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Hello AMS Friends and Families,

We could not be more thrilled, excited, and relieved that week one of our return to school went as well as it did! The energy of our students, the passion of our faculty and staff, and the understanding and patience of our families lifted us through an unprecedented reopening, one we will never forget.

While we know that the week presented some hurdles, we are proud of how our students, families, and staff adapted and overcame the obstacles together. Please know that we are partners in this reopening process, we are committed to ensuring that your student has the materials they need for the year, and we are here to listen to any and all feedback you have about how things have gone and how they will continue to go.

As we shift our focus to week two, you will see an uptick in academic assignments, as would typically occur at this point in the school year. As we have heard from many of our students and families, our students are craving the routines that are their “norm,” while we adapt to our new “norm.” With that said, our faculty and staff are cognizant of the importance of balancing academic and social emotional needs of our students, and we will continue to keep the wellbeing of our students at the forefront of our planning.

We have included a number of pertinent updates on the following pages: please review all of it in detail, in preparation for next week, as we launch into full school days and lunch. Moving forward, we will return to our weekly “AMS Minute” for correspondence home, as we know your email inboxes are likely overflowing with multipage documents.

As always, please don’t hesitate to reach out to any of our AMS staff if you have any questions.

Stay well,

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## New Items:

### Schedule for the week:

- **No School Monday- Labor Day Holiday**
- **Cohort 1** in person: Tuesday (B day) and Wednesday (A day)
- **Cohort 2** in person: Thursday (B Day) and Friday (A day)
- No "Remote Wednesday" this week
- We will follow the Master Hybrid Schedule (page 2) in the [AMS Learning Model Schedule](#) this week
- A reminder of the A/B and Cohort rotation for the month: [AMS Hybrid Cohort and A/B Rotation](#)

### Lunch begins this week:

- [Nutrition Services letter 8.25.20](#)
- If your student purchases lunch, please remember to place your student's lunch order by 6:00a.m. daily, at the latest. Lunch orders can be placed up to five days in advance.
- There will not be a microwave available in the lunchroom this year, specifically to reduce common "touchpoints"- please plan accordingly.

### Masks & Desk Shields

- Week one of masks and desk shields has gone incredibly well- thank you for your partnership and support in this!
- We do have disposable masks and loaner desk shields in the main office, if a student happens to forget one. It is critical that students remember to bring their own shield each day that they are in school, however, as our "loaner" shields are limited.

### Arrival and Dismissal

- Arrival has gone well each morning! If you are dropping your student off, please know that your student needs to remain in your vehicle until 7:50a.m. Thank you!
- We will continue with dismissing all of our bus students first, as we are coordinating our bus dismissal with Thompson Brook this year, and need to remain aligned on our timing.
- **If you are picking up your student at the end of the school day, please plan to arrive no earlier than 2:50p.m.**
- When pulling into the parent drop off/pick up area, please pull as far up as you can before stopping your vehicle, to increase traffic flow efficiency.
- Please enter the AMS parking lot from West Avon Road by taking a right hand turn. While we understand that this may take some parents out of their way, it allows our buses access to our parking lot.

### **Materials for Remote Learners**

- Ms. Moquete, in our main office, will be calling families of students who are fully remote on Tuesday to schedule appointments to pick up your student's textbooks. Thank you for your patience on this!

### **Sports:**

- Mr. Post (and our fall coaches) will hold information sessions for fall sports on our athletic field after school this week, on Tuesday and Thursday, at 3pm. Students will need their own transportation home, as we are not running late buses this year.
- Please visit Mr. Post's website for more information: [Mr. Post's Athletics Website](#)
- As for our fall sports, we will run cross country and field hockey. Here is a link to our most current plan: [AMS Fall Sports Plan 2020](#). As with everything else, this is a fluid plan. Therefore, as the CIAC or the Farmington Valley Health District puts out updated guidance, we will revisit and adjust our plan accordingly.

### **Team Information**

- Team Websites: <https://www.avon.k12.ct.us/ams-home/academics/team-pages>
- Team Leaders:
  - Diamond Team- Patrick Linton ([plinton@avon.k12.ct.us](mailto:plinton@avon.k12.ct.us))
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  - Special Education- Chris Meehan ([cmeehan@avon.k12.ct.us](mailto:cmeehan@avon.k12.ct.us))
- Team "assignments" are made by your student's ELA teacher in PowerSchool
  - Linton- Diamond
  - Ariola- Emerald
  - Forlivio- Ruby
  - Morgigno- Amethyst
  - Story- Sapphire

### **Inquiries re: Attendance and Google Classroom**

- If you have specific questions about your student's google classroom invitations, google meet links, or their attendance in specific classes, please email the individual teacher. Teachers email addresses can be found in our [faculty and staff directory](#).

## Previously Shared Documents:

### Technology:

- All Avon Public Schools families need to complete the [Student Access to Technology form](#).
- This form is to request a device for your student, to inform the district if your student is still using one that they were given in the spring, and if your student will be using their own personal device.
- All families need to complete this form as soon as possible.
- Please remember to charge your device if you are bringing one in with you. Students should bring their chromebook and charger to school each day in their backpack.

Link to [AMS Learning Model Schedule](#)

[Email from Mr. Kimball dated 8.10.20 on the Hybrid/Remote Plan for AMS](#)