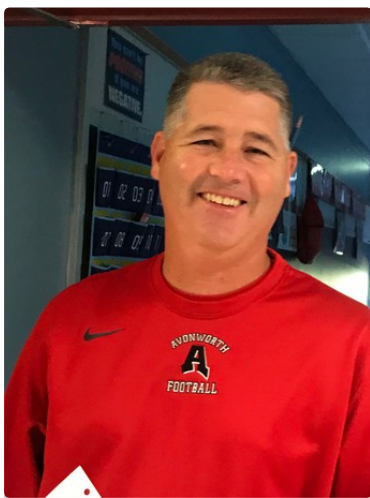


Avonworth School District News

October 2018



Coach Johncour Named Steelers High School Coach of the Week

After week 7 of the high school football season, the Pittsburgh Steelers recognized Avonworth Football Coach, Duke Johncour, by naming him the Steelers High School Football Coach of the Week. In Week 7, the Avonworth Football team ran their overall season record to 7-1 by defeating East Allegheny.

The Steelers have invited Coach Johncour to be a guest at the November 8th Steelers vs. Jaguars football game where he will be recognized and honored at the 2-minute warning prior to the end of the first half. Coach Johncour and the Avonworth Football Program will also be featured on the Mike Tomlin Show and Steelers.com. Additionally, the Avonworth Football Program will receive a \$1,000 donation from the Pittsburgh Steelers and the NFL Foundation. Coach Johncour will also receive a Steelers Coach of the Week cap and a framed certificate signed by Coach Tomlin and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Congratulations Coach! We are very proud of you and all that the Avonworth Football Team has accomplished this season!

Avonworth Band Named the WPXI Week 9 Skylights Band of the Week Winner!

Each week, WPXI sends their Skylights Crew out to cover high school football all across the area. As part of their Skylights coverage, a Player of the Week, Coach of the Week, and Band of the Week are selected. After Week 9 of the high school football season, we are very proud that our Avonworth Band was named the Week 9 High School Band of the Week! Our band program continues to amaze us with their talent and growth! Click on the link below to watch a clip of the halftime show on the WPXI website. Congratulations Avonworth Band!





Congratulations to Avonworth, our Week 9 Skylights Band of the Week winner! Tune in to Skylights at 11:15 p.m. to see their performance.

Avonworth Athletics Program is Climbing the Rankings

The Trib Live annually sponsors a competition for High School Athletic Programs. Since 2010, the Avonworth School District has been making progress in this competition and has moved up the ranks each year.

The TribLive High School Sports Network Cup is a yearlong competition to determine the top WPIAL sports program in each classification. It awards points for section/conference wins, district/state playoff wins and district/state championships and runners-up.

Schools can earn 1 point for section/conference wins, 2 points for any postseason victory, 10 points for a WPIAL championship, 5 points for district runner-up, 20 points for a PIAA championship and 15 points for state runner-up.

Here are the Top 10 finishers in Class 3A for the Trib HSSN Sports Cup:

1. North Catholic – 222 points
2. Shady Side Academy – 210
3. Seton LaSalle – 140
4. Avonworth – 126
5. Waynesburg – 115
6. Mohawk – 102
7. South Side Beaver – 101
8. Burrell – 98
9. Riverside – 84
10. Brownsville – 82



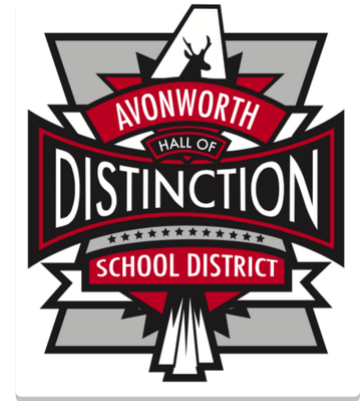
Fall Sports Roundup

Our Avonworth Athletics teams have had another successful fall season. Every fall team made their way to postseason play. Our girls' cross country team finished 3rd in the WPIAL and qualified for States. One of our cross country boys, Jackson Habala, also qualified for States by finishing in the top 30 at WPIALs. The boys' soccer team also won their Section Title and on Monday, October 29th beat Springdale by a score of 1-0 to advance to the WPIAL Championship Game. The WPIAL Championship Game will be played at Highmark Stadium on Thursday, November 1st at 6:00 PM. Congratulations to all members and all coaches of the boys'

and girls' soccer teams, volleyball team, football team, golf team, and cross country team for a job well done this fall season!

Coming in 2019! – Avonworth School District Hall of Distinction

The Avonworth School District is establishing a Hall of Distinction to identify and to honor those who have made outstanding achievements in his/her career or in the service of the Avonworth School Community. Additionally, through their accomplishments, these individuals have brought distinction, honor, and excellence to the Avonworth School District Community.



Individuals eligible for the Hall of Distinction must be alumni, staff, or community member. Alumni status includes graduates of Ben Avon High School, those that attended the Emsworth School, or the Ohio Township One-Room School Houses.

Current or former community members who have made outstanding contributions to the Avonworth School District Community are eligible for the Hall of Distinction for Special Recognition. In the fall of 2019, the inaugural class of the Avonworth School District Hall of Distinction will be inducted in a ceremony during the first home football game.

If you would like to nominate someone for the inaugural Hall of Distinction Class, please download and complete the Hall of Distinction Nomination Form found below. The form can be dropped off or mailed to:

Avonworth School District
258 Josephs Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Hall of Distinction Nomination Form.pdf

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What's Happening In our Schools



Primary Students Help Local Food Bank

First-grade students at the Avonworth Primary Center will be working with a local food bank, The Network of Hope, to help provide food for local families in need. Each month, the first-grade will focus on collecting different items of need for The Network of Hope. This month we are collecting instant stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned/boxed broth, etc. for the upcoming holiday season. If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the Primary Center. We appreciate any support you can provide.

Second Graders Learn About Their Avonworth Community

Second-grade students had the opportunity to visit important places in our Avonworth community and learn how each contributes to our community. Students also learned how they can do their part to help our community be better. Students visited three locations which included the Ohio Township Police Station, Ohio Township Fire Station, Animal Friends, and Huffmyer Farm.

The second grade has a great relationship with Huffmyer Farm. Two years ago we hatched and raised chickens which were then given to the farm. In return, Huffmyer Farm gave us eggs to continue the process. This spring, the farm will once again be giving us eggs to hatch, raise, and then return to the farm. We are very grateful for this wonderful relationship and thankful for the wonderful learning opportunities provided to our students.

Second grade also has an ongoing relationship with Animal Friends. For seven years, the second grade has been raising money and collecting items to help care for the dogs, cats, and bunnies at Animal Friends. In return, Animal Friends has taught our second graders how to be safe around dogs and how to care for animals.

We are grateful for all of these partnerships and would like to thank the Ohio Township Police, Ohio Township Fire Station, Animal Friends, and Huffmyer Farm for helping us educate our amazing second graders.



Huffmyer Farm



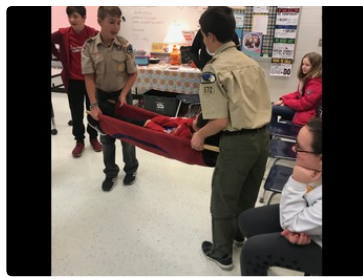
**Ohio Township
Police Station**



**Ohio Township
Fire Station**

Survival Skills Day Program at Avonworth Middle School

How do people survive in extreme biomes around the world? This was the driving question for students in our middle school English Language Arts/World Cultures class. Students created a survival guide for a biome that they presented to an authentic audience. This audience included staff members and community members who have experienced and survived different biomes abroad. Students worked on close reading and annotation strategies as they learned about geographic biomes and the impact they have on a culture's survival. By creating a shareable guide for others, students worked on paragraph structure and informational text reading strategies. Learning culminated in a Survival Skills Day Program conducted by parents and students. This was a great day of sharing and learning as students shared their survival guides and parents shared personal survival experiences from various biomes.



Upcoming Events



Covestro Helps Enhance Learning in 2nd-Grade

Mr. John Brandt, an employee at Covestro and also a member of the Avonworth Board of Directors, will visit our second-grade students on November 8th. Covestro is a world-leading supplier of high-tech polymer materials. Mr. Brandt's visit coincides with the science unit entitled *Changes* and will help enhance the second-graders learning of the content within this unit.

Join us for the Fall Play: "Clue: On Stage"

Avonworth High School proudly presents the annual fall play, "*Clue: On Stage*."

Ticket Information:

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students/senior citizens.

Tickets can be obtained by downloading, completing, and returning the ticket order form below.

Email questions about tickets to: avonworthtickets@gmail.com

Senior Citizen Dress Rehearsal


- November 13, 2018 at 4:30 PM
 - This performance is open to senior citizens that reside in our school district
 - Reservations are limited & **must** be made in advance
 - ***Reservations must be made by November 6th***
 - Contact Cindy Donovan at 412-369-8738 x1504 to make a reservation

Regular Performance Schedule

- November 14 at 7:30 PM
- November 15 at 7:30 PM
- November 16 at 7:30 PM
- November 17 at 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM



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Midterm Election Night Event November 1st, 6:00 PM at Avonworth Middle School



Tired of trying to separate fact from fiction in this year's Midterm Election? Disgusted by all of the negative campaign ads and name-calling on TV every night?

Avonworth 8th-grade students are here to help! All Avonworth community members are invited to join them at the 2018 Pennsylvania Midterm Election Night Event at Avonworth Middle School on Thursday, November 1 at 6:00.

On that evening, students will inform their audience about our candidates for US Senate, US House of Representatives, and Pennsylvania Governor. Students have created a project to display and are prepared to answer your questions about their candidate's plans for health care, the economy, and other important voter issues!

Official representatives from the Democrat and Republican parties have also been invited to this event.

Upcoming Events & Dates

- October 29 - End of First Marking Period (Grades 3-12)
- October 31 - Halloween Parties (Primary & Elementary)
- November 1 - Jostens Meetings, Gr. 10 @ 8:15 AM, Gr. 12 @ 8:50 AM
- November 1 - Midterm Election Event @ AMS, 6:00 PM
- November 5 - Athletic Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
- November 5 - School Board of Directors' Work Session, 7:30 PM
- November 5-8 - Primary Center Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 5 -9 - Fall Play Tech Week
- November 12 - School Board of Directors' Regular Meeting, 7:30 PM
- November 13 - Fall Play Dress Rehearsal, 4:30 PM
- November 13 - PTA Meeting at AES, 7:00 PM
- November 14 - AMS Parent Network Meeting, 7:00 PM
- November 14-16 - Fall Play, 7:30 PM
- November 16 - First day of Winter Sports
- November 17 - Fall Play, 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM
- November 19 - End of First Trimester, Grades K-2
- November 19-20 - High School Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 21-26 - Schools Closed, Thanksgiving Break