Dear Parents,

As students and teachers use technology in learning and teaching, the staff at North focuses on helping students to perform as responsible digital citizens. Instruction on how to do this is constant and consistent as it occurs naturally in teachers’ directions for everyday assignments as well as at times in specific lessons designed for this purpose. In addition, Mrs. Clark, media specialist, delivers lessons to all 7th and 8th graders on the subject of cyber safety. The students are alerted to safe and responsible practices of internet use.

Students learn how to evaluate the sources of information which they discover via internet searches, helping them to know which ones to read and use. They learn to paraphrase information read and the proper way to cite these references. Helping students to avoid the act of plagiarism, teachers consistently remind them “to state information in their own words” unless quoting another.

Students are reminded that there are times in class that technology use is expected and at other times, it is not. Abiding by these directions ensures that students are engaged in the teachers’ intended activities. There are occasions when teachers will alert students to bring their cell phones to class as there are a variety of ways they can be used for learning. The phones might be used as electronic responders as students respond to review questions displayed on the screen, as a device to record a student-written skit as evidence of learning, or even to find answers quickly to objective-type questions. The media center houses five ipads which teachers checkout for student use in completing the activities the teachers design. Most prominent are use of maps and using editing software to refine video production.

Technology use definitely assists teaching and learning. North’s present 8th graders were issued laptop computers which they use now and will next year in high school. North’s present 7th graders will receive computers next year and the incoming 7th graders will use the ones issued to them in 6th grade. Students are considered digital natives as technology use has been occurring since they were born. This is not the case for all teachers, yet at times all teachers do find the students to be great teachers in this arena. For the most part, our students seem to be well informed on technology use and need our guidance and direction in being responsible digital citizens.

As the first semester is winding down and winter break is soon to arrive, I wish you happy and safe holidays!

Sincerely,

Susan Green
Outstanding Encore Students for Quarter 2

For Art – Imann Chauguley & Morgan Jones

For Band – 7th grade: Darci Bennett & Matt Edlund
8th grade: Olivia Purcell & Henry Kluka

For Choir - 7th grade: Ciera Wheeler & Austin Kohn &
8th grade: Elaine McHugh & Blake Fairbanks

For Computers – 7th Grade: Noah Phillippe & Jacob Riley
8th Grade: Zachary Godsey & Connor Wingler

For FACS - 7th grade: Bishop Akers & Maya Votapek
8th grade: Jane Nattress & Saul Means

For Japanese – Jalynn Lai

For Industrial Technology - 7th grade: Rebekah Hamelin
8th grade: Ian Krejci

Health - 7th Grade Sriya Koganti, Joey Scheets

For Orchestra – 7th Graders: Kila Johnson – Most Improved & Leif Blake - Outstanding Musician

8th Graders: Morgan Toney – Most Improved & Sahib Singh – Outstanding Musician

For Physical Education – Kaitlyn Sinclair & Brennan Moran

For Math Lab – 7th grader: Karla Lopez & 8th grader: Trenton Allender

For Language Lab – 7th grade: Madelyne Renihan & Bailey Bruner8th Grade: Evan Lasley & Haley Stoutamyer

For Spanish – Kiaria “Luna” Simpson, Alexander “Alejandro” Southern & Alexander “Antonio” Wallace

Weather Delay/Closure Information

Parents and guardians of children who attend Avon schools may adjust preferences to receive telephone, email, and/or text messages when weather delays or closures are announced. Known cellular, landlines, and email addresses provided by parents during student enrollment will be contacted automatically unless preferences are adjusted. If you prefer to adjust your call preferences or to add text messaging, please visit http://mbcurl.me/WH6Z for more information on how you may make changes.

Free Homework Help!

Free Transportation!

We are pleased to announce that we now provide transportation home to students participating in our free after school homework help program. The program focuses on completing homework assignments, improving study habits and developing organizational skills. This program is staffed by our teachers. These sessions are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm until 3:30 pm in the media center.

If you would like your child to participate, please fill out the form located under the School Links section on our website. Click on “Parent Information and Student Forms”. Your child will need to bring the completed form to the front office.

Career Week!

Career Week for all 8th grade students will be January 19-25. On Friday, January 22 our 8th grade students will have the opportunity to job shadow a career of their choice. Job shadow forms were distributed on Tuesday, November 17. The permission form with signatures must be returned to their flex teacher by Friday, January 8. Additional forms are available on the school’s web page. This should be an insightful week for our eighth graders!!!
What’s Your Homework?

How do I know what my child’s assignments are? You will find the answer in Schoology, North’s learning management system. Asking your child how to navigate through Schoology is an option you might take. Another one is to go to North’s web page and click on the Technology tab located on the bar that runs across the top of the web page. Here you will find a video clip that shows and tells you how to use Schoology.

Director’s corner:

What a great ending to the 1st semester with a great choir concert. Looking ahead....anyone who registered for Vocal or Piano Solo and Ensemble should be preparing for that and have Saturday, Jan. 30 on their calendars for that event. As soon as I receive performance times, I will send them home with your student.

Beyond that, this 2nd semester will bring working on Festival Day Contest Music that we will prepare to sing for judges. Your students will be participating in a day of singing for judges in mid-February during their choir classes. Be sure to ask them how their preparation for that day is going. I will send home information about the specific day that they will be required to wear their complete choir uniforms to school.

Our Spring Choir Concert will follow that and will be held on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30pm.

Great things are happening in choir! Thanks for supporting your child and their participation in the Arts at AMSN!

Mrs. Gregory
Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs

The Hoosier Hot 50 Job List is of the 50 fastest growing, high-wage jobs of tomorrow. The jobs are ranked by wages and demand in 2022 for the state of Indiana. Even though the Hoosier Hot 50 list focuses on the jobs of tomorrow, there are also several jobs that are hot now, which are designated by the flame symbol next to the job. Visit www.hoosierhot50.com to explore all of the different resources this tool offers. What an excellent tool for you to be navigating with your children as they look ahead to high school, college, and the world of work.
Twenty-First Century Scholars Program
The Twenty-first Century Scholars Program began in 1990 as Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low and moderate-income families. The program aims to ensure that all Indiana families can afford a college education for their children. Income-eligible 7th and 8th graders who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship are guaranteed to receive up to four years of undergraduate tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana.

The 21st Century Scholars Online Application is active and can be accessed at [http://www.in.gov/21stcenturyscholars/](http://www.in.gov/21stcenturyscholars/).

***If you have already applied for and been accepted into the program, you do not need to re-submit your application.

Perfect Attendance Winners!
All students with perfect attendance for the month were entered into a drawing for a free movie ticket. Here are the winners for the month of November.

7th grade – Isabelle Medjeski
8th grade – Maya Domagalski.

Congratulations Outstanding Orioles
Sriya Koganti
Rebekah Hamelin
Chris Adams
Luke Davis
Jayden Thompson
NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS
AVON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  2015-2016
SCHOOL CLOSING, EARLY DISMISSAL, AND DELAYED OPENING PROCEDURES

At times it is possible that school may be closed, dismissed early, or delayed in opening because of weather and road conditions or failures of heat, water, etc. in school buildings. If this occurs, school officials will notify TV and radio stations that have offered to make “NO SCHOOL” announcements.

These stations have offered to make our announcements:

- WRTV TV – 6
- WISH TV – 8
- WTHR TV – 13
- WXIN TV – 59
- WCBK – FM 102.3 Martinsville
- WEDJ – FM 107.1 Indianapolis

Announcements will also be posted on the district webpage and social media pages:

- www.avon-schools.org (District Website)
- www.facebook.com/Avon.Schools (Facebook)
- www.twitter.com/OrioleTweets (Twitter)

Every effort will be made to arrive at a decision and notify the TV/radio stations and post on our district webpage and social media pages by 6:00 a.m. If the decision is made to close school for the day or delayed by an hour or two, an announcement will be made/posted EACH DAY there will be no school.

Students and parents are requested to not call school officials on mornings when weather conditions are questionable. It is important that telephone lines be free to gather information and communicate with TV and radio stations.

On school days when weather conditions worsen during the day, it is possible that school officials may determine that it is necessary to dismiss school early. Parents are urged to keep tuned to our cooperating TV/radio stations or to view our district webpage or social media pages on such days so that they may be made aware if schools are going to be dismissed early. SPECIAL CARE AND ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN ADVANCE FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF EARLY SCHOOL DISMISSALS IN CASES WHERE BOTH PARENTS WORK AND NO ONE IS AT HOME DURING THE SCHOOL DAY TO CARE FOR CHILDREN.
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