# School Counseling Newsletter



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Hello students and families,

In order to provide timely and actionable information, the school counseling department provides a weekly newsletter. We encourage you to review this week's edition. Past newsletters can also be found at AHS School Counseling News.



School Counselor Meetings: Your school counselor will always make time to meet with you. Please reach out to us if there is anything we can assist you with. We are available via email, Google meets, and phone calls. By using their school accounts, students can set up an appointment using each counselor's individual appointment request form (access the links via each counselor's name). Parents may schedule an appointment by calling or emailing Mrs. Lazinsk.

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#### **Announcements**

April 6th marks the end of Q3: Your school counselors encourage you to finish the quarter strong! Check in with your teachers, review PowerSchool and Google Classroom to make sure you have completed all outstanding assignments.

Spring Break: Take advantage of spring break! It's a perfect time to visit college campuses. In person tours are back! Sign up ahead of time with the colleges' admissions office to ensure that you have a spot.

The AHS Job Board: Please review our virtual job



board for more information and how to apply.

## Seniors:

- ☐ Tunxis Community College: Admission representatives from Tunxis Community College will be at AHS on April 7th from 9:45-10:15 to provide an overview of the admission process. Interested students must RSVP for this event.
- Research Scholarships: Avon High School utilizes Naviance & the school website to list local scholarship opportunities. Seniors are encouraged to sign into Naviance and search for scholarships they qualify for by going to the College Tab and clicking on Scholarship Search under the Scholarship Money header.

## Juniors:

- 2022 SpringPath College Fair: This is an in-person college fair featuring over 100 colleges. It's being held on Sunday May 15th, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Farmington Polo Club in Farmington, CT.
- □ Junior Planning Meetings; It's junior planning season! Junior planning meetings provide an opportunity to review your current progress and discuss post-secondary planning. The meetings last about 30 minutes and students are encouraged to attend in person when possible. Due to facility restrictions, parents/guardians are welcome to attend via google meet, if available. Students should make an appointment for their meeting by stopping in to see our assistant, Mrs. Lazinsk rlazinsk@avon.k12.ct.us, or by calling her at 860-404-4740, x1180. Meetings can be scheduled at 8 am, 10:30 am, and 1 pm.
- ☐ AHS Virtual College Visits take place after school at 2:15 pm and 2:45 pm. Please check Naviance to register for any upcoming

visits. Go to Naviance and click on College tab, then Visit Colleges tab for more information and to sign up.

# Sophomores:

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- Spring College Fairs: College Fairs are time-saving opportunities for students and parents to gather a lot of information from a number of colleges and universities in one experience. Check out the following resources to learn more about upcoming college fairs: College Fair Guide, Go To College Fair, NACAC National College Fairs.

#### Freshmen:

- ☐ Career Lesson: Students who missed the career lesson on Wednesday March 23rd are encouraged to independently complete the career interest inventory in Naviance. See the <a href="slideshow presentation">slideshow presentation</a> for step-by-step instructions on career research.
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## **Career Highlight: Art Director**

According to the website, BestDegreePrograms.org, "one of the top-paying jobs for art and design majors is an art director. A senior art director in the field of graphic design earns a competitive salary well above \$70,000 per year. Art directors develop the style of visual elements in a work, forming the vision of what the work should look like and supervising the artists involved in designing and crafting those images. Many types of projects

require art directors, from movies and magazines to packaging of commercial products. The first step toward a career as an art director is to earn a degree from a college or university. The job of art director is a high-level position. Unsurprisingly, candidates for art director jobs need to have a formal education, both for the purpose of building their skills and showing they have the skills and knowledge to succeed. A Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) is typically required." One school that students at Avon consider is Montserrat College of Art located in Beverly Massachusetts. They offer a number of degrees that prepare students for a career in the arts.