# 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 <u>AHS School</u> <u>Counseling News</u>



**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 4 - has begun! We have fewer than 45 days left of this school year

**Tunxis Credit** 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 <u>Avon's Summer School Program</u>.

<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:

<u>College Decisions</u> - May 1 is Signing Day. Let us know where you are headed in the fall. 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:

#### **College & High School Partners Programs**

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Avon partners with two colleges:

- Wesleyan University submit your application
  electronically here by April 23.
- <u>CT Community College Tunxis</u> Submit your <u>application</u> by June 1. If you already have a Tunxis account, give your name to Ms Green and Tunxis will contact you with directions.

<u>Common App</u> - Essay prompts have been announced. Start brainstorming a topic and let us know how we can help you.

<u>Common App accounts</u> - Each year, Common App rolls over for the rising senior class. Learn more <u>here</u>

# Grade 10:

**Summer Employment** - Did you know that you are allowed to work at age 15? Here are some of the industries allowed to hire 14 & 15 year olds: Agriculture, Hospitals, Convalescent homes, Hotels, Banks, Insurance companies, Professional offices, Library, Recreation Departments, Chores for private homeowners (yard work), Summer camps.

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# Grade 9:

**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, learn how to play pickleball.

# Financial Aid & Scholarship Information:

<u>CT Water Works Association Scholarship</u> - scholarship for eligible high school students interested in pursuing careers in environmental science, water resources, public health or the water industry. Deadline April 19, 2024.

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

