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WELCOME BACK!

AVON LAKE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



Welcome to ALHS – YOUR high school - The home of Shoremen & Shoregal PRIDE Our students, staff and families are committed to the pursuit of excellence in a school with a deep, rich tradition of success. Avon Lake High School represents the vision of an outstanding community to provide excellent facilities, a talented and dedicated staff, and high expectations for quality student performance in and outside of the classroom. I am honored to lead such an outstanding school as principal.

High school is a wonderful four-year experience that guarantees EVERY student the opportunity to build a record of achievement, participation, service and character to realize career and life goals. As principal, I will challenge everyone to “G.B.E.D.” (Get Better Every Day!)

Learning is a 24/7/365 responsibility. We want high school to be the most exciting time of your life, and to be sure you understand that in order to compete for your career and life goals in the 21st-century - you've got to work! Learning occurs after class, outside of school and beyond the school day! It may not always be easy, but life isn't always easy. Build the best record possible for your future!

Our principals, faculty and staff members will model care and respect, and expect every student to do the same to make ALHS a positive learning environment for all.

Please review the contents of this newsletter. Pay special attention to information about Freshman/New Student Orientation; grades 10/11/12 schedule pick-up; parking permit apps, and senior pass.

Please look for a separate communication regarding outstanding fees. It is important that outstanding fee balances are cleared in a timely manner.

Best wishes for a great year! Remember - Challenge yourself - **GBED!** We will know your capabilities and achievement, expect your very best throughout high school, and work with your family to support you. Participate actively in your high school career. Make good choices. Celebrate your successes and strive for quality in all you do.

I look forward to a great year, and join the ALHS “family” in welcoming the Class of 2022 to our high school.

Follow us on Twitter account @AvonLakeHS, and remind for the latest from ALHS.

See you soon,
Joseph J. Mueller, Principal
Avon Lake High School

School Information

Freshman/New Student Orientation August 15th

9:00a.m-11:00a.m. in the Performance Arts Center (PAC).

- Orientation is for students only
- Students will be receiving their 2018-2019 class schedules
- Tour of the high school

Student Schedule Pick-Up Day August 15th grades 10, 11 & 12

- Seniors and juniors can get their parking passes and junior/senior passes on the same day from 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.or 5:00p.m.-6:30p.m.

First Day of School

- August 22, 2018

School Supply Lists

Supply Lists

- Given individually by each teacher.
- Please check Online or in the syllabus for what is needed for each class.

News & Information

for Avon Lake High School see the links below to subscribe or view **Remind**

- All School News
- Class of 2019
- Class of 2020
- Class of 2021
- Class of 2022

Google Calendar

Twitter @AvonLakeHS

Open House

Parent only 2018 ALHS Open House
Wednesday, August 22, 2018 6:00-8:30pm.

Principal, Mr. Joseph Mueller, will kick off the Open House with a Welcome in the PAC from 6:00-6:30pm. Open House is a chance for parents to run through their child's schedule and get a general sense of teachers, classes and daily activities.

Beginning at 6:30pm you will be able to follow a condensed version of your child's schedule. Schedules and maps will be available in the Commons.

In the classroom, each teacher will give a brief overview of their course and his/her expectations of the students. *Please keep any questions you may have to a general nature. You may contact your child's teacher at another time to speak specifically of your child.*

Displays of the different clubs and organizations available at Avon Lake High School will be set up in the Commons. Please stop by for information and any questions.

1st	6:30	-	6:37
2nd	6:42	-	6:49
3rd	6:54	-	7:01
4/5th	7:06	-	7:13
6/7th	7:18	-	7:25
8/9th	7:30	-	7:37
10th	7:42	-	7:49
11th	7:54	-	8:01
12th	8:06	-	8:13

SPEED LIMIT ON CAMPUS

- The posted speed limit on campus is 10 mph in order to keep our students safe!
- Students may lose parking privileges for speeding on campus and/or parking illegally with no refund given for cost of permit.
- The North parking lot will continue to be the senior only parking lot (shared with staff). *Overflow for the Senior lot is the South parking lot next to the caboose by the football field. Ask the Campus Monitor or the HS Main Office if you have questions on where you will be allowed to park.*
- All cars must be out of the North parking lot by 3:15pm on school days for marching band practice. *If you are involved in activities after school, you will need to park in the South lots or move your car before 3:15pm.*
- Parents dropping off students for school, may do so at the North or South circles. *Please keep to the right of the drives while dropping off students for safety purposes.*



ATHLETICS UPDATE



I can't thank the Avon Lake Board of Education, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Mueller enough for giving me this opportunity to be the Athletic Director at Avon Lake. There are rich traditions of success in the Avon Lake Schools in academics as well as athletics and I am excited to have an active role in helping all involved continue to be successful. My experience as an educator consists of 8 years teaching social studies, one year as assistant principal for Brookside Middle School, one year as assistant principal for Brookside High School, and the last three years as principal of Brookside High School and Middle School. As far as athletics, I played college basketball at Slippery Rock University, was an assistant varsity basketball coach for 8 years, and then head varsity basketball coach at Brookside High School for 8 years until resigning to accept the Principal position. I've always had a strong passion for sports and envisioned myself as an athletic director. I firmly agree with our philosophy that athletics is vital to the educational, social, and emotional development of our students. It provides lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition, and most importantly how to handle adversity. Athletics allows our student-athletes to gain valuable experiences that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. I am an active person that plans on being very visible, and want to be an active resource for everyone in Avon Lake.

Please regularly check our website www.avonlakesports.com for schedules, updates on events and new information on many more topics.

follow us on Twitter @avonlakesports.

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact me at brent.schremp@avonlakecityschools.org or give us a call at 440-933-6290.

Brent Schremp - Athletics Director

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE 440-930-8296

- When a student is absent from school, parents/guardians must call the attendance line before 9:30am on the day of the absence.
- *You may call our automated attendance line at 440-930-8296 to report absences 24 hours a day.*

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

- When it becomes necessary to close schools due to inclement weather or other causes, the CodeRED system will be used whenever possible.
- Please continue to monitor the local radio and television stations as they are also contacted requesting they include Avon Lake City Schools on their school closing lists.
- School closings are also posted on our district website: www.avonlakecityschools.org.
- Parents and students are reminded not to call school or school officials with questions about school closings. *Normally, the decision to close school is made between 5:00am-6:00am*

NUTRITION SERVICES

The 2018-2019 Free/Reduced application, Menus and online Meal Payments are available on line.



BURSAR'S CORNER

In accordance with the spring 2017 guidelines and to avoid large financial obligations, "check points" will occur during the academic year to encourage the timely payment of fees. If balances are outstanding/unresolved, participation in non-academic activities such as (but not limited to) parking passes; Senior Pass; Junior Pass; club field trips; Senior Project; Homecoming Dance; Prom, or any activity that would be considered extra-curricular, will be denied.

Fees are an accepted and necessary reality in education, and are vital to each assigned program or course. Specific to selected courses, we rely on them to offset program costs while striving for fiscal responsibility in the district.

We are sending this communication at the start of the year to encourage payment of all outstanding balances.

The 2018-19 ALHS Student Fees will be completely processed by the Bursar's Office and due AFTER October 19, 2018.

Pay-to-Participate

The fee is \$300 per student per year to participate in any sport at the high school.

There is a District Family Cap of \$400 for families with more than one High School and/or Learwood Middle student participating in sports.

Due Dates:

Fall Sports	August 10, 2018
Winter Sports	November 30, 2018
Spring Sports	March 15, 2019

Junior/Senior Pass

Passes are available on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 1:00-3:00pm and 5:00-6:30pm.

- The pass is not valid unless signed by both the parent/guardian and the student. (parents must be present to sign for pass)
- \$2.50 will be billed to the student's fee statement.
- There is a \$10.00 fee to replace a lost pass.
- Passes will be denied if outstanding fees are not paid.

Payment Options

Payment Depository:

Payments may be made by check or money order only, NO cash please. Make checks payable to Avon Lake High School.

Place payment in an envelope, complete with student's name and fee category* on the front.

*Fee Category:

- Student Fees
- Pay-to-Participate Deposit envelope in the Payment

Depository located to the right of the main office doors or mail to:

Avon Lake High School
 Attn: Sue Randall, Bursar "Fees"
 175 Avon Belden Road
 Avon Lake, Ohio 44012

(For a return receipt by mail, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Online Payments:

PayForIt.net There is a 3.9% Convenience Fee for all credit card transactions or a flat fee of \$1.75 for all ACH (Electronic Check) transactions charged to the card user.

Parking Permits

Seniors and Juniors on Wednesday, August 15th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and 5:00-6:30 pm, during Schedule Pick Up.

Sophomores may purchase parking permits once the school year begins.

Students are not permitted to park on campus without a valid parking permit after the first week of school.

All steps below are required is receive a parking permit.

1. Completely fill out the Avon Lake High School Student Parking Permit Application, found on our website. Go to the high school page, click on "Resource Center" and either type in "Parking Permits" or scroll down to "Parking Permits".
2. Attach a COPY of your valid Ohio Driver's License.
3. Attach a COPY of your up-to-date proof of automobile insurance. (Insurance Card)
4. Bring the \$20.00 parking fee, exact amount please, change will not be available. Make checks payable to: ALHS.
 - All copies will be kept for our records.
 - Permits will not be given without all copies and information completed.
 - Passes will be denied if outstanding fees are not paid.
 - Place all of the above (items 1-4) in designated "ALHS PARKING PASS" envelope located by the Payment Depository which is to the right of the main office doors. Complete the front of the envelope with your name and grade and drop it in the Payment Depository. Permit pick-up information can be found on envelope front.



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

440-933-8135

Twitter: @ALHSGuidance

The ALHS Guidance Department serves students in 9th - 12th by alphabet. The guidance staff can be reached via e-mail or phone. We encourage students to stop by with questions, concerns, problems, or just to say hi and let us get to know them. If we are not immediately available, we all have sign-up sheets outside each of our offices. We want students to sign-up to see us during their study hall or lunch, at which time a pass will be given to them for the time they have chosen. Parents and students can also access the website at: www.avonlakecityschools.org for up-to-date information. Our office hours are 7:30 am. until 3:30 pm.

LCCC College Fair -

October 4, 2018 6 pm - 7:30 pm Juniors and seniors can get quick college information and speak with representatives from over 100 colleges, universities, and financial aid institutions.

PSAT Testing - October 10, 2018

ALHS juniors and sophomores will be taking the PSAT test and freshmen will be taking the PSAT 8/9 test on the morning of October 10th, seniors will have a delayed start. The PSAT is a test that measures skills that are important for success in college: verbal reasoning, critical reading, math problem solving, and writing. Taking the PSAT enables students to get feedback about critical academic skills, receive information from colleges, enter scholarship competitions, and practice for the SAT. You can find out more about what's on the test and how to prepare for it by logging onto www.collegeboard.com. Click on "PSAT/NMSQT" on the left hand side of the page, then select the appropriate test. The PSAT is the qualifying test for entry in the National

Last Name A-G Allen Skierski opt. 4
Last Name H-O Erin Grieger opt. 1
Last Name P-Z Mike Kaminski opt. 3

Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) competitions for college scholarships that will be awarded to members of the class of 2020.

ACT & SAT Testing

ACT - To find dates, test locations, and test fees, logon to www.act.org or www.actstudent.org. You are encouraged to register on-line to take the ACT. Give yourself at least half an hour to register, and have a credit card number handy. We highly recommend taking the ACT PLUS Writing. Avon Lake High School will be a testing site for the October 27, 2018, February 9, 2019, April 13, 2019 and June 8, 2019 ACT Test this year. **SAT** - Logon to www.collegeboard.com for test information and registration. To register, give yourself half an hour and keep your credit card number handy. ALHS Code: 360-285

Some notes about testing:

- The optimum time to take a college test is in the spring of the junior year.
- ALHS is an ACT test site for the October 27, 2018, February 9, 2019, April 13, 2019 and June 8, 2019 school year.
- We recommend that students opt to take the ACT PLUS writing.
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Senior College Update Night

October 10, 2018 6:00 pm Seniors and their parents are invited to a one-hour meeting about the college admissions process. A panel of admissions counselors will explain to you what college admissions offices are looking for, what they expect from you, and what you can expect from them. We will also talk about how to maximize your efforts in the college application process here at ALHS to avoid delays, pitfalls and disappointments. BE INFORMED!

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SENIORS: COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Once you have completed your college application materials, please bring them to your counselor along with a business size envelope addressed to the college or university and at least 3 first-class stamps. Please bring your counselor a stamped, addressed envelope, even if you applied on-line using the college's website, so that they can send your official transcript. Do not place your application in your counselor's mailbox or leave it on their desk. Please complete a blue "College Application Form" found in the guidance office and make an appointment with your counselor to review and turn in your application materials. **(Blue form and envelope not needed when applying with the Common Application.)**

PLEASE BE AWARE OF AND ABIDE BY DEADLINES. Have your completed application to your counselor at least 2 full weeks prior to the application deadline. If you have any questions please call the Guidance Office.

All Seniors must have a Transcript Release Form (TRF) on file with the guidance office.

Transcript Release Forms are part of the new online Infosnap validation system. Please be sure to grant permission on the Agreements portion of this program for the release of transcripts. We are unable to send a college application or give a transcript to a college recruiter without having your permission on file.

CC+ Night: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Learn how to earn college credit while you are still in high school-at no cost to you or your family! Qualified students can take courses at Lorain County Community College or take LCCC courses right here at ALHS for both high school and college credit. This Session Is **Mandatory** for any Student **who is new to the program** & who plans to take a CC+ Course in the 2019-2020 school year.



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT CON'T.

Financial Aid Night November 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Financial Aid Night will be held this Fall in the Avon Lake High School Performing Arts Center. More information to follow.

Welcome NAVIANCE!

Avon Lake High School will be rolling out a new program called Naviance this year for grades 9-12. Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness program that we will use to align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals. All students over the course of their high school years will explore careers, take interest inventories, research colleges, scholarships, and create resumes.

As seniors, students will use their Naviance accounts to aid them in researching and applying to colleges/universities. The ALHS guidance staff will be working with each grade level this year to assist students with logging into and exploring this program, If you have any questions regarding Naviance, please contact the guidance office at 440-933-8135.

Schedule Changes & Corrections

The scheduling process began in March and all attempts have been made to schedule the courses selected. Schedule changes will NOT be made unless there is an error as in the following cases:

ACADEMIC MISPLACEMENT - An error was made in placement due to incorrect evaluation of ability, scores, past grades, etc.

TECHNICAL ERROR - Wrong course code keyed into computer.

CHANGE IN THE MASTER SCHEDULE - Class was closed or changed.

RESCHEDULING NEEDED AFTER SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES COMPLETED

ABSOLUTELY NO SCHEDULE CHANGES will take place after Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

If you believe your schedule is incorrect, please contact your guidance counselor:

A-G Allen Skierski ext. 1554

H-O Erin Grieger ext. 1561

P-Z Mike Kaminski ext. 1562

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

2018 - 2019 Bell Schedule

	1	7:45 – 8:28		
	2	8:32 – 9:15		
	3	9:19 – 10:02		
Lunch Periods	4	10:06 – 10:28	4/5	10:06–
	5	10:30 – 10:52	46 min.	10:52
	6	10:56 – 11:18	6/7	10:56–
	7	11:20 – 11:42	46 min.	11:42
	8	11:46 – 12:08	8/9	11:46–
	9	12:10 – 12:32	46 min.	12:32
	10	12:36 – 1:19		
	11	1:23 – 2:06		
	12	2:10 – 2:53		

Important Guidance Test Information

- October 10 PSAT Test and PSAT 8/9
- October 10 College Update Night
- October 27 ACT Test at ALHS
- November 15 Financial Aid Night
- January 9 CC+ Night
- February 9 ACT Test at ALHS

Important Student Ranking Changes

Starting with the class of 2019, Avon Lake High School will be transitioning away from ranking students by GPA and moving towards the collegiate ranking system. Our primary focus is to provide students the best opportunities for postsecondary education. Through this transition, we will continue to honor students who strive for academic excellence with the following categories: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude. Please feel free to contact your guidance counselor directly with any questions.

Report Card Change for 2018-2019

Beginning this year we will no longer be printing and mailing report cards at the end of the first semester (January 2019) and the second semester (June 2019). Please contact the guidance department if you need a printed copy of your student's report card.



ALHS PTA/PTSA

ALHS PTSA President's Message

It is my pleasure to welcome and invite you to join Avon Lake High School PTA/ PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association). This year we are pleased to announce the inclusion of students. This is another opportunity for high school students to earn volunteer hours as well as provide insight and feedback to our PTSA Programs. Our Organization is dedicated to improving and enhancing our children's educational experience. Our PTA awards several scholarships every year, purchases items for the classrooms, and funds speakers and programs. Volunteers are the secret to our success. We have an active PTA membership with lots of ways to participate. Volunteering is an excellent way to meet new people and get involved at the high school.

All of our communications can be found at the Avon Lake High School website simply by accessing it through the PTA link: www.alhspta.weebly.com. There you will find membership information, volunteer opportunities, and past PTA meeting minutes. Additionally, you will find information on our annual Christmas-by-the-Lake Craft show, Reflections Arts Program, and Scholarship information.

Senior parents, please note that you or your student must be an ALHS PTSA member and volunteer this year to qualify for an ALHS PTA Scholarship or any other PTA Scholarships within the District (Eastview PTA, Erieview PTA, Redwood PTA, Westview PTA, Troy PTA, Learwood PTA, and ALECPTA). Please check our website for further information in the Fall.

Please take this opportunity to become a member of the ALHS PTSA. Your \$7 membership is very important to support local, state, and national activities- all of which are dedicated to supporting and speaking on behalf of children and youth in our country. You can find the membership form and newsletter on our website. You can join through the electronic membership form or print out your membership form and submit it to the ALHS Office marked PTA. <https://2018-2019-alhs-pta-membership.cheddarup.com>.

I invite you to join us for our first meeting, September 10, 2018, at 6:30 PM in the high school fishbowl off of the north side of the Commons.

Meetings are typically held on the 2nd Monday of each month. You do not have to attend meetings to join the PTA.

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