



AVCS High School Insider

Principal's Message

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday filled with family time and some great food. Thanksgiving also marks the end of the first quarter which is the first major indicator of how our students are doing in school.

I want to thank all those families that took time out of their busy schedules to stop and check in with their child(ren)'s teachers. It is very easy to take this process for granted with high school students. There is often a thought that as they get older they should take more and more responsibility for their grades and become independent with this process. Although, I do agree with some of that thought I also know that these students in our building are still kids that need our support. One of the other parts of this night is our continued attempts to create a strong partnership with families. This year we had students performing musical numbers, there was a huge book giveaway facilitated by the AVTA, free cookies, cinnamon rolls and drinks in the cafeteria, and a free raffle of a brand new Chromebook and a \$250 Walmart gift card. Again, thank you to those who were able to stop by and see us. Those of you that were unable to stop, I would encourage you to check in with teachers through email, or a phone call. You can also stop by and check in with me or a guidance counselor and I will treat you to a free coffee and possibly a snack.

I talk a lot about the importance of having good attendance in school. Today I will keep it short although it is so very important. I just want to say that if you are having trouble getting your child to school please call me so that we can come up with a plan. Together we can figure this out.

The holiday season is upon us and this year I want to ask every family to make an effort within your family to find a way to "cultivate kindness". Ask your son/daughter about this term and the very moving assembly we had to begin the school year. Our country can always use any form of kindness it can get and why shouldn't it come from us. If you take on the challenge and find a way to "cultivate kindness" please send me an email about it. I would love to hear how our great school community is "cultivating kindness".

I hope this holiday season is a safe and happy one for all. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or just stop in to say hello.

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December Calendar

Middle School Concert - 7:00pm MS/HS Auditorium	4th
Travis Capen Memorial Wrestling Tournament 7am - 5pm	9th
High School Concert - 7:00pm MS/HS Auditorium	11th
15 Week Marking Period Ends	15th
BOE Mtg. 6:00pm @ AFES	20th
Early Release @ 11:32am	22nd

Holiday Break

December 25th—January 1st

Looking Ahead

January 15th - No School Martin Luther King Jr.

EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION...

In case of severe weather conditions, or any other type of emergency, the following is a list of radio stations that will make an announcement: WIRY AM1340, FM95XXX, WOKO FM98.9, STAR 92.9, WIZN 106.7, and also WPTZ Channel 5 and WCAX Channel 3. Every effort will be made to contact the public at the earliest possible hour.

Pay it Forward Card

Through the tragic loss of our 22 month old son (Richard Edwin Ehmer Specht), we vow to make the world a little better in his name. Let's all work together and do the small things that make a big difference. Our little Boy's life was brief, but we hope to make his legacy eternal.

Possession of this card is a solemn promise to pay it forward and perform a random act of kindness and be one of Rees' pieces. Please share the story of how you received this card at www.ReesSpechtLife.com

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Congratulations to the winners of the raffle that was held during parent/teacher conferences, which was sponsored by Character Council.

Alexia Whitford and her family were the winners of the \$250.00 Walmart gift card.

Kassidy Matott and her family were the winners of the Chrome Book .

AVCS POOL OPEN TO PUBLIC

*Thurs. Nov. 30th thru Thurs. Feb 15th
Thursdays Sundays
7pm—9pm 2pm—4pm*

IF THERE IS NO SCHOOL, OR IF ALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED, OPEN SWIM WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED!!!

The Pool will be closed on the following dates:
December 24th, December 28th, December 31st and January 14th.

Limited locker room facilities on Dec. 7th, Jan. 4th, 11th, and 25th

There is no charge to the public.

Booster Club

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Banner making for winter sports will be held on December 3rd from 9:00 am -1:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. If you're a parent of an athlete, an athlete, or just someone who wants to get involved and show your support, please come and help make banners. Supplies will be provided as well as light snacks. Contact either Nicole O'Neill (834-2840) or Marybeth Taylor (834-2800 ext. 7048 for more information.

Yearbook Sales

Don't forget to pre-order your 2018 Patriot Yearbook! Yearbooks cost \$60 and can be purchased from Mrs. North or Ms. Bombard. No extra copies will be ordered. You **MUST** reserve your copy with at least a \$10 deposit by January 20th. They can also be purchased online at balfour.com. Contact Mrs. North or Ms. Bombard with any questions. You don't want to miss out!



The AVCS French Club celebrated National French Week from November 13th to 17th. This celebration takes place every year throughout schools in the United States and promotes French language and French culture.

Members of the AVCS High School French Club read announcements each morning to the whole school about interesting French facts. At the end of the week, all students in the middle high school were invited to take a quiz and 2 lucky winners received a Toblerone chocolate bar. French Club members also created a wall display in the main high school staircase; This year, the theme was the friendship between France and the United States since the American Revolutionary War. Check it out when you come to our building!

Madame Inhelder's Middle School French students contributed to the event as well. Before morning announcements, the following students recited the Pledge of Allegiance in French (Le Serment d'Allégeance): Catherine Anthony, Mallorie Douglas, Ted Bruno, David Butler, Shea Durgan, Zander McCabe, Sterlin Stafford, Austin Dukett, and Jay Colombe.

Merci to all parents, school staff and members of the community for your constant support.

The AuSable Valley Central School's recent Thanksgiving Food Drive was a tremendous success. The generosity and support from staff and students were very overwhelming, as a result, we beat last year's total of collected items. Everyone should be commended for their hard work and kind donations. All the food collected will be brought to the four area food shelves, along with the turkeys that were purchased by school staff and local businesses. Lastly, special thanks to all the staff and students that assisted Mr. Castine's class with the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Many families in need will benefit from the food collected during this ambitious project, not only during the holidays but for months to come. All of us here at AuSable Valley Central School are very proud and appreciative of everyone's effort



A special thanks to the following businesses for their generous donations:

- Adirondack Family Chiropractic
- AuSable Valley Booster Club
- AuSable Valley Teachers' Association
- Community Bank N.A.
- Hampton Inn and Suites
- Hannaford
- Hometown Deli
- Giuseppe's
- James Leigh Properties
- Lake Champlain Pools
- Pepsi
- Stewarts
- Texas Roadhouse
- Tops



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