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Hello AMS Friends and Families,

Once again we hope this finds everyone well. We are excited to wrap up week 8 and move into week 9 of the school year (and extended summer weather). As you saw in this week's district correspondence from Dr. Carnemolla, there was a shift in the learning model at AHS. We want to assure you that we are continuing to implement our mitigation strate

Until then, here are a few points of interest:

- Shift in internal bell schedule
- Halloween

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support.

Stay well,

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New Items:

Schedule for the week:

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| 26 A Day Cohort 1 & 2 in person Remote Cohort-remote | 27 - B Day Cohort 1 & 2 in person Remote Cohort-remote | 28- A Day Cohort 1 & 2 in person Remote Cohort-remote | 29 - A Day Cohort 1 & 2 in person Remote Cohort-remote | 30- B Day Cohort 1 & 2 in person Remote Cohort-remote |
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- We will follow the In School Learning Schedule (page 1) in the [AMS Learning Model Schedule](#) this week

Shift in internal Bell Schedule

- Now that our morning traffic patterns are a bit more predictable, we are going to implement a subtle shift in our internal bell schedule. We will preface this with the fact that **this does not impact our drop off and pickup times. Those times stay the same.** What this impacts is when students move from class to class. By pushing our first period back by 10 min, it allows for all of our buses and drop offs to arrive and get into their first period class. This move will help us better manage our instructional minutes for all classes.
- Over the course of next week, teachers will update their google classrooms to reflect the new times. Also, this will be discussed with students on Monday. In essences, all our students need to do who are full remote, is push the start times of each period back 10 min. We were lucky enough that we had a cushion in the schedule for dismissal, and that has been going well.
- Furthermore, as we start to head into the more unpredictable weather months, this shift will help us ensure that our first period class does not lose instructional time.

Halloween

- Yes, students can wear costumes on Friday, October, 30th.
- [Halloween Flyer](#)

Previously Shared Documents:

Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual)

- Scheduled for Thursday 11/5 and Friday 11/6
- Detailed correspondence will be sent from the AMS Main Office week of 10/26

Cell Phones, earbuds, and headphones

- For the last two years, AMS has implemented a no cellphone policy. Students were asked to keep their cellphones in their lockers, along with other belongings. This proved to be an effective strategy, as texts and other social media notifications were a constant distraction to the learning taking place in class. With students not being able to access their lockers this year, it means that their backpacks are with them, as well as their cellphones. This temptation is a bit too much for most students. With that being said, on Monday we will remind students that their phones should be put away in their backpacks, and if they need access to a phone they can request to go to the main office. As in the past, if a student is caught using their phone during school hours, it will be confiscated and relinquished to a parent or guardian. We ask that you take a moment to discuss this with your student, as we will do the same on Monday.

- Earbuds and headphones are not allowed to be worn without permission. Having them in use while moving through the school is a safety hazard, as students are unable to hear possible announcements and our directions in the case of an emergency.

Full Reopening Plan

- [AMS Full Reopening Plan](#) was shared with families this summer.
- All of our reopening planning was done with the intention of a full, five day in person, reopening. Our mitigation efforts have been put in place with that intention, from the beginning, to ensure that we are prepared to welcome our students in five days per week as of October 5th.
- Students who have opted for remote learning and families who decide that they would prefer that their student transition to remote learning will continue to have that option.

Student Conduct

- [2020-2021 APS Remote Learning Student Conduct & Protocols](#)
- Please review the Remote Learning Student Conduct and Protocols with your child; our teachers will also be sharing these out in class to remind students of our expectation for their conduct and engagement while they are learning remotely.
- In order to build and maintain a safe learning environment, while in person or remote, it is critical that students use technology appropriately and are not using their cell phone throughout the school day (specifically not taking photos or videos of their google meet sessions), exhibiting behavior remotely that is consistent with our in person expectations, and using the chat feature in google meet for school related questions and appropriate language.

Team Information

- Team Websites: <https://www.avon.k12.ct.us/ams-home/academics/team-pages>
- Teachers' email addresses can be found in our [faculty and staff directory](#).
- Team Leaders:
 - Diamond Team- Patrick Linton (plinton@avon.k12.ct.us)
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