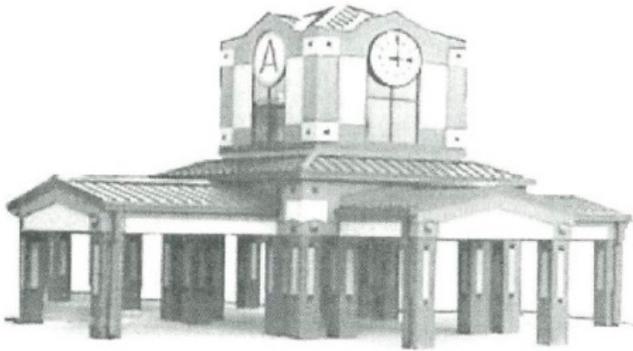


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**Matthew A. Shockley**  
Principal

Dear Friends of the Avon Community:

We are writing today to ask for your support in helping the **Science Olympiad Team at Avon High School** meet its goal of reaching the state Science Olympiad tournament in March. We are excited about our prospects for success this year, but we are in need of financial help in order to make it happen.

**Stephanie J. Bode**  
Assistant Principal

Science Olympiad competitions are often described as “**academic track meets.**” At a competition, each student competes in several of 23 different “events” that test their knowledge of all areas of science. Among other things, students find themselves building catapults, taking quizzes on Anatomy and Physiology, identifying fossils, and investigating artificial crime scenes. Our team in Avon also hosts “**Avon Science Fest**” at the **Avon-Washington Township Library**, a science demonstration day open to kids and adults of all ages. This year, the event will be held on Saturday, November 19.

**James E. Ludlow**  
Assistant Principal

This is the third year in existence for Avon’s Olympiad team. Last year, we experienced overwhelming success. We advanced to the Indiana Science Olympiad Wildcard, and we **very narrowly missed qualifying for the state competition** (we had tied for first place at the Wildcard tournament but lost on the first tiebreaker). We are excited this year for another shot at making the State tournament.

**Frank L. Meyer**  
Assistant Principal

Our success last year sparked quite a bit of interest in our club by students at the school. Our club this year has grown to **twice its size!** This means that we have enough members to enter two teams into each of our competitions. Because of this, our registration expenses have doubled. Furthermore, our transportation costs this season are going to be several times higher than in the past because all of this year’s competitions are located more than two hours away. In addition to hopefully attending the state tournament at Indiana University, we will be competing at Whiting High School in northern Indiana, Manchester University, and Vincennes University. These are exciting opportunities for us, but we are looking for help to fund these experiences.

**Kellie R. Rodkey**  
Assistant Principal

If you are able, please consider making a donation to help us on our quest to the state competition. Donations can be made by **check payable to Avon High School** and given to any member of our team. Or, if you would prefer, you can make a tax-deductible donation through the **Avon Education Foundation (AEF)** by mailing in the attached form and directing your gift to the “Science Olympiad team at AHS.” If you make a gift through the AEF, you will receive a receipt for your tax records. **AEF can also accept matching gifts from your employer.**

**Brad S. Holsinger**  
Athletic Administrator

**Lance A. Larkey**  
Dean / Assistant  
Athletic Administrator

We are very grateful for any support we can receive—even if it is only in the form of cheering us on! Thank you for everything you do for the community.

Sincerely,

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*“Learning is the only option; whatever it takes!”*