

APHS Newsletter

Averill Park High School

A Message from the Principal

Dear APHS Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We are anxiously awaiting our APHS students to join us in September. As we prepare for the start of the 2017-2018 school year, we want to share with you some updates to prepare you for September.

We will be welcoming new entrants and 9th grade students to APHS for a brief orientation on Tuesday, September 5th starting promptly at 2:00 pm in the HS Auditorium. We encourage all new and ninth students to come to get a copy of their schedules and walk-through to gain familiarity with the building, to meet their teachers, and try out lockers. A Club Fair and ice cream social will be held in the Cafeteria during the walk-through. The fair will introduce students to the variety of extracurricular clubs, and new students can speak with students and staff about those clubs and the events that they hold throughout the school year. We thank the Student Government for organizing the ice cream social!

Students in grades 10-12 are not required to attend the orientation; however, students are invited to walk-through between 2:00-3:00 PM. This will be helpful to gain familiarity with our new numbering scheme and wings. Grade 10-12 schedules will be mailed home prior to the walk-through. However, schedules will be available in SchoolTool during the week of August 28th. The lunch schedule will be posted on line on the High School website that same week.

The first day of classes will be Wednesday, September 6th, and we will **start on an A-day**. Seniors and Juniors will be asked to register for parking during lunch times from September 6-8. The front parking lot and a portion of the small adjacent lot by the greenhouse is available for student parking. There is no charge for a parking permit but student vehicles must be registered with the main office and the permit must be displayed on the rearview mirror. It is important to note that parking is an earned privilege, and students are expected to adhere to school policies and procedures to earn and maintain this privilege. Finally, we are pleased to share with you that after-school busing has been expanded to Tuesday-Thursday.

Finally, we have been working this summer on eligibility guidelines for student participation and attendance at extracurricular activities. We believe that student participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege. Students earn these privileges through maintaining good standing in their attendance, behavior and academic performance. Attendance and participation in extracurricular activities, include but are not limited to: homecoming events, dances, athletic events, Mr. AP, prom, dinner dance, and other events as scheduled. Ineligibility is defined as restriction from participation for 5 weeks from the date of the infraction(s). Through many discussions, we have established the following criteria to determine student eligibility, effective in September 2017.

Eligibility Guidelines to Attend/Participate in Extracurricular Activities (excluding Athletics, which is covered in the Athletic Code of Conduct)

Attendance:

May not exceed 5 unexcused tardies/absences to school or class per marking period

Behavior:

May not incur an infraction that results in an ESD or Out of School suspension. May not cut any class or have more than 3 referrals within a marking period.

Achievement:

May not be failing more than one subject. Students must produce teacher documentation indicating that he/she is passing at the time of the event.

Exceptions:

Students may work themselves off of ineligibility for behavior issues by performing community service, and for academic issues with the development of an academic recovery plan—both of these are to be initiated by the student with their Assistant Principal. Student circumstances will be evaluated at 5 week intervals. *Administration determines the eligibility of all students, for all events, at any time, based on the circumstances of each individual student.*

We hope that you have been enjoying your summer, and we are excited to see the students when they return in September. We look forward to working with you, and please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Michelle Tsao, Principal

Mr. Brian Bishop, Assistant Principal (Grades 10 & 12)

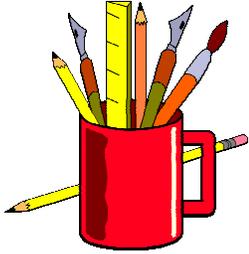
Mrs. Christina Mein, Assistant Principal (Grades 9 & 11)

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ATTACHMENTS

First Day of School—September 6, 2017 - A Day



First year students and new entrants will receive schedules at the Orientation on Tuesday, September 5th at 2:00 pm. Students in Grade 10-12 will receive a schedule of classes in the mail. Schedules will be mailed the last week of August along with a Student Information Verification Form containing student and parent information. **THE STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY.** Also, students should plan to return the Health Emergency Card (yellow card) attached as well as the medication forms and the free/reduced lunch form (if applicable). Students should bring these completed forms to school on opening day to give to their block 1 teacher.

All students should come prepared on the first day of school with pens, pencils, notebook/folder.

The following supplies are needed for students taking Biology/Molecular Honors:

- 1) assignment notebook
- 2) 3-ring binder (2")
- 3) pens, #2 pencils
- 4) colored pencils
- 5) Loose leaf paper

LAB FEES

As we noted in the "Guide to Program Planning," lab fees will be charged this year in courses in Technology and Art and some Science classes. These fees will be minimal and will be collected during the first few days of each semester. The fees will cover the cost of any items retained or consumed by the student.

Grade Level Promotion

In general, promotion from one grade to the next shall be contingent upon the passing of all required subjects and the accumulation of the number of units shown in the chart below.

	No. of Credits <u>earned by student</u>
Class of 2017 and beyond	
Freshman	0—5.25
Sophomore	5.50—10.75
Junior	11.0—16.25
Senior	16.50 and above



Meet the Coaches Night at APHS

The fall Meet the Coaches Night will be held on Monday, August 28th at 6:30 pm in the High School auditorium.

All parents and student athletes are expected to attend. We will begin in the auditorium and then move to separate areas.

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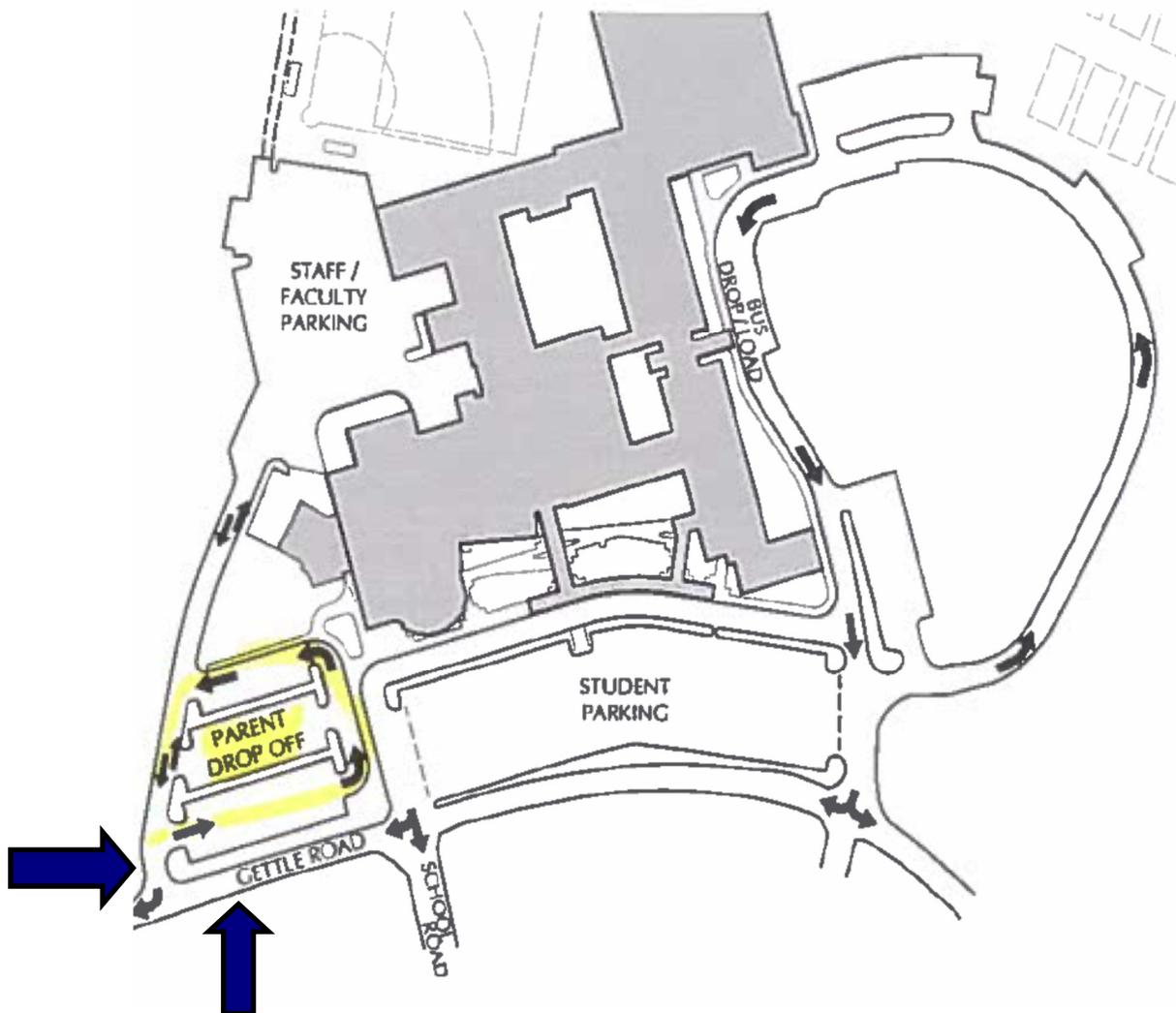
If you have any questions, you may contact Mark Bubniak, Athletic Director at 674-7010.

Open House for Parents

Our annual Open House for Parents is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. Parents will get to meet teachers and hear about programs, grading procedures and class-

room expectations. Please plan to attend. We welcome the opportunity to meet you and to discuss our programs with you.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES
AVERILL PARK HIGH SCHOOL



Please review the map of the high school below, which outlines traffic patterns for student drop off and pick up at the high school. Remember that classes begin promptly at 7:40. Dismissal is staggered, with bus students being dismissed at 2:05 and all others being dismissed once the busses have cleared the campus (usually by 2:10).

Parents: Please note that there are **three distinct traffic zones in front of the high school**. In order to preserve the safety of our students, we ask for your help and cooperation in following the drop-off and pick up procedures we have outlined.

Parent Traffic For Drop-Off and Pick-Ups: PLEASE USE THE DROP OFF AND PICK UP AREA INDICATED ON THE MAP ABOVE. We ask that drivers not drive directly up to the front of the building before 7:30 am since this area is reserved for pedestrian traffic between the main entrance and the student parking lot. For the safety of our students, please do not drive into the student parking lot in front of the school building to drop off or pick up your son or daughter at any time. For pick-up, there is room for over 25 cars to line up in the parent loop at any given time.

Student Traffic: Student drivers should park in the parking spots in front of the high school and enter the building through the main entrance.

Bus Traffic: Busses will remain on the right side of the campus and will exit the campus directly onto Gettle Road. In the afternoon, non-bus students will be dismissed from school after the busses have cleared the campus.

Parents and Guardians,

Before planning your *back to school* shopping, it might be helpful to keep in mind the dress code for students at the high school. School is the student's place of business and, therefore, students are required to dress modestly and appropriately to the school setting. Below is a copy of the Dress Code from the Student Code of Conduct which is available on the APHS webpage and the district website.

Code for Appropriate Dress: The home and school need to work together to cooperate in the matter of dress. School is considered the “workplace” for students and they are expected to dress as such.

All persons are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. School is considered a workplace for adults and students. Appropriate dress is:

- That which is safe and does not disrupt or interfere with the educational process. This includes, but is not limited to chains, safety pins, spikes, animal collars, leashes, etc.
- That which does not include items which are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrate others because of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender (including identity and expression), sexual orientation, sex, weight or disability.
- That does not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
- Student clothing must at all times cover undergarments, midriffs, and cleavage so that none of these are visible to others. Skirts and shorts must reach at least the mid thigh of the wearer. Strapless and backless tops are also not appropriate for school.
- The middle and high schools are hat-free campuses. Students are expected to remove all headwear prior to entering the building. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by the principal for religious or medical reasons.

Lockers and Expectations of Privacy

For student convenience, a hall and gym locker has been assigned to students. All lockers must be kept locked at all times. **STUDENTS SHOULD USE THE LOCKER NUMBER AND COMBINATION THEY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED. THIS INFORMATION IS LOCATED ON THE STUDENT'S SCHEDULE.** Section 8:70 of the Education Law states that all lockers are the exclusive property of the school and students have no expectation of privacy with respect to their lockers. The school district maintains full ownership of all lockers, combinations, lockers, and keys. Stu-

dents are merely provided with a locker as a courtesy to keep school-related material in. Lockers are secured only to maintain privacy between students and to maintain ownership of their belongings. School officials have the right to access student lockers at any time. If at any time a locker is searched and there is found to be illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons or other inappropriate items, the police will be called and the student appropriately disciplined. Of course, it is our hope that taking these steps will not become necessary.

Students are asked to keep their locker combinations to themselves. Each and every year we have the unfortunate circumstance of students sharing a locker or locker combination, only to have their belongings disappear and wonder why! Please follow this advice in order to avoid loss of personal property. It also avoids blame for items "appearing" in lockers that are unwanted. Thanks for your cooperation!

Classroom Interruptions

It is our desire to provide classroom teachers with uninterrupted time to teach their students, and for students to be able to concentrate on the lesson for a full 80 minutes. However, that becomes impossible when

teachers receive phone messages during their classes to deliver to students. Parents can be of assistance in this regard. Kindly clear up things such as rides home, dentist appointments, etc.

before your child comes to school. If an emergency arises, we will accept your message for delivery once in the morning (at the end of block 1/5 - approximately 9:05 a.m.) and once in the after-

noon (at the end of block 3/7 - approximately 12:39 p.m.). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Student Attendance

When your child is absent, please call Ms. Pollock at 674-7024 or email aphsattendance@apcsd.org to report the absence and remember to send in an excuse with your child on their first day back. Thank you.

Early Release Procedures:

During school students are prohibited from leaving Averill Park High School without prior permission from the school. Any student who desires an early release must obtain a pass from the attendance office. The student must submit an early release request to Ms. Pollock in the attendance office prior to block 1/5. This must contain your grade, the reason for the early release and telephone number where a parent/guardian can be contacted for verification prior to the time of the early release. The student must return to Ms. Pollock

to pick up the early release pass. Students will not be permitted to leave the building without a pass. Students must then report to the attendance office and sign out in the attendance book at the attendance office at the time of the early release.

Returning students must sign in at the attendance office immediately upon their return. They will be issued a pass which they must submit to their appropriate classroom teacher.

Procedures for Late Arrival to School:

- Students who arrive late to school (anytime after 7:40 AM) will be expected to sign in with the attendance office before reporting to class. A note from the parent/guardian which documents a legal excuse for the absence should

be given to the attendance office at that time.

- The student will be given an Admit Pass so that s/he may enter the class in progress.
- Upon arrival to class, the student will provide the teacher with a copy of the Admit Pass. If the late arrival is illegal, the teacher will assign a classroom detention to make up the time and work missed, and may contact the student's parent or guardian.
- NO LATE STUDENTS WILL BE ADMITTED INTO A CLASSROOM WITHOUT AN ADMIT PASS.
- STUDENTS WHO ATTEMPT TO SKIP THEIR FIRST BLOCK CLASS TO AVOID THIS PROCESS OR DO NOT SHOW UP FOR ASSIGNED DETENTIONS WILL BE ASSIGNED AN EXTENDED

SCHOOL DETENTION (2:15-4:45PM)

- Students must present their excuse at the time of arrival. Detentions will not be cancelled for excuses received after that day.



Report Cards

Report Cards will no longer be mailed home. They will be available to view via webEDGE– a platform accessed through School Tool.

November 14– 1st Quarter Report Card
 January 30–2nd Quarter Report Card
 April 17–3rd Quarter Report Card
 June 27–Final Report Card

APHS Newsletter

Please be advised that, aside from this issue, we will NOT be mailing home the APHS Newsletter. Instead, all issues will be posted on the Averill Park High School website.

To access the posted newsletters, just go to the Averill Park School website at averillpark.k12.ny.us/aphs

Sign up for text or email alerts via Remind: To re-

ceive messages via text, text @aphsremind to 81010. Trouble using 81010? Try texting @aphsremind to (518) 633-4509 instead.

Lunch Time/Study Hall Assignments

During study hall periods all students in grades 9 - 12 will report to scheduled, quiet study areas. Passes will be granted to students who have received permission to

go to the library for quiet study or research, to do volunteer assignments in offices or classrooms or to any classroom with prior permission from the teacher.

All students will have a 25 minute lunch scheduled during block 3 and block 7. During this time these students will report to the cafeteria.

Cafeteria News

The Averill Park CSD is pleased to announce that our Food Service Department will once again be managed in-house by Karen Andriano. More information can be found on the district's website at: www.averillpark.k12.ny.us

Meal Prices:

- **\$1.70 breakfast**
- **\$2.85 lunch**
- **.25 reduced price meals**

Free and Reduced Price meal applications are attached to this Newsletter.h

New applications must be submitted every year. Please, complete and return them as soon as possible.

You can prepay for meals and snacks by sending cash or check to the school cafeteria. The money will be applied to your child's cafeteria account that day. **There is no fee for this prepayment method.** You can also pay online by going to www.MySchoolbucks.com and set up an account. You will need your child's student ID # to set up this

account. Contact MySchoolbucks at 1-855-832-5226 for assistance. **THERE IS A PROCESSING FEE IF YOU MAKE AN ONLINE PAYMENT (fee is \$1.95 per transaction)**

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Andriano at 674-7004.

Counseling Center Information

◆ Counselor Assignments

Following is the breakdown of students, by counselor, for the 2017-2018 school year.

MS. STONE
(Gr 9) A-E
(Gr 10) A-E
(Gr 11) A-E
(Gr 12) A-F

MR. GILDERSLEEVE
(Gr 9) F-K
(Gr 10) F-K
(Gr 11) F-K
(Gr 12) G-K

MS. ARSENAULT
(Gr 9) L-P
(Gr 10) L-P
(Gr 11) L-P
(Gr 12) L-P

MR. PLANTZ
(Gr 9) Q-Z
(Gr 10) Q-Z
(Gr 11) Q-Z
(Gr 12) Q-Z

◆ APHS Financial Aid Night

A representative from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will conduct a College Financial Aid Workshop here in the APHS Auditorium on Thursday, September 28th at 6:00 pm. The workshop will provide an overview of the entire financial aid process. Please mark your calendars and join us on

September 28th for an evening of learning. Parents of students in all grades are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to the Counseling Center at 674-7025 or by email to heilmannj@apcsd.org

◆ COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM DATES

ACT TEST DATES

September 9, 2017
October 28, 2017
December 9, 2017
April 14, 2018
June 9, 2018

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

August 4, 2017
September 22, 2017
November 3, 2017
March 9, 2018
May 4, 2018

ACT ASSESSMENT and ACT ASSESSMENT PLUS WRITING

(Choose either of two test options — the ACT Assessment or the ACT Assessment Plus Writing, which includes a 30-minute Writing Test. Not all colleges and universities require a Writing Test. Check with the colleges you are considering — or go to www.actstudent.org for a list of institutions that require or recommend the Writing Test.)

SAT I & II

TEST DATES

August 26, 2017
October 7, 2017
November 4, 2017
December 2, 2017
May 5, 2018
June 2, 2018

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

July 28, 2017
September 8, 2017
October 6, 2017
November 3, 2017
April 6, 2018
May 4, 2018

The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) will be offered to Juniors and interested sophomores during the school day on Wednesday, October 11, 2017

◆ Message for Seniors

Last Spring your counselor gave you a "Brag Sheet." Information about yourself that you and your parents provide to the counselor is used to write college recommendations and to nominate students for awards and scholarships. If

you haven't already completed yours, do so before school starts and give it to your counselor early in September. Additional copies are available in the Counseling Center.

Fall College Fair

Mark your calendar! The Fall College Fair will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at Hudson Valley Community College Edward F. McDonough Recreation Center, 9am-11:30am and 6pm-8pm. Admission is free.

The College Fair is an opportunity to speak with representatives from over 175 colleges and uni-

versities. Also represented will be vocational schools, the military and institutions presenting financial options.

Also, there will be a "College Caravan" held on Monday, September 18th from 8:00-8:30 am for the Junior class at the high school. More information will follow.

Sports Schedule

The Averill Park schedule of sporting events can be accessed via the internet at www.averillpark.k12.ny.us, click on the quick link for Athletics and the Schedules link will be listed. This will bring you to the Sports Pak website. then type in your criteria in the different search areas.

Should you have any questions regarding the Averill Park athletic program, please contact Mark Bubniak, Athletic Director at 674-7010.

National Honor Society Consideration for 2017-18

All NHS student applications must be returned to Mrs. Rees in Room 206 no later than September 29th to be considered for admission in the 2017-2018 school year. Elections for NHS officers will be held after school on October 19th & 20th. Eligible students selected for induction into National Honor Society will be noticed via letter by October 16th. Students must make arrangements to attend both rehearsals on October 24th and 25th at 3:30 pm for approximately one hour each. The induction ceremony will be held in the APHS auditorium on Thursday, October 26th at

7:00 pm. Students should arrive no later than 6:30 pm. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Rees at: reesk@apcsd.org

Yearbook Announcement

The 2017-18 Threshold Staff announces that **Senior Pictures** will be taken for those who missed them in June and August on Monday, **September 18th** in the auxiliary gym. There will be a \$5.00 sitting fee. This will be the last chance for Senior pictures in the yearbook!

Underclassmen pictures for the 2018 yearbook will be taken on **September 19th and 20th** during gym classes. Pick up the picture packets during gym class, from the main office or Mrs. Bailey in Room 205. If you are buying school pictures, order form and payment are due at the time of the pictures. There is no cost for the picture to be in our yearbook.

The 2018 Yearbook Fundraiser will start in mid September and run through early October. We will be selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits. If students sell 18 items, they will earn a free yearbook. If they sell 9 items, they will earn a 1/2 price yearbook. Order forms will be available in early September.

The 2018 Yearbook will cost \$65.00 if purchased before December 31, 2017. The price after that date will be \$75.00.

Any questions can be directed to baileya@apcsd.org

PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS

Notification Regarding Use of Student Data/Photos in Averill Park School District

From time to time, school district officials may release student information (name, address, grade level, photograph, artwork, academic interest, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, terms of school attendance and graduation, awards received, future educational plans, etc.) for use in school district publications and within district web sites and district social media sites, or to

the media for public relations purposes.

Parents who object to the release of their child's information and/or photograph should notify their child's building principal in writing on or before October 1 in any school year.

Public Notification of Non-Discrimination

The Averill Park Central School District's Board of Education, its officers and employees shall not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, creed, disability, marital status, veteran status, national origin, race, gender, genetic predisposition, carrier status, sexual orientation in its educational programs, services or activities. A complete copy of the grievance procedures regarding discrimination may be obtained in any of the school offices. Inquiries regarding Title IX may be directed to:

Sharon Lawrence, Title IX Compliance Officer
Averill Park Central School District Office
146 Gettle Road, Station 1
Averill Park NY 12018

In compliance with Section 504 (of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) Averill Park offers assistance to students, parents (for school related purposes pertaining to their child) and staff qualifying as having a disabling condition as defined under Section 504. For further information or to make a referral for such assistance, you may contact :

Kate Dorgan, Section 504 Coordinator
146 Gettle Road, Station 1
Averill Park, NY 12018

Asbestos Management Plan Notification

In maintaining compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and 40 CFR Part 763 Subpart E, the district is required to perform re-inspections of the asbestos materials every three years by a New York State certified inspector. Inspection findings are located in the asbestos management plan and are on file in the maintenance office. Six-month visual surveillance inspections are also performed during the school year by qualified individuals and are on file in the asbestos management plan. All identified asbestos materials in school buildings

remain in good condition and are monitored as recommended by EPA guidelines.

In the event that a planned response action becomes necessary, notification will be posted ten days prior to such action, or in the case of an emergency, notice will be posted immediately and appropriate notification will be issued.

The asbestos management plan is available for review anytime during normal business hours. Please contact the Asbestos LEA Designee, Aaron Heffner, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at (518) 674-7098 for any questions concerning asbestos in our buildings.

Pesticide Notification

Please see form attached to this newsletter.

Guidelines and Policies Regulating the Use of Computer Resources In the Averill Park Central School District

The Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District encourages the use of computer resources as a valuable tool for education and an integral part of the curriculum. Computer resources shall be defined to include but are not limited to the following: computers, computer programs, electronic library resource and the network, along with access to the Internet, communication (e-mail) with teachers and other students and the development and testing of staff and student programs.

Included below are guidelines and regulations covering student and staff use of district computer resources, including:

- Who shall have access to, and level of access to
- Acceptable uses of
- Sanctions for inappropriate use of
- Proper use of copyrighted materials

Guidelines and Policies Regulating the Use of Computer Resources In the Averill Park Central School District (continued)

General Guidelines

These guidelines and regulations shall be made known to all staff, parents and students prior to their use of district computer resources.

Student and staff use of district computer resources are for school related use only. Computer resources are available to users solely for the purpose of supporting our educational programs (classroom activities, career exploration and limited directed discovery activities) and professional development. The use of district computer resources is a privilege, not a right and may be revoked at anytime. Each user must agree with and comply to the Board of Education Policy and related guidelines.

Procedures

All users of Averill Park Computer Resources must comply with the district's Acceptable Users Policy and agree to the terms and conditions of their use of any Averill Park Central School District Computer Resources, as well as agree to the publication of any material developed while a student or staff member of the Averill Park Central School District.

Staff will sign the above mentioned agreement once during their tenure in the Averill Park Central School District. In order to best utilize online and other research related computer resources users first should develop a search plan defining the problem or area of study. Staff may access personal accounts for school-related purposes if computer resources are not in demand by another staff or student pursuing a curriculum or school-related project.

Failure to comply with any of the policies or guidelines related to computer resources will result in appropriate disciplinary action including, but not limited to:

- loss of usage privileges related to computer resources
- monetary restitution for any damages caused
- possible civil or criminal proceedings
- loss of school privileges
- detention
- suspension from school
- any other school penalties deemed appropriate.

Acceptable Uses

The use of district computer resources must be in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives of the Averill Park Central School District.

The purpose of district computer resources is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to these unique resources and by allowing for the opportunity to engage in collaborative work. All material obtained by means of these resources should be considered copyrighted and included on a works cited page; furthermore, the Averill Park Central School District assumes no responsibility for the quality or accuracy of such material.

Users may have access to e-mail. Elementary students' e-mail access will be via a classroom account under the supervision of the classroom teacher. Secondary students may be provided with an individual e-mail account, but must have the approval of the administration and their parents for such an account. Staff may request an e-mail account. Each user is to report to the system administrator any message that is received that the user feels is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.

Prohibited Activities

Following is a partial list of generally prohibited activities. This list is not all inclusive and is intended as a general guide for the user of district computer resources and may be updated at any time without notice.

Users are not allowed to:

- engage in activities for commercial purposes or political lobbying

- post personal contact information about yourself or others
- engage in activities that will disrupt the system in any way
- alter the operation system or application software on the district computers in any way
- engage in any illegal activity
- arrange to meet with anyone you meet online
- share your password or account with others
- use profane, vulgar, rude, disrespectful or threatening language in any correspondence
- post or access obscene or profane material
- establish unauthorized web sites or web pages
- copy software
- download unauthorized information or applications
- load personal software or disks
- alter, tamper with or destroy the material of another user or the district
- use the computer to access data from secure areas (no hacking) use personal diskettes without authorization

CYBER-BULLYING

Cyber-bullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another student or staff member by way of any technological tool, such as sending or posting inappropriate or derogatory email messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or website postings (including blogs) which have the effect of:

- Physically, emotionally or mentally harming a student or staff member;
- Placing a student in reasonable fear of physical, emotional or mental harm;
- Placing a student in reasonable fear of damage to or loss of personal property; or
- Creating an intimidating or hostile environment that substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities or a staff member's ability to perform his or her duties.

"SEXTING"

"Sexting" means sending, forwarding, displaying, retaining, storing or posting sexually explicit, lewd, indecent or pornographic photographs, images or messages by or on a cell phone, computer or other electronic means during school hours or activities on or off campus, while on school district property, during any recess, lunch or leave periods on or off school district property, by use of school district property, or beyond the hours of school operation if the behavior detrimentally affects the personal safety or well-being of school-related individuals, the governance, climate or efficient operation of the school or the educational process or experience.

Cyber-bullying, "sexting", and all such behavior by students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and the commission of such acts shall subject the offending student(s) to appropriate disciplinary action, consistent with the student discipline code, which may include, but is not limited to, suspension or notification to the appropriate authorities. Please note that violations of these guidelines and policies may lead to consequences applied through the district's Code of Conduct.

"BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE"

More information will be posted on the website.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2017-2018

AUGUST	26	Saturday	SAT I & II Test
	28	Monday	Meet the Coaches Night @ APHS auditorium 6:30 pm
SEPTEMBER	4	Monday	Labor Day— NO SCHOOL
	5	Tuesday	Superintendent Conference Day— NO SCHOOL
	5	Tuesday	Freshman & New Student Orientation, 2:00 pm
	6	Wednesday	SCHOOL OPENS FOR STUDENTS
	8	Friday	SAT Registration Deadline for October exam
	9	Saturday	ACT Test
	18	Monday	Senior Photo Retakes (final date)
	18	Monday	College Caravan for Juniors, 8:00-8:30 am
	19	Tuesday	Underclassmen Photos taken during gym classes
	20	Wednesday	Underclassmen Photos taken during gym classes
	20	Wednesday	Fall College Fair @ HVCC, 6-8pm (Free Admission)
	20	Wednesday	Open House for Parents, 6:30pm
	21	Thursday	Superintendent Conference Day— NO SCHOOL
	22	Friday	Rosh Hashanah— NO SCHOOL
	22	Friday	ACT Registration Deadline for October test
	28	Thursday	APHS Financial Aid Night, 6:00 pm in Auditorium
	29	Friday	Homecoming Football game
	30	Saturday	Homecoming Dance
OCTOBER	6	Friday	SAT Registration Deadline for November test
	6	Friday	Qtr. 1 Progress Grades Posted on School Tool
	7	Saturday	SAT I & II Test
	9	Monday	Columbus Day— NO SCHOOL
	11	Wednesday	PSAT Test for Juniors
	20	Friday	Superintendent Conference Day— NO SCHOOL
	26	Thursday	National Honor Society induction, 7:00 pm in Auditorium
	28	Saturday	ACT Test



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Back to School—Wednesday, September 6, 2017—"A" Day

We look forward to seeing you on September 6th.
Hope you had a wonderful summer.

PLEASE NOTE OUR TIME SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

Buses will unload between 7:25-7:30 am.

Block 1/5	7:40 - 9:02
Block 2/6	9:08 - 10:28
Block 3/7	10:34- 12:39
Lunch A	10:34-10:59
Lunch B	10:59-11:24
Lunch C	11:24-11:49
Lunch D	11:49-12:14
Lunch E	12:14-12:39
Block 4/8	12:45 - 2:05

Dismissal for bus students 2:05

Bus Departure 2:10

Dismissal for all other students will be after the buses leave the campus.

There will be late buses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week at 3:30 pm this school year.

Students schedules will be mailed the last week of August to students in Grades 10-12. First year students and new entrant schedules will be distributed at Orientation on September 5th. If you have an error in your schedule, please call your counselor. If you do not make contact with your counselor before the start of school, do not worry. We will have forms available in the Counseling Center and in classrooms during the first week of school to address problems/errors with schedules. Remember, the last opportunity to change your schedule was back in June. At this time, requests for schedule changes will not be accepted unless it is the result of an error. We will only be addressing scheduling errors or graduation requirements.