

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:

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](#)



Grade Level News

Grade 12:

UConn has released admission decisions. Please notify your counselor with your news. There are lots of great opportunities and academic options for future Huskies



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.

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:

Post Secondary Information: School Counselors will meet with all grade 11 students on March 6, during Advisory. Topics will include steps students should be taking in order to be prepared for college planning and future applications.

Junior Post Secondary Meetings: Counselors are meeting with grade 11 students to discuss post secondary plans. 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:

Career Expo March 20th - Get ready to learn!! While juniors are taking the SAT, tenth graders will attend the Career Expo. With over thirty representatives for various careers represented, students will have the opportunity to attend four career presentations.

Grade 9:

Career Expo March 20th - Get ready to learn!! While juniors are taking the SAT, freshmen will attend the Career Expo. With over thirty representatives for various careers represented, students will have the opportunity to attend four career presentations.

Summer Plans: 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:

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving - view the [website](#) for many scholarship applications. Deadline - April 15, 2024

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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.