



# AVON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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*Eagle Pride*

August 2020

Dear Parents and Students:

We hope that your family has been safe and healthy during these challenging times. These months have been exciting at Avon Middle School in preparation for the first day of school on Thursday, August 27, 2020. The custodial staff has been applying the finishing touches and a thorough cleaning of the facility. Teachers have started preparing their rooms as well as preparing their virtual lessons and platforms. Soon the halls will be filled with activity as we enter into a new school year of opportunity, challenges, and growth. Please *click* the link below to view a video on what to expect this school year at AMS.

[Welcome Back Video from the Principals](#)

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## IMPORTANT LINKS

These *clickable* links provide information on **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](http://www.avonlocalschools.org) under Avon Middle School. Information on School Fees will be forthcoming.

[School Supplies](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

On the first two days 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.

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## IMPORTANT DATES, EVENTS, & DEADLINES

**REMINDER** “Back to School” information update (sent in a previous email) needs to be completed immediately for every student. This includes emergency contact and other important information needed by the school prior to Thursday, August 27, 2020 (First Day). If you have any questions, please call the AMS Main Office at (440) 934-3800.

**Friday, August 21:** Student schedules will go “live” on PowerSchool beginning at 4:00 p.m. Bring a copy of this schedule on the First Day of School.

**AMS Open House:** This school year Open House will be conducted virtually. On Tuesday, August 25, teachers will be emailing recorded presentations to their students to assist them in resuming their learning in school. Due to the current situation, we will not be selling AMS P.E. t-shirts, as students in Physical Education will not be using locker rooms or changing clothing for those classes, and those classes will be modified accordingly.

**Thursday, August 27:** First Day of School (school day is 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

**Monday, September 21:** School Picture Day by Lifetouch Photography (packet will be sent home with more details).

**NOTE:** For other dates and times of school activities, please visit the Avon Middle School website under Announcements and Calendar at [www.avonlocalschools.org/buildings/middle-school](http://www.avonlocalschools.org/buildings/middle-school).

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## **STUDENT SCHEDULES & LOCKERS**

**SCHEDULES:** Student schedules can be viewed on and after August 21st (4:00 p.m.) by logging into PowerSchool, but must be done on a computer (not a mobile device). Also, students can pick up schedules on the First Day in first period classes. If students forget their schedules on the First Day, student names will be posted alphabetically in the Commons (per grade level) with their first period class next to their respective names (Thursday, August 27).

Due to the current COVID crisis and the need to limit class sizes, some students may have elective changes. As communicated last Spring, no schedule changes will occur after June 8, 2020 unless there is (1) a technical error in the scheduling process, (2) summer school attendance, (3) a scheduling conflict, or (4) a course failure from the previous year.

Since lockers will not be assigned at this time, students may carry their school and personal items within smaller book bags / backpack, which can have wheels.

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## **TECHNOLOGY**

We are encouraging all students to bring their own Chromebook or laptop computer to school. Chromebooks will be available for students unable to do so. Also, we are asking all students to bring their own headphones or earbuds to use at school for approved curricular and educational purposes. Once school begins, if an at-home (virtual) learner is experiencing difficulty connecting with the classroom teacher(s), that student or parent should call our Main Office immediately so that we can notify the respective teacher(s) and the Technology Department.

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## **CELL PHONES & SMART WATCHES**

As students know, cellular telephone use is restricted during the school day. When arriving at school, all phones are to be turned off and kept in book bags or backpacks (or lockers when accessible). Further, all smart watches are to be treated in the same manner as cell phones.

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## **DROPPING OFF ITEMS & SIGN-IN / SIGN-OUT**

To promote safety, we will be limiting guests entering our Main Office area. Therefore, parents needing to drop off items at the school will be doing so within the double-door main entrance (“airlock”), where a table will be set up to leave the marked item. Moreover, a table will be set up in the same area for signing-in and signing-out students. Guests can always push the buzzer to ask questions with office personnel.

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## **TRANSPORTATION / PARKING LOT PICK-UP & DROP-OFF**

Click [here](#) for vehicle morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures. To assist car riders, both gymnasium doorways will be open for students. For bus riders, all northside doors will be accessible. Early Bird students can use the Main Entrance with doors opening at 6:45 a.m. for classes at 6:55-7:40 a.m.

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

[Bus Routes](#) (current routes for the 20-21 school year will be posted on August 20)

[Bus Safety Rules](#)

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## **LUNCH MENUS & PAYMENTS**

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

\*\* Lunch menus will be available the week of August 24 \*\*

### [Depositing Lunch Money & Applying for Free & Reduced Lunch:](#)

Follow this [link](#) to login to PaySchools Central.

If you need to create a new account, click on “register” on the log-in page. Follow the prompts to create an account and add student(s) to your account. Follow this [link](#) to view the Parent User Guide.

\*\*NOTE: If wanting to fill out a free/reduced lunch application, after creating your account you MUST log out and log back in to access this feature\*\*

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.

### **Free & reduced income qualification information:**

If you are signed up for this program, the lunches will carry over for the first 30 days into the new school year.

Click [here](#) for the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Click [here](#) for information about Community Resource Services

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## **COMMUNICATION & NEWS**

**eNews:** To receive weekly updates and information on key middle school events, register for 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](#).

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## **AMS BOOSTERS INFORMATION**

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

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## **REPORT CARDS & PROGRESS REPORTS**

Report Cards will be emailed home, and Progress Reports will be on-line. During the school year, special notices will be sent out via eNews regarding Progress Reports “check-points.”

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## **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](#)

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## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL & REMINDERS**

School resumes on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Students arriving at school between 7:40 and 8:00 a.m. will report directly to and remain in their first period classes with no congregating in hallways, restrooms, the Commons, and other locations (with social distancing in classrooms).

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

**Early Bird Classes:** Arrive no earlier than 6:45 a.m. for Early Bird classes (6:55 - 7:40 a.m.).

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

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## **YEARBOOKS & AGENDAS**

After school begins, we will let students and parents know when they can pick-up their yearbooks. Also, Agendas will be distributed during the first two days of school. For our virtual learners, Agenda pick -up will be the same time as yearbook pick-up.

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## **OPPORTUNITIES & SUPPORT INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

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Whether you are attending in-person or virtually, the Avon Middle School professional and support staff extend to you and your family a cordial and enthusiastic welcome! With the home, community, and school working together, we can have a 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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