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## Avon High School

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In just a few months, your student will be a proud member of the Class of 2023 at Avon High School. Staff members are already making plans to welcome your student as an Oriole! One of the first steps in this process is course selection and scheduling classes. A **Parent Information Night** will be held **Tuesday, February 5 at 7 p.m.** in the Avon High School auditorium to help you understand how to select courses that will meet your student's college and career goals. On **Friday, February 8**, all **8**<sup>th</sup> **grade students** will receive **scheduling information during presentations** at Avon Middle Schools North and South by high school guidance counselors. In addition, I want you and your student to be our guest at some other events that will assist incoming freshman students and parents with the transition process.

In April, **Parent Coffees** will be held at **7:00 p.m. at South (Tuesday, April 9) and North (Wednesday, April 10)**. These sessions are informal gatherings in a small group setting to allow parents to ask questions about coming to high school, clubs/activities, what to expect, etc. Come ready with your most pressing questions, and we will attempt to answer them! We want you and your incoming student to feel at ease on the first day.

For this summer, I want to mention our **Oriole Preview Days** on **Wednesday**, **July 17** and **July 24** (9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.), **Class of 2023 parent meeting** on **Wednesday**, **July 24** (7:00-8:00 p.m.) and **Freshman Student Orientation** on **Thursday**, **July 25** (8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) During Oriole Preview Days, students will take school pictures, get their school ID, rent a laptop, and receive class schedules. The parent meeting will provide an overview of the freshman year and what you and your student can expect. During orientation, students will participate in team-building activities with nationally known leadership consultant, Keith Hawkins. Our AIM mentors will help the students become more comfortable with the high school by touring the building, locating their classes, and enjoying lunch in the cafeteria.

Lastly, we will host an event on **Tuesday, July 30 from 6-8 p.m.** for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and families to walk the halls one last time before classes begin the next day. As a special treat, enjoy free ice cream!

Your student will soon learn that at AHS...*We are Avon. We Are One.* A successful freshman year will be a result of exhibiting our values of *Accountability, Respect, and Engagement* in all aspects of their experience at AHS. These upcoming opportunities are designed to begin teaching these values and facilitate a smooth transition to high school. Please mark your calendars for the previously mentioned dates.

I hope to see you at one or more of the upcoming events!

Sincerely,

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