

From the Nest



Updates, Highlights, and Information
from your School Counselors

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Hello Students & Families:

"From the Nest" is the School Counseling newsletter. We will be sharing timely and relevant information with you on a bi-weekly basis. As school counselors we support, nurture, and guide our students. *From the Nest* represents many of our core values and honors the Falcon tradition here at Avon High School. These updates can be found on our website or [AHS School Counseling News](#)



School Counselor Meetings: Your school counselor is always happy to meet with you. Reach out to us if there is anything we can assist you with. We are available via email, Google meets, in-person meetings, and phone calls. Students may set up an appointment using each counselor's individual calendar link.

Appointment Booking Students: access the link on your counselor's name to book directly. Parents: schedule an appointment by calling or emailing Karien Green, School Counseling Assistant.

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Announcements:

Important Dates: Course Scheduling: Last day to drop a course without penalty: March 1, 2024
Override Request Deadline: March 4, 2024

School Day SAT: March 20, 2024. Current members of the junior class will take the SAT at AHS. Students are encouraged to utilize practice materials on [CollegeBoard](#) to prepare for the test.

AHS Career Expo 2024: On March 20th students in grades nine and ten will participate in a Career Expo. With over thirty representatives for various careers, students will gain a greater understanding of jobs from people in the field.

College Fair: [Convention Center, Hartford](#)



Junior Post Secondary Meetings: Counselors are meeting with all grade 11 students to discuss post secondary plans. Please see the [attached information](#) for more details and resources.

Opportunities & Enrichment:

Hartford Hospital Summer Volunteer Program - Are you interested in a career in health care? [More info here](#)
Registration opens 1/3/24

Grade Level News

Grade 12:

FAFSA: The 24-25 FAFSA is now live. Know your colleges' FAFSA deadlines. Complete your FAFSA soon so that you don't miss out on financial aid for college!!

College Decisions - Some colleges have already released application decisions. Be sure to update your school counselor with details. In addition, update your Naviance account with your college information. [This video](#) shows you how.

Scholarships: Access your Naviance account to search for scholarships. There are hundreds of scholarships listed in Naviance and more coming in each week. Students are encouraged to utilize the searchable database to identify scholarships they qualify for.

Grade 11:

Course Scheduling 24-25: All course requests were due by February 9th. If you did not submit your requests, contact your School Counselor for assistance.

Junior Post Secondary Meetings: Counselors will be meeting with all grade 11 students to discuss post secondary plans. Meetings will begin in early February and run throughout March. Please see the [attached information](#) for more details and resources.

Testing - SAT Dates: Be sure to register for SAT dates. **ACT** - Register and [prepare](#) for free using the ACT resources.

Grade 10:

Course Scheduling 24-25: All course requests were due by February 9th. If you did not submit your requests, contact your School Counselor for assistance.

Summer Enrichment: Summer is a great time for vacation and fun... but it's also a great time for students

to explore areas of learning in ways that are different from those they are exposed to during the school year. Many colleges offer summer experiences and there are a variety of resources to search for programs this summer.

Grade 9:

Course Scheduling 24-25: All course requests were due by February 9th. If you did not submit your requests, contact your School Counselor for assistance.

Financial Aid & Scholarship Information:

*** Many colleges have a FAFSA deadline of ***
February 15. Don't miss out.***

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving - view the [website](#) for many scholarship applications. Deadline - March 14, 2024

Scholarships in Naviance: Access your Naviance account to search for scholarships. There are hundreds of scholarships listed in Naviance and more coming in each week. Students are encouraged to utilize the searchable database to identify scholarships they qualify for.

Avon Dollars for Scholars - ADFS has awarded about \$80,000 annually to Avon students. Create an account and apply for local scholarships. Instructions are posted [here](#). Deadline: March 29

CT Society of Civil Engineers - The Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers (CSCE) is now accepting nominations for its college scholarship awards. If you are interested in being nominated, please speak to your School Counselor. Scholarship available. Deadline 3/15/24

AHS Achieve Internship & Career Information:

JA and The Hartford Opportunities - [click here](#) for lots of information

Part Time Job Information - Check our online [Job Board](#) for available positions.