical transition - life beyond high school. A link to the presentation will be made available following the event for those who can not attend.

Parking Permits

All students who drive to school must have a parking permit. This permit must be displayed in the vehicle at all times while on campus. Only students with a current driver's license, not a temporary permit, may purchase a permit. Verification of a valid license will be required to purchase and pick up permits from AHS.

Permits for the 2023-24 school year will go on sale in August of 2023.

August 9th: permit sales open to the **Class of 2024**

August 11th: permit sales open to the **Class of 2025**

Should permits remain available after our August sale, they will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Whether or not we open sales to sophomores will be based on junior/senior demand. **Keep in mind a student must have a VALID license to buy a permit.**

A link will be emailed to juniors and seniors the day before sales open.

In order to buy a permit, students will need to upload an image of their driver's license.

Parking Passes for the 2023-2024 school year are \$25.00. (Ten of these dollars will go towards the ticket holder's graduation class as a fundraiser for Prom.)

Parking pass pick up will be available in the main office: August 14th, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Park in your proper spot on the first day of school.

Following August 17th: students may bring their proof of online payment to the main office with their driver's license to secure a permit. JVS students must have a permit to park on campus.

Parking spaces will sell out during the year, typically in January.

Parking at the pickleball courts will not be permitted this fall.

Student Arrival & Dismissal

Avon High School is open to students from 6:45am until 3:15pm, unless a student is being directly supervised by a school district employee. Students will not be permitted to stay in the building beyond 3:15pm. Students who arrive between 7:00am until the start of their day will be in a supervised study hall in the commons.

The access road that leads from the north to the south lot will be open 24 hours a day. However, the Hunter's Trail exit is gated. The gate will be open on school days the following hours:

School Days:

Open from 5:15am - 8:30am

Closed from 8:30am - 1:15pm

Open from 1:15pm - 4:30pm

Student drop-off and pick-up may occur in either lot. Please note that due to fire code, no one may park in the fire lane of the school in the west lot. At dismissal, drivers should park in the open student spaces and wait for their students to come to them. Curbside pickup is not available in the west lot. Curbside pickup is available in the south lot.

Expect significant delays the first week of school. Please remember we have student drivers who are not entirely "skilled." The high school schedule is designed to have the majority of juniors and seniors arrive at school after first period, and dismissals after 5th and 6th periods to alleviate as much congestion as possible.

Directions for drop-off and pick-up will be sent in a separate email as the details are critical to everyone's experience in a congested environment.

School Supplies & Chromebooks

AHS does not have a school supply list. With the use of personal devices, there are very few items a high school student needs. Here is a list of recommended items:

Pencils, blue and black pens, highlighters, a pencil pouch, calculator, Avon Chromebook or personal device, paper, folders, backpack, and a reusable water bottle are highly recommended items. (Water stations are located throughout the school.)

Students in all math classes, Algebra I and beyond, must have a scientific calculator.

A locker is provided for each student. It is recommended that students use this locker at a minimum to store coats, extra gear, lunches, etc.

Students in grades 9-12 who have district Chromebooks maintained them from last year.

Need a Chromebook?

If you do not already have a Chromebook and need one, there is only one site to pick up a device, regardless of the school you attend.

Avon East Elementary
3100 Nagel Road, Avon Ohio
8/3 (Thursday) 8am-6pm



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