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Avon View High School has had a successful start to the 2017-18 school year. Staff have worked hard planning and preparing. We look forward to engaging and meaningful learning experiences for all students. Students walked through the doors September 6th with smiles on their faces looking happy to be back at school.

Welcome back to all returning students who continue their Avon View experience. Also, a very special welcome to all new students to the Avon View family, in particular to grade 9 students who are joining us for the first time this year, as well as a group of Grade 10 students coming to us from Uniacke District School. We also welcome several international students from many countries around the world. I challenge you to be the best student and school citizen that you can be, taking advantage of every opportunity provided. Please provide your best efforts with all of your academic courses. Also, take advantage of the numerous opportunities available to get involved in your school through extra-curricular activities.

As parents/guardians, I am asking you to take your role seriously. Please communicate and engage with your children regarding their school experiences. Support them in their learning and social interactions. Encourage them to be positive, contributing members of the Avon View School community.

It is a proven fact that when home and school work together to support students, they do best. I invite you to contact your child's teacher or the school administration and counselling staff, if we can be of service. We appreciate your continued support!

Everett MacPherson, Principal

Student Handbook: Please take some time to read the student handbook to best understand some of the opportunities available at AVHS. In particular, please note the section on student expectations. We will work hard to provide a safe and caring learning environment for all students. This will require students to abide by certain expectations. Please affirm with your child that drugs, alcohol, inappropriate language, fighting, inappropriate dress and inappropriate use of technology all contravene school rules and do not support a healthy learning environment. Staff, parents, and students can work together to create a wonderful high school experience for our youth.



Student Attendance: Consistent student attendance is important. When a child is frequently absent from school he/she misses important learning experiences including specific skills and knowledge that may be necessary for further learning. The real danger of frequent absences from school is that students will develop gaps in their learning that will hinder future learning.



It is understood that there are legitimate reasons why students must miss school. When this occurs, the school will work with you to ensure your child does not fall behind. Please communicate these situations with the child's teacher and the school principal.

There are also many examples of students missing significant time when it is not necessary. Please take school attendance seriously. Be consistent in ensuring that your child values the importance of a good education. Make sure he/she goes to bed at a reasonable time and gets a good night's sleep. Plan your vacation at times that will have no impact or at the least a minimal impact, on school attendance. Do not hesitate to phone the school if you are encountering difficulties getting your child to attend school. Allow us to work with you to find solutions. We are willing to sit with you to look at your child's program.

Modelling Appropriate Social Media Behaviours for our Children : Social media has become an important means of communication and of seeking information for most people. It is proving to be of particular importance for our youth as technology has become a significant part of the identity of this generation. Unfortunately, increased technology has also resulted in new social issues. It is sometimes

used as a means of cyber-bullying or an exchange of inappropriate information. **It is up to us, as adults, to serve as proper role models with regards to technology use.** We need to teach our children to respect the use of technology and to be good digital citizens. In order to do this properly, we as adults must also learn to be good social citizens and to model appropriate use of social media. We must use social media tools like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, etc. appropriately, because our children are watching and emulating our behaviours.

Please be advised that inappropriate use of technology falls under the Provincial School Code of Conduct. Inappropriate use of technology and social media can result in serious consequences for students. Inappropriate use of technology and social media may also fall under the Criminal Code. We have recently seen criminal charges resulting from the sharing of inappropriate photos. Please be informed and help to inform your children.



All AVRSB schools practice safety measures to prepare students for evacuations, lockdowns, hold-and-secures, and other possible emergencies. We will hold a minimum of 6 fire drills this year and will have a lockdown drill the week of September 26-30. Avon View has a Crisis Team comprised of staff and outside emergency services personnel that meet periodically to compile an Emergency Management Plan and prepare for possible events.



Driver's Education @ Avonview this Fall!

Bolland Driving Solutions is returning to Windsor Saturday, October 21st. A donation of \$10.00 per student will be going to student council for fundraising.

A former Windsor Regional High School student, Ryan Cochrane, a 2 time Olympic K-2 Kayaker, quoted, "Eric trained my brother and me how to drive in 1999 and we have never had any issues and accident free!"

Class size limits to 10 only!
Goggle us or Call (902) 679-1555



Welcome Back!

The library will be open 8:30 - 2:00, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

You are welcome to borrow 3 books for a two week period. If that is not enough time for you to finish it, feel free to renew it.

The Drop Off box for library books is just on the left inside the Library Learning commons. Return your books and receive PEB ballots.

I look forward to seeing you.
Mrs. Meuse

Important Upcoming Dates

September 13th Wednesday – Picture Day
20th Wednesday- Early Dismissal
29th Friday- Regional In-service Day (no classes)

October 9th Monday- Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
11th Wednesday- Photo Retakes
27th Friday- Provincial Conference Day (no classes)

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Edalene Theatre is pleased to be offering theatre classes for children ages 4-18 at the Al Whittle Theatre's Studio Z starting in October, 2017. With 16 years of theatre education experience, Edalene is excited to bring their love of theatre to children of the Annapolis Valley! To see a full list of classes, information about enrollment, or to contact Kerri with questions, go to www.edalenetheatre.ca or call [902-799-9009](tel:902-799-9009).

