## 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:**

Quarter 3 Ends - April 1, 2024

<u>Tunxis Credit</u> for business courses - If you would like to obtain credit from your CE Business class you must follow the instructions in <u>this form</u> by April 8th. See Mr. Glick with any questions.

Opportunity for Mastery Based Learning: Do you like working with elementary aged students? Do you need volunteer hours to fulfill your MBL requirement? Are you looking for something meaningful to do this summer? Apply to help at Avon's Summer School Program.

<u>Spring Path College Fair</u>: April 29 @ Farmington Polo Grounds. Colleges, Trade schools, CHESLA, New England Board of Higher Education Tuition Break.



### **Grade Level News**

### Grade 12:

Job Opportunities - Are you looking for consistent employment? Are you energetic, outgoing, and a self-starter? Are you looking to build your resumé? Do you want to improve your presentation skills, time management skills, and networking ability? Check out our job board. There are plenty of opportunities and companies are looking for mature students.

<u>College Decisions</u> - 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. <u>This video</u> 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:

### The Wesleyan University High School Partners

Program offers outstanding high school seniors the opportunity to take one Wesleyan University course during the fall semester for credit, tuition-free. The program enables qualified students to pursue advanced coursework not available at AHS and experience the intellectual rigors and stimulating dialogue that commonly take place in Wesleyan classrooms. Students who apply to the program are expected to provide their own transportation to and from Wesleyan University and fulfill all requirements of the Wesleyan course. Peruse Wesleyan's full course listing for 2024-2025 <a href="here">here</a>. Submit your application electronically here by April 23.

Post Secondary Information: School Counselors met with all grade 11 students on March 6, during Advisory. Topics included steps students should be taking in order to be prepared for college planning and future applications. Counselors are meeting with grade 11 students to discuss post secondary plans. Please see the attached information for more details and resources.

<u>Testing</u> - <u>SAT Dates:</u> Be sure to register for SAT dates. <u>ACT</u> - Register and <u>prepare</u> for free using the ACT resources.

### Grade 10:

Thank you to everyone for participating in the annual Career Expo!

### Grade 9:

<u>Careers & Interests</u>: School Counselors met with Grade 9 students during Advisory to discuss Career Clusters, personal interests, and the connections between the two. <u>This information</u> was shared.

<u>Summer Plans:</u> Now is a great time to start planning your summer! A few suggestions from the school counselors for you to consider: Have Fun! Attend a summer camp, volunteer, relax, read, get outside, spend time with family & friends, travel, and more....!

### Financial Aid & Scholarship Information:

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

<u>Hartford Foundation for Public Giving</u> - view the <u>website</u> for many scholarship applications. <u>Deadline - April 15, 2024</u>

### AHS Achieve Internship & Career Information:

<u>JA and The Hartford Opportunities</u> - <u>click here</u> for lots of information

<u>Part Time Job Information</u> - Check our online <u>Job</u> Board for available positions.

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