

AVON OLD FARMS
SCHOOL

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STUDENT HANDBOOK

Mission Statement

Avon Old Farms School strives to be the best college preparatory school for boys by cultivating young men of integrity who honor wisdom, justice, inclusion, service, and the pursuit of truth.



Core Values

Our core values are essential to fulfilling our mission. On page 45 we list and define these core values and we strive to incorporate these values into our residential life programs throughout the year.



Why Read the Handbook?

This handbook contains information that will be helpful in guiding you through the school year. It should be read carefully and kept as a reference. While its purpose is to provide information, the section on School Rules defines the standards that we are expected to live by while at Avon. They are not meant to be burdensome; rather, they define a way of life that will promote a productive and rewarding school year. The text of this handbook is also available on the school website:

www.avonoldfarms.com.



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Avon Old Farms School admits students of any race, color, nationality, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, national, or ethnic origin, or disabilities in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.



THE AVON OLD FARMS COMMUNITY

Welcome to Avon Old Farms School.

Through the years, Avon Old Farms students have been known for their courtesy and friendliness to one another and to visitors to the school. Each of us is expected to display good manners and respect toward every member of the Avon community – students, faculty, and staff. We expect you will help us uphold our tradition of respect and fair play in athletic contests, and courtesy toward every visitor to campus. Each Man of Avon represents the entire Avon Old Farms community, whether he is on campus, at another school, in the surrounding Farmington Valley, or at home.

Avon is a boarding school with a fully-integrated component of day students who comprise about 25 percent of the student body. A day student is expected to participate fully in the life of the school and is encouraged to join all social, recreational, and extracurricular activities. You will have lunch in the Refectory, and you are always welcome at breakfast and dinner. If you enroll as a boarding student, you will be expected to maintain that status for the duration of your career at the school.

Whether boarding or day, you are expected to attend all of your classes, fulfill your school job commitment, and participate in an athletic or other school-sanctioned activity after classes. In order to get the most out of any experience, you must be prepared to invest in it fully. We hope that you will plan to “get involved” in whatever activities interest you and that you will become an integral part of our Avon Old Farms family.

On the pages that follow you will find information that will be helpful to you as you begin and continue your career at Avon, as well as the official rules and regulations that spell out our expectations for your behavior in all aspects of your life at Avon Old Farms School.

You and your parents should read these rules carefully and be sure you understand them. Keep this handbook for reference. These guidelines for behavior reflect years of experience educating young men and following these guidelines will enable you to enjoy a productive and rewarding school year.

Kenneth H. LaRocque
Headmaster

RESIDENTIAL LIFE INFORMATION

I. ATHLETICS

Avon Old Farms believes that participation in athletics is a vital part of each student's educational experience. Accordingly, we require each student to participate in a school-sponsored sport or activity **every** season. Each season, a student has three options: he can elect to play an interscholastic team sport; he can participate in a non-competitive sport activity such as yearbook, recreational skiing, or intramurals; or he can pursue a community service related school offering such as theater. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors must play on a competitive team or join a community service activity in at least **two** of three seasons. Seniors are required to participate in an interscholastic sport or in a community service activity at least one season.

Students with special interests may petition a standing committee, (composed of the Associate Headmaster, Athletic Director, Deans of Students, and Academic Deans) to pursue mission-appropriate activities off-campus. Exemptions to our three-season sport/activities policy may be granted on a case by case basis with special consideration given to ensure that students limit or avoid conflicts with required school programs, while meeting all academic and athletic commitments. Students who do not maintain their current academic standing will be restricted from pursuing off-campus interests.

Since athletic participation as described above is mandatory every season, students who miss their commitments will be disciplined appropriately by their respective coaches and the Athletic Director. Repeat offenses will be handled more severely and may ultimately be brought to the attention of the Discipline Committee. Avon Old Farms School is a member of the Founders League and adheres to the following principles:

The Founders League is an association of excellent schools with similar educational missions and athletic philosophies. As a league, it aspires to hold students and teachers to standards of behavior that reflect the very highest values in society. Athletic competition should exemplify these standards, and serve the broader purposes of education within our schools. We are committed to providing students with a full, rich, and balanced athletic program. Important lessons are taught through athletics. Like the classroom setting, games and practices are forums for our teachers to teach.

We acknowledge that students, coaches, parents, and other spectators can, on occasion, be caught up in the intensity of a particularly heated athletic contest. This, however, is no excuse for irresponsible behavior. Just as we expect civility and self-

control in the classroom and in the dormitory, we must demand it on the athletic field. Sportsmanship and healthy competition must prevail.

Accordingly, the following guidelines have been established by the heads and athletic directors of the Founders League Schools:

- It is the responsibility of the Head of School to insure adequate faculty supervision at athletic contests.
- The head of each school (or his/her delegate) will speak to the full faculty and student bodies about sportsmanship and spectator responsibilities at the start of each athletic season.
- Spectators will watch games only from those areas defined by each school as spectator areas.
- Spectators must not:
 - Run up and down sidelines;
 - Call to players, coaches, or officials in an unsportsmanlike manner;
 - Go onto the field of play;
 - Stand near opposing teams for the purpose of taunting or heckling;
 - Engage in cheers that are profane or mocking;
 - Deface, destroy, or remove property.
- Use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs at athletic contests will not be tolerated.
- Spectator buses will have faculty chaperones who will be responsible for the behavior of the students both on the bus and at the athletic contest.
- Spectators who abuse the above guidelines will be subject to school action.
- Violations should be reported to the Athletic Director of the appropriate school.

II. BANKING AND ATM

Banking

Avon Old Farms School strongly recommends that each student have a personal bank account. If a student does not have ATM access to a bank from his hometown, the Business Office will provide assistance in establishing an individual savings and/or checking account that includes ATM access. Due to the structure of the daily schedule, this could take some time to complete at the start of the year; therefore, we strongly encourage our families to make arrangements before they arrive in September.

ATM

As a convenience, Avon Old Farms School offers an ATM located on campus in the Student Activities Center. Our ATM accepts all major debit and credit cards. There is a \$200 limit per transaction.

Allowances

If opening a bank account is not an option, parents can deposit funds directly into their son's student bank account for personal use such as weekly allowance, transportation, or other special needs. Weekly allowances may be drawn at the Business Office from the student's account. Written permission from the parent(s) is

required before the funds are given to the student. An email should be sent to Mrs. Wallace at wallaces@avonoldfarms.com in the Business Office. The recommended weekly allowance for all students is \$40. Funds may be picked up on Wednesdays or Fridays, between noon and 3:30 p.m.

III. BOOKSTORE

Avon Old Farms has partnered with Follett Virtual Bookstore to purchase textbooks online. Books will be available to purchase beginning Tuesday, August 15, 2017. The online bookstore link can be found under the “Quicklinks” tab on our home page by selecting “Online Bookstore.” Follett has created an “AOF Virtual Bookstore” where parents and students will be able to order their core textbooks for the following year. Each student is required to order their books prior to the start of school once his academic schedule is finalized. Representatives from the online bookstore will be on campus to conduct a buy-back at the end of each academic year for books purchased and rented from the online bookstore.

IV. HEALTH SERVICES

The Health Center provides care to the student body while school is in session. Care is provided for illness and for injuries occurring at school related activities along with transportation if needed. Students with chronic illnesses are managed in cooperation with their primary care physician and may remain at school so long as their health is stable.

Students are required to have all medical forms completed before they arrive on campus. They will not be able to remain on campus, register for classes, or participate in a sport if they do not have all their vaccinations and a current physical on file in the Health Center. All students must take an IMPACT test prior to being allowed to participate in sports. Baseline data is collected on students every year to ensure accurate information.

All students must have health insurance with an American-based company and provide a copy of their health insurance card as proof of coverage.

The school doctor, Dr. Forner, is available to see students in the Health Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday according to the following schedule:

Fall & Spring Term: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Winter Term: 12 Noon - 1 p.m.

In the event of an illness that requires an overnight stay in the Health Center, there will be a charge of \$150 charged to their student billing account.

All medications must be filled at Rx Health Pharmacy in Rocky Hill, CT. Medications will be blister packed and delivered to Avon Old Farms School by Rx Health.

Medical Dispensing

Dispensing of “a.m.” medication only will take place upstairs in the Refectory during the following hours:

Monday - Friday 7 - 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 10 - 11 a.m.

All “p.m.” medication dispensing will be done at the Health Center during regular hours.

If the school is required to send medication home during school vacations, the cost of sending medication via registered mail will be charged to the student’s account.

Please note the Health Center does not provide the following services:

- Obtaining and filling prescriptions for daily medications.
- Administration of allergy shots.
- Scheduling or transportation to routine medical appointments.
Example: dentist/orthodontist/eye doctor/laboratory/
dermatologist/psychologist
- Post operative care or extended care.

***Students who have surgery during the school year may return to school no sooner than 24 hours post operative and must be stable to return to their dormitory room.

Health Center hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:15 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday: 7 - 11:30 a.m. & 6 - 7 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m. - 12 noon & 6 - 7 p.m.

The school provides access to confidential counselling services Monday through Friday while school is in session. Parents and students who are interested should contact Jeffrey Asmar, LCSW directly by calling (860) 284-9434. More information is available at his website: <http://www.jeffreyasmar.com>.

Office Telephone (860) 404-4234 (also use to reach nurse on call for a medical emergency)

The Health Center follows the Centers for Disease Control guidelines for reducing the spread of influenza virus. Therefore, ill students with a temperature greater than 100.2 will be sent home or to their guardian’s home until symptoms subside.

For further Health Center information and important forms go the Avon Old Farms website and click on the Parents tab (www.avonoldfarms.com/parents).

Magnus Health SMR

Avon Old Farms School maintains all student medical information in an online database. There are many benefits to this, including less paperwork for parents to complete each year and having more accurate information that is accessible to parents and the appropriate employees at our school. The management system we have adopted is called Magnus Health SMR (Student Medical Record). As this is a web-based system, you will have continuous access to your son's health record as well as the ability to make updates when needed. You will also have the option to take the digital health file with you after your son graduates.

Timely submission of health information and other forms is vital so that preparations can be made prior to the first day of school. You will receive weekly reminders after July 15 as long as there are outstanding items in your account. Please reserve 20 to 30 minutes per son, depending on particular circumstances, to fill out all necessary forms. The good news is that you will not have to repeat this effort next year; the data is securely stored, so going forward you will simply provide updates to the record as needed.

We are also excited that the Magnus system will be able to handle the various consent forms needed as noted on the checklist below.

Here is a checklist of things that should be entered into Magnus:

- Student Health Record
- Physical Form
- Medical Consent Form
- Parent's Delegation of Authority to Consent to Medical or Dental Treatment of Minor Child
- Authorization for Release of Health Information to Athletic Trainers
- Prescription Medication Form
- Asthma Action Plan Form, if applicable
- Food Allergy Action Plan Form, if applicable
- Diabetes Action Plan Form, if applicable
- Seizure Action Plan, if applicable
- Student Accident and Sickness Network Plans

Please see the Health Services portion of the Parents Page on the Avon Old Farms website.

V. LAUNDRY

The Laundry facility is located in the Hockey Rink.

The schedule for personal laundry, dry cleaning, and bed linen is as follows:

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| Drop Off: | Wednesday | 7:15 – 7:45 a.m. |
| Pick Up: | Friday | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. |
| | Saturday | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. |

If there are any questions or issues, E&R Laundry may be reached at (603) 627-7661 X717.

VI. MEALS

Students are expected to attend meals. Lunch is a required meal. Please see the weekday and weekend schedules for mealtimes. Formal dress is required except for designated weekend meals. Breakfast is served buffet style; lunch and evening dinner are usually formal sit-down meals. At lunch, students are assigned seats on a rotating basis, but they are free to choose their seats at dinner. During the week, students may order food from outside vendors Monday-Thursday 9:45 – 10:30 p.m. On Friday, students may order food any time after 6 p.m. provided there is no conflict with Study Hall. Students may also order food any time on Saturday and Sunday provided there is no conflict with Vespers and Study Hall. Students found violating this rule will have their food confiscated.

Wednesday night dinner is a buffet; the dress is smart casual, provided students are showered and clean. A late arriving team will not be required to change for dinner, provided they have showered and cleaned up after their contest.

Wednesday and Saturday lunch is a buffet; the attire will be classroom dress, except for teams designated by the Athletic Director, who may be dressed otherwise, due to the need for an early departure for an away contest.

VII. MOBILE DEVICES

Mobile devices are permitted on campus, but students may not use them during restricted study times in the dorms, during class (unless authorized by the teacher), walking on campus, or in the Refectory. The use of mobile devices is also prohibited during presentations, concerts, plays, standardized tests, morning meeting, chapel, etc. Students violating the conditions of mobile device use may have their mobile devices confiscated.

VIII. POST OFFICE

First class mail and packages may be picked up daily, Monday through Saturday, at the Wachter Post Office as listed below. Stamps may be purchased at the School Store.

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| Package Pick Up: | Mon. – Fri. | 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. |
| | Closed Daily | 1 – 1:30 p.m. |
| | Saturday | 9 a.m. – 12 Noon |
| Student Fax: | (860) 404-4138 | |

Parents may fax their sons at this number 24 hours a day. All faxes will be placed in student mail boxes. Students may send a fax during normal Post Office hours.

IX. SCHOOL STORE

The Cherouny Hawk's Nest School Store gives students the opportunity to purchase paper supplies, athletic clothing, personal articles, and food. The store is open in the mornings from Monday through Saturday from 8:15 a.m. until lunch begins. It is open after Study Hall until check on Sunday through Friday evenings. The store is open on most Saturday evenings.

X. STUDENT ACTIVITIES

On Friday nights, there is a bus run to scheduled events and food stores. After Saturday classes and athletic contests, each weekend brings social opportunities for the students. Among the many activities offered are dances on campus or at girls' schools, off-campus and on-campus movies, concerts, events, and trips to plays and ski areas. On Sundays, in addition to on campus events, a school bus leaves from the hockey rink circle and transports students to and from area girls' schools, places of worship, and the Westfarms Mall, normally at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

If a student signs-up for an activity that has an extra fee and doesn't attend, that student will be charged that extra fee.

XI. SCHOOL STUDENT BANK

The Avon Old Farms School Student Bank assists students in managing their personal expenses. The debit card system handles on-campus expenses (i.e., school supplies and snacks from the Hawk's Nest). This system helps to eliminate the need to carry large sums of cash on campus, which is strongly discouraged.

My Kids Spending

Balance information can be obtained by going online and viewing your student's account using My Kids Spending (MKS). Parents are required to setup a login account to MKS for online deposits and to monitor expenditures. The school will no longer send out monthly statements. To avoid overdrafts, a minimum balance of \$50 must be maintained. Payments to replenish the account balance may be made by mailing a check directly to Avon Old Farms School Student Bank with the student's name in the memo line. Payments can also be made online through My Kids Spending via check or credit cards.

Debit Card

Each student is issued an Avon Old Farms School debit card which will also serve as his student photo ID. The debit card will be valid while the student is actively enrolled at Avon Old Farms School. Lost or damaged cards will be replaced at a cost of \$5 per card.

Deposit Information

An initial deposit of \$500 is suggested to activate and establish each student's account by September 1st. School supplies will be deducted from this initial deposit. Please note that haircuts, overdue library books, postage, fundraising donations, and additional transportation will also be deducted from the student's debit card account.

Any questions regarding the student bank can be directed to Sarah Wallace in the Business Office at (860) 404-4219 or email wallaces@avonoldfarms.com.

XII. STUDENT ID CARDS

All students receive a student identification card when they arrive on campus. The Avon Old Farms student ID card is a multipurpose card that is linked to the student bank account and used to cover most areas of incidental and personal spending on campus. Student IDs will also act as a security card to enter student dormitories. Students should keep their ID cards from year to year to avoid any replacement fees. A \$5 replacement fee will be charged to the student bank account if the card is lost or stolen during the School year.

DORMITORY LIFE

I. ROOM INSPECTION

Dormitory rooms must be kept in a clean and orderly manner on a daily basis. Members of the administration will conduct a formal inspection of all dormitories on Sunday evening following Vespers services and at other designated times.

II. STUDY CONDITIONS

Study conditions in and around the dormitories and classrooms must be observed during the academic school day, enrichment hour, and study hall. Headphones must be used when listening to music during the academic day.

III. MUSIC CONSIDERATION

Audio equipment and computers may only be used at designated times, in such a way that it does not disturb others (e.g. use headphones). Audio equipment that is used improperly is subject to confiscation. Any audio device that contains language deemed objectionable by the administration will be confiscated.

IV. EVENING STUDY HOURS

Evening study hours are 7:45 - 9:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday evening study will be 7 - 8 p.m., or 6:30 - 8 p.m. depending upon the Saturday schedule. Sunday study period is 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Students are allowed to be in one of three places during study hall: their own rooms, the Library, or in the Learning Center. If

a student chooses to remain in his room, he must keep his door open while working quietly at his desk. Students who choose to study in the Library or the Learning Center must sign out with the Study Hall Supervisor. If a student desires to study in another location, he must first get permission from the Dean of Students.

After the First Quarter, First Semester, and Third Quarter grades are posted, students in the senior and junior class who meet specific criteria have earned the privilege and do not have to remain in the dormitory or Library from 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. They may sign out to the Student Activities Center if they wish to. The following criteria must be met:

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| After the 1st Quarter: | Seniors – Headmaster’s List and Dean’s List Juniors – Headmaster’s List |
| After the 1st Semester: | Seniors – Headmaster’s List, Dean’s List and Honor Roll Juniors – Headmaster’s List |
| After the 3rd Quarter: | Seniors - No supervised study hall Juniors – Headmaster’s List |

V. ROOM CARE

- Students are expected to keep their rooms clean, neat and organized at all times.
- Trash and recyclable items should be emptied and beds should be made on a daily basis.
- Pets are not permitted in the dormitories without a special exemption from the school.
- Food must be kept in appropriately covered containers.
- No screws or nails are permitted in the walls. The use of thumb tacks or wire brads is allowed.

VI. SCHOOL PROPERTY

School property must be respected. It should not be altered or destroyed. Each student is responsible for his own room. The dorm faculty will conduct periodic inspections. The Head Dormitory Master or Housekeeper will report any damages to the Facilities Department for repair. Any student(s) responsible for damage to a room, its contents or its windows will be charged directly by the Business Office. A student charged for specific damage who denies responsibility, is expected to have the student or parties involved report the damage to the dorm faculty. Damage not attributed to specific student(s) will be charged pro-rata to all students on the dormitory floor.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Sports activities, games, snowball throwing, etc. are not permitted in areas adjacent to school buildings due to the inherent risk of damage.

VIII. DORMITORY CHECK

Students may not be out of their dormitory rooms after check (10:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday and 11:30 p.m. on Saturday). Leaving the dorm after check violates a major school rule and will be subject to disciplinary action.

DAY STUDENT GUIDELINES

Day students make up approximately 25% of Avon Old Farms School’s population and are as much a part of the school as the boarding students. They are encouraged to take part in all activities, including those which occur in the evenings and on weekends.

As a school, we are proud of the distinguished performance of our day students. The success of these individuals is due to their involvement in, and serious commitment to, all aspects of student life.

- I. Day students, like boarders, are required to be present at the morning meeting each day. They should check in with their advisors at each meeting.
- II. If a day student is to be absent from school for any reason, his parents should notify the school no later than 9 a.m. by calling (860) 404-4295. Our voicemail service will give the caller an opportunity to leave a voicemail message for the Associate Headmaster, Mr. Gardner, who is responsible for day student attendance and weekend permissions for boarding students. If a student is a few minutes late, he should check in at the Associate Headmaster’s Office as soon as he arrives on campus.
- III. Day students are not allowed to leave campus until all obligations are met (including lunch and athletics), unless excused by the proper authorities.
- IV. The General Locker Room in the Student Activities Center serves as a locker room for day students. Students who use this room, as well as the Hawk’s Nest, are expected to keep it clean and orderly. Day students who remain on campus during Study Hall times must observe the same rules as boarders and should not be watching television or playing games. We recommend locking your assigned lockers.
- V. We have a firm policy on the use of automobiles by our day students. A day student must park in the rink or library parking lot, lock his car, and not return to the car until he leaves campus after his last commitment of the day. Cars may not be parked elsewhere. Day students may not loiter in the parking lots during free periods. All student cars must be registered with the Associate Headmaster’s Office and must display a valid School Parking Permit affixed to the driver’s side window.

No day student may take a boarding student in his car for any reason unless a specific written request has been granted by Mr. Gardner. Any student who violates this rule may be expelled.

We expect that our day students drive less than 15 m.p.h. on school grounds to ensure safety. Parking in non-prescribed areas and/or reckless driving, or leaving campus without permission before the last school commitment of the day, may result in the loss of driving privileges and/or further disciplinary action.

VI. Faculty advisors constitute the main line of communication between day students, their parents, and the school. Most problems should be referred to the student's advisor. However, parents with concerns should feel free to contact Mr. Gardner, Associate Headmaster; Mr. Doyle, Dean of Students; Mr. Callaghan, Academic Dean; Mr. Whitty, Academic Dean; Mr. Barlow, Athletic Director.

SCHOOL RULES

The life and work of an Avon student is based on integrity, responsibility, and consideration. In all dealings with others, every student is expected to be sensitive, honest, and respectful of others' rights. He should appreciate the diversity of our community, which provides the opportunity for learning and moral growth.

Students who violate the school rules may be required to appear before the Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee will then make a recommendation to the Headmaster for final disposition. Parents are not allowed to attend Discipline Committee meetings. The Discipline Committee is composed of the Warden, advisors of students coming before the committee, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Detora, Mr. Symes, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Custer, Mr. Evans, Mr. Doyle, and Mr. Rice. Lying to the Discipline Committee is a serious offense and will result in severe consequences.

While students are at the school, and away from home, the school assumes the responsibility of "in loco parentis."

I. CONDUCT

Each student represents Avon Old Farms School; therefore, deportment off campus and "online" is just as important as behavior on campus. Any student who brings discredit to the school will be held accountable for his actions.

All students are also expected to maintain an appropriate level of conduct consistent with school rules and values. If a student fails to meet this expectation, the school may withdraw its offer of financial aid for the following school year or may not ask the student to return.

The school has high standards and expectations for classroom conduct. A working learning environment is fundamental to the school mission and therefore Avon takes a firm position on any disruption caused by inappropriate classroom behavior. A first violation of inappropriate classroom behavior will result in a meeting with the Academic Deans and the student's advisor. This meeting will be documented and a letter will be sent home to the student's parents. A second violation may result in an appearance before the Discipline Committee and may result in dismissal from school.

II. CLASS ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend all classes. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated and could lead to dismissal from school. Students who accrue the following number of absences will be held accountable as follows:

- 5 unexcused absences will result in a letter home, a meeting with an Academic Dean, and a Sunday Work Crew. A student will not be allowed to leave campus until the work crew is fulfilled.
- 8 unexcused absences will result in another letter home, a meeting with the Associate Headmaster and the Dean of Students, and 2 Sunday Work Crews. A student will not be allowed to leave campus until the work crews are fulfilled.
- 10 unexcused absences will result in a meeting before the Discipline Committee where suspension or dismissal is the likely result.

Students who owe weekend work crews will be required to remain on campus until the work crews are completed.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

In addition to attending all of their classes, students are expected to meet various other commitments each day. Morning meeting, lunch, athletics, residential life programs, and Vespers are all important aspects of the Avon Old Farms education. It is our belief that students who embrace these programs will glean the most from their Avon experience and be best prepared for success at Avon and throughout their adult lives. Meeting one's commitments each day is a responsibility which we expect all of our students to embrace. In the event that a student is irresponsible in regards to meeting commitments, he may be required to appear before the Discipline Committee and suspension or dismissal could result.

IV. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty is a serious infraction and an affront to our core values, and any act of academic dishonesty will have consequences. For purposes of discipline, we consider some acts as minor offenses and others as major offenses.

Minor Offenses: The value of the assessment or assignment must not be more than 10% of the marking period grade. Examples of minor offenses may include dishonesty on a quiz, improper citation on a paper, or copying a homework assignment. The teacher should discuss the nature of the offense privately with the student. The teacher will then

report the incident to their department chairperson and the appropriate Academic Dean. The incident will be investigated, and the student will meet with the Academic Dean and the student's advisor. If confirmed, the student will receive a zero on the assessment or assignment. The Academic Dean will document the incident to become part of the student's record at school. A second occurrence of a minor offense during the student's enrollment will be considered a major offense.

Major Offenses: The value of the assessment or assignment must be worth 10% or more of the marking period grade. Examples of major offenses may include providing a fellow student with a copy of his work; copying another student's work; cheating on a test, final examination, or standardized test; plagiarizing; stealing a test or answer key; or committing other serious academic infractions. The teacher should discuss the nature of the offense privately with the student. The teacher will then report the incident to their department chairperson and the appropriate Academic Dean. The incident will be investigated, and the student will meet with a group of academic administrators, which may include the student's advisor, Academic Deans, Dean of Faculty, and/or Provost. If confirmed, the student will be instructed to complete the assessment or assignment again; this grade will be averaged with the zero on the original assessment or assignment to arrive at the final grade for the exercise. The Academic Dean will write a letter to document the incident. The letter will be sent to the student's home, and a copy will become part of the student's record at school. A second occurrence of a major offense during the student's enrollment could result in an appearance before the Discipline Committee and could lead to dismissal from the school.

V. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Avon Old Farms maintains a strong stance against substance abuse. The possession, use, or distribution of drugs and alcohol is not appropriate to the mission of Avon Old Farms and the education of its students and is therefore expressly prohibited. The school considers this rule to include all forms of drugs and alcohol, including steroids, synthetic drugs (including synthetic marijuana), controlled substances, and unauthorized prescription or over the counter drugs. Any student who violates the school's rules regarding drugs and alcohol are subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal from the school.

If a student is suspected of using drugs or alcohol, such concerns will be communicated to the appropriate people on campus (advisors, administrators etc.). Such concerns will also be communicated directly with the individual student and his parents. In such situations, the student may be subjected to a drug test and/or room search if authorized by the Associate Headmaster and the Dean of Students. Students who refuse to be tested will be required to sign a no-use contract. If a student tests positive for the presence of drugs, he will be suspended for at least one week and be required to undergo an evaluation outlined by the Dean of Students. Upon his return, the student will be placed on probation. As part of his

probationary status, he must attend weekly drug counseling sessions and undergo random drug testing at a cost to the student. Another incident involving drugs and/or alcohol, or a positive drug test, or other disciplinary violation, could lead to expulsion.

If a student is found to have violated school rules regarding the use or possession of drugs or alcohol, he may also be addressed by the school's discipline process which would result in either suspension or expulsion. If a student is already on probation for drugs or alcohol, a second offense could lead to dismissal.

In line with the school's effort to foster honesty and encourage integrity, if a student comes forward and voluntarily and in confidence acknowledges use of drugs or alcohol before it becomes a discipline issue, it will be regarded as a health issue and will not be considered a disciplinary matter. In such situations, the school would coordinate with the Health Center and the student would be expected to participate in appropriate counseling and a drug and alcohol evaluation as determined by the Associate Headmaster or the Dean of Students.

The school's policy toward the distribution of drugs and alcohol to other students is explicit: any student found to have violated the school's policy by distributing drugs or alcohol to others may be immediately expelled from Avon Old Farms.

All controlled drugs and prescription medications are expected to be stored and dispensed from the Health Center unless there is specific written permission otherwise. Any student with unauthorized possession of a controlled drug or prescription medication, even if his own medication, will be in violation of the school's drug policy and subject to discipline.

VI. TOBACCO

Tobacco in any form is prohibited. **Any student found smoking in a school building will, in all likelihood, be dismissed from school.** Students who are found using or in possession of tobacco or electronic cigarettes in any form or who are in the company of those students are subject to the following consequences:

1. Any student in possession of an electronic cigarette will be subject to a drug test regardless of whether or not the substance has been identified. If the student refuses to take the drug test, he must sign a no-use contract and adhere to its conditions.
2. The first offense will result in working one work crew and a letter to parents.
3. The second offense will result in a work crew in which the student will be required to spend the day working under the supervision of the Dean of Students.
4. Any subsequent offense may result in the offending student appearing before the Discipline Committee.

VII. SEARCH POLICY

The school believes that enforcement of the school rules and regulations are important to the safety, security, and welfare of the students and the community. Therefore, the school reserves the right to search students' rooms, lockers, automobiles, backpacks, mobile devices, watches, computers, and other possessions for evidence of a violation of school rules or for a safety concern.

VIII. STEALING

If the Discipline Committee determines that a student has been stealing, he will ordinarily be dismissed from school immediately. The school reserves the right to search students' rooms, possessions, mobile devices, computers, and cars in the case of a suspected theft.

IX. AUTOMOBILES

Boarding students may not have an automobile, or access to an automobile, on or in the vicinity of campus during the school year.

Boarding students are not allowed to ride in a car driven by a person under 21 years of age without specific permission from Mr. Gardner. Violation of this rule may lead to dismissal.

Day students may have automobiles for transportation only. The vehicles must be registered with the Associate Headmaster's office, and are prohibited from having boarding student passengers. If a day student transports a boarder in his car without specific permission from Mr. Gardner, they may both be expelled from school.

On rare occasions, Mr. Gardner's permission may be obtained for a day student to drive a boarding student by both parents signing a parental consent form and having those forms on file in the Associate Headmaster's Office. In each case, permission must be granted by the Associate Headmaster with both forms on file in the Associate Headmaster's Office.

Day students must park in the rink or library parking lots upon arrival and must not leave campus until they have completed their final commitment each day. Driving an automobile to and from school is a privilege. Any day student who abuses the privilege will forfeit his right to drive on campus.

X. SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

Sexual harassment will not be tolerated in the school community. The school expressly prohibits any form of sexual harassment, whether by students, faculty, other school employees, or anyone in our school community. In the school setting, sexual harassment is behavior that is sexual in nature, is unwelcome, and denies or limits a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the school's programs. Sexual harassment can be verbal, nonverbal, or physical and may include harassment based on sexual orientation. Examples of sexual conduct may include, but are not limited to:

suggestive or lewd remarks; touching of a sexual nature; telling sexual or dirty jokes; spreading sexual rumors; circulating or showing emails or websites of a sexual nature; displaying or distributing sexually explicit drawings, pictures or written materials; and most serious, sexual assault. In addition to harassment, the school also prohibits any sexual behavior or conduct that is inappropriate given the ages of the student(s) involved and the nature of activity, regardless of consent. Students should be aware that even consensual sexual activity between students where the difference in age exceeds three years may be considered assault. Any student who violates this policy against sexual harassment is subject to discipline, including dismissal from School.

Sexual contact between a school employee and a student is against the law. Faculty and employees may not engage in any sexual contact or romantic relationship of any kind with a students, whether occurring on or off campus, and regardless of the age of the student.

If a student believes that he has been subjected to any form of sexual harassment, inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature, including serious offenses such as sexual assault, or any inappropriate contact from an adult in the school community, he should report the incident immediately to Mr. Gardner, Mr. Doyle, or Mrs. Hill. If a student is not comfortable talking with any of these individuals, he should report the incident to any other trusted adult in the school, such as his advisor or the Health Center. Given the nature of such reports, the school will take steps to maintain the confidentiality of any information that is shared to the extent possible.

XI. SEXUAL ABUSE OR ASSAULT

Faculty and employees are expressly prohibited from engaging in any sexual contact and/or romantic relationship with students. Any student who feels he/she has been subjected to any inappropriate contact from an adult in our school community, including sexual assault, is encouraged to report such concerns to:

Attorney, Morgan Rueckert at Shipman & Goodwin LLP
(860) 251-5821
mrueckert@goodwin.com

XII. BULLYING, HAZING, AND OTHER FORMS OF HARASSMENT

Bullying, hazing, or harassment in any form will not be tolerated within the school community. Bullying is defined as subjecting another student to repeated abuse, harassment, or ridicule which causes physical or emotional harm or a reasonable fear of harm and may include damage to property or disruption to our school community. Bullying can be physical or verbal. Bullying may also include inappropriate use of social media or other electronic communications whether on campus or off campus. Acts of bullying or harassment which recklessly or intentionally endanger the health or safety of another student as part of an initiation into, or membership with, any student organization is considered hazing. Engaging in behavior considered to be bullying, hazing, or harassment, particularly if such behavior is based upon protected characteristics such as race, color, national origin, or religion is a most serious offense, and will ordinarily result in dismissal from school.

XIII. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Physical confrontations will not be tolerated. Students must resolve conflicts without resorting to physical violence. Offenders may be brought to the Discipline Committee.

XIV. COMPUTER USE

Network:

Avon Old Farms School is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) school. Student computers connecting to AOFNet must have a current version of anti-virus software and computers should be kept free of adware. Systems suspected of causing network outages or slowdowns will be disconnected from the network and inspected by a member of the technology department. Access to network closets is strictly prohibited. Anyone suspected of gaining access to a network closet will be brought to the Disciplinary Committee and may be dismissed from school.

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP):

All students should have read the Avon Old Farms School Acceptable Use Policy during the online enrollment process. This policy is strictly enforced. The AUP is available on the online enrollment portal as well as the AOF website.

Social Networking:

It is important to understand that conduct on social networking sites is being held to the same standard as personal conduct on campus as well as off campus. Therefore, posting derogatory comments about other people or about the school, or inappropriate artwork, videos or photographs to the web or through email is not allowed. Any student found posting this type of information to any website or social network will be referred to the Discipline Committee and may be dismissed from school.

XV. WEAPONS

Students may not have firearms, facsimiles of firearms, ammunition, knives, or weapons of any type on the school campus. Violation of this rule will in all likelihood lead to dismissal from school. The school reserves the right to search if there is suspicion of weapons.

XVI. GUESTS

Guests are welcome on campus during the following times:

Wednesday afternoon until 7 p.m.; Friday evening after study hall; Saturday following classes; and Sunday until 7:30 p.m. They must, however, have a specific invitation (verbal or otherwise) from an Avon student and are required to check in with the Administrator on Duty (AOD) at the beginning of their visit on campus. If you invite a guest to campus, you are responsible to remain with him/her for his/her entire visit.

The same guidelines apply for Avon students visiting friends at other schools. In either case, all schools expect that hosts and guests will adhere to school rules and behave in an appropriate manner.

Although guests are not allowed in dormitory rooms or dormitory common rooms, students and their guests are invited to visit the Student Center. Proper behavior is expected at all times, and improper behavior may lead to expulsion.

Other appropriate opportunities to meet and socialize with are arranged by each school's social activities committee. Such organized, school-sponsored activities (dances, etc.) do not require specific, individual invitations.

XVII. FIRE SAFETY ORDINANCES

An extensive and complete fire and smoke detection system has been installed in the dormitories. This system is comprised of a series of smoke and temperature detectors that are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by the Avon Fire and Police Departments. This system was installed for the protection of the school community and will provide prompt and immediate protection in the event of an emergency. The sensitive smoke-monitoring units are located in the hallways on each floor of all dormitories. An activated alarm will alert the Avon Fire and Police Departments. The following fire safety ordinances are for your protection and those of the school community:

1. No lighted materials such as cigarettes, incense, candles, matches, etc., are allowed in the dormitories.
2. Nothing may be hung on or attached to the sprinkler or smoke detection systems, and nothing may be attached or hung from the ceiling.
3. No electrical heating appliances except hair dryers are allowed.
4. Fire extinguishers are to be used only in an emergency. If a fire extinguisher is released in a non-emergency situation, the individual or dormitory involved will be held responsible.
5. No alterations of existing electrical and/or communications installations are allowed.
6. No blankets, sheets, curtains, or cardboard should be hung at the tops of the doors.
7. Students may not have electrical appliances such as space heaters, air conditioners, or hot plates in their rooms.
8. A refrigerator can be no larger than 1.7 cubic feet.

XVIII. GENERAL SCHOOL DRESS & APPEARANCE

We believe that standards for a formal dress code and personal hygiene benefit you and the school community in many ways. Appropriate dress and grooming are important factors in reflecting a positive image in the school community, maintaining a healthy campus, and helping contribute to a distraction-free learning environment.

- Students are expected to dress neatly in sport coats, ties, dress shirts, belts, and socks for all classes, meals, and other formal occasions.
- Shirts must be tucked in and socks, closed-toe and closed-heel shoes should be worn as well. Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist or upper hip and must not reveal any underclothing.
- Dark suits or a blue blazer (with official school patch), school tie, dark gray trousers, and shined shoes should be worn to Vespers and whenever the School uniform is required.
- Smart Casual dress is classroom dress minus the sport jacket and tie.
- Hooded sweatshirts may not be worn under sport coats.
- The wearing of hats is not permitted inside any buildings.
- Sandals, sneakers, and jeans do not meet our dress code for classes or meals, except for casual dress meals.
- Shoes with canvas uppers are not allowed for classes, morning meeting, Vespers, or meals.
- The Dean of Students will determine if a clothing item meets our dress code.
- Students are required to be clean-shaven and wear their hair at a reasonable length off the collar and above the ears as deemed acceptable by the school administration.
- Students' physical appearance must comply with the norm as defined by the school administration.
- Dyed hair is not allowed.
- Earrings or body-piercing jewelry may not be worn at school.

XIX. LIBRARY

The Baxter Library is a full-service library supporting the school's academic curriculum. Students are expected to maintain quiet study conditions at all times. A library account is set up for each student from which he is able to borrow library materials for a four-week period. After that time, the student has a grace period to return materials to the library without any further charges. However, if the borrowed material is more than three weeks overdue, the student will be charged for the item plus a \$10 service fee. If the item is returned after a student's account has been billed, he will be credited for the cost of the borrowed item, but not the service charge.

During the school year, the Baxter Library hours are:

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| Monday-Thursday | 8:15 a.m. – 6 p.m.; 6:45 – 9:45 p.m. |
| Friday | 8:15 a.m. – 6 p.m.; 6:30 – 8 p.m. |
| Saturday | 9 a.m.- 12 Noon |
| Sunday | 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. |

XX. BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, ETC.

Students riding bicycles or skateboards on or around campus are recommended to wear helmets or ride at your own risk. Bicycle racks are located in several areas on campus. We recommend that all bicycles be locked when not in use and students are responsible for providing their own bicycle locks. Bicycle registration numbers may be kept on file in the Associate Headmaster's office. The school is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage to any bicycle. Students may not take, borrow, or use a bicycle or scooter that is not their own. The use of someone else's bicycle will be treated as stealing and thus, will result in disciplinary action which could lead to dismissal. No motorized vehicles can be kept or used on campus. Skateboards and scooters should not be used on any stairs, rails, inside any buildings, or the school road heading to the athletic fields. Students are discouraged from bringing scooters to school.

XXI. BEAVER POND

Beaver Pond is a part of the school's woodlands property and is maintained by the school and the Nimrod Club. Occasionally, students will go there to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the pond. **Students are prohibited from swimming in Beaver Pond without faculty supervision or a lifeguard present.** Each year, the Nimrod Club stocks the pond as well as the streams on campus with fish. While students do not need a license from the state of Connecticut or from the school to fish on campus, the club encourages individuals to preserve this resource through catch and release fishing. The Nimrod Club will publish specific regulations for the sesason at the start of the academic year. **Students are not allowed in the woods or at Beaver Pond after dark.**

XXII. STUDENTS WHO ARE 18 OR TURNING 18 DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

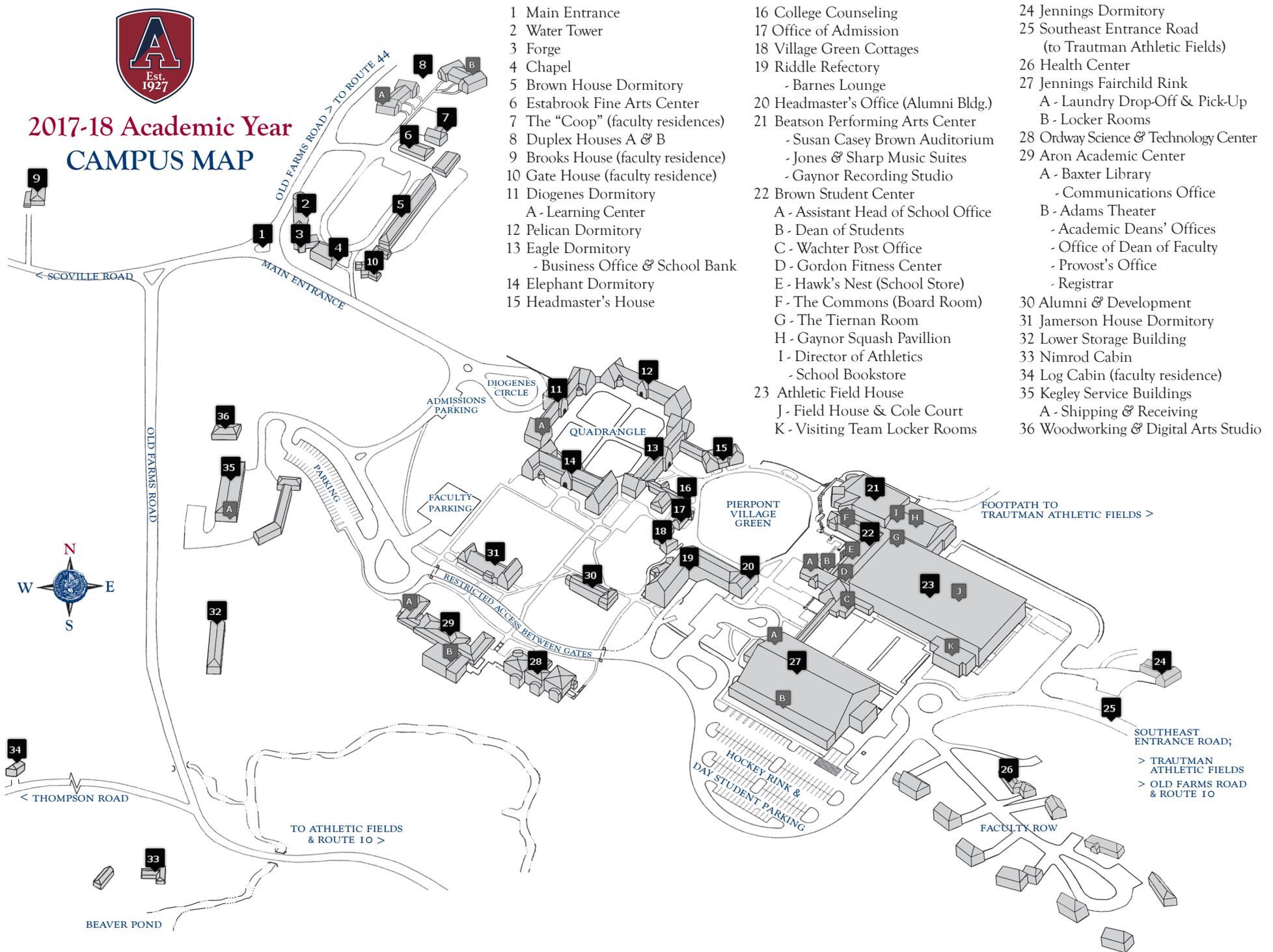
Avon Old Farms believes in the importance of developing an effective partnership with families to support students during their academic tenure at the school. To help foster such collaboration, the school routinely communicates with parents and/or guardians regarding student progress and may, at times, require specific permission of a parent/guardian in connection with certain school events (e.g. off campus trips, activities etc.). For this reason, even though a student may turn 18 while enrolled at Avon, the school will continue to maintain regular communication with parents/guardians and will expect the same degree of parent involvement for all students, regardless of age, in all aspects of the school program. Any student who remains enrolled in the school following his 18th birthday must therefore understand that in choosing to remain at the school, he is providing consent for the school to discuss and/or release information and records to his parents/guardians to the same extent as if he were a minor, including information related to academics, enrollment, attendance, discipline and health matters and may still require parent/guardian consent for specified activities.

XXII. AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY, 2017-2018

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| Headmaster | Kenneth H. LaRocque | Chairman - Performing Arts Department | Robert Volo |
| Associate Headmaster | John T. Gardner | Chairman - History Department | Brian Cugell |
| Provost | Robert A. Dowling '91 | Chairman - Visual Arts Department | Cristina Pinton |
| Dean of Faculty | Roger Cantello | Chairman - Science Department | Diana Malchoff |
| Academic Dean | Graham Callaghan '95 | Director of the Learning Center | Samantha Jensen |
| Academic Dean | Robert Whitty '87 | Associate Director Learning Center | James G. Reece |
| Dean of Students | Brian Doyle | Library Director | Deborah L. Garber |
| Assistant Dean of Students | Michael Symes '81 | School Physician | Dr. Leonard Forner |
| Chief Financial Officer | Bob Orenstein | School Counselor | Jeffrey Asmar |
| Controller | Jackie Morr | Director of Information Technology | Debra A. Case |
| Director of Human Resources | Jennifer Hill | Associate Director of Information Technology | Peter J. Deckers '90 |
| Dean of Curriculum Development and Instruction | Arthur B.W. Custer | Food Service Director | Hector Vasquez |
| Dean of Enrollment | Patrick Miller '07 | Manager of Hockey Rink | John A. Riley |
| Director of Financial Aid | Oliver Rothman '10 | Director of Community Service | Benjamin Schloat, Kaity Mehleisen |
| Director of Athletics | John Bourgault '80 | Work Program | Brian Doyle |
| Director of Athletics | Geoffrey R. Barlow '98 | Bookstore | Graham Callaghan |
| Director of College Counseling | Jonathan A. Crocker | Student Newspaper Advisor | Jennifer Moyer |
| Associate Director of College Counseling | Timothy Roller | Yearbook Advisor | Cristina Pinton |
| Assistant Director of College Counseling | Kathleen Barzun | Director of Student Activities | Katie Thorner |
| Director of Facilities | Ted Brennan | Coordinator of Weekend Leaves | Jill Craft |
| Director of Development & External Affairs | James M. Detora | Director of Health Center | Lenore L. Severni |
| Associate Director of Development | Robin Delnicki | Vespers Speakers | Jill Craft |
| Director of Alumni Relations | Henry R. Coons '71 | Student Chapel Speakers/Vespers Readings | Jill Craft |
| Dean | Kevin J. Driscoll '72 | | |
| Dean | Peter M. Evans | Head Dormitory Masters: | |
| Director of Parent Annual Giving | Kim Crocker | Pelican | Michael Symes '81 |
| Director of Institutional Research | Susan D. Evans | Diogenes | Peter M. Rice '76 |
| Director of Diversity | Timothy Roller | Eagle | Ryan Davey |
| Registrar, SAT/ACT Test Center Supervisor | Marie C. Delnicki | Elephant 2 | John M. Bourgault '80 |
| Chairman - English Department | Trevor Stern | Elephant 3 | Trevor Stern |
| Chairman - World Language Department | Darell Tibbles | Jamerson House | Arthur Mehos |
| Chairman - Mathematics Department | Glenn Sieber | Jennings | Benjamin Schloat |
| | | Brown House | Robert Whitty '87 |



2017-18 Academic Year CAMPUS MAP



- 1 Main Entrance
- 2 Water Tower
- 3 Forge
- 4 Chapel
- 5 Brown House Dormitory
- 6 Estabrook Fine Arts Center
- 7 The "Coop" (faculty residences)
- 8 Duplex Houses A & B
- 9 Brooks House (faculty residence)
- 10 Gate House (faculty residence)
- 11 Diogenes Dormitory
 - A - Learning Center
- 12 Pelican Dormitory
- 13 Eagle Dormitory
 - Business Office & School Bank
- 14 Elephant Dormitory
- 15 Headmaster's House
- 16 College Counseling
- 17 Office of Admission
- 18 Village Green Cottages
- 19 Riddle Refectory
 - Barnes Lounge
- 20 Headmaster's Office (Alumni Bldg.)
- 21 Beatson Performing Arts Center
 - Susan Casey Brown Auditorium
 - Jones & Sharp Music Suites
 - Gaynor Recording Studio
- 22 Brown Student Center
 - A - Assistant Head of School Office
 - B - Dean of Students
 - C - Wachter Post Office
 - D - Gordon Fitness Center
 - E - Hawk's Nest (School Store)
 - F - The Commons (Board Room)
 - G - The Tiernan Room
 - H - Gaynor Squash Pavillion
 - I - Director of Athletics
 - School Bookstore
- 23 Athletic Field House
 - J - Field House & Cole Court
 - K - Visiting Team Locker Rooms
- 24 Jennings Dormitory
- 25 Southeast Entrance Road
 - (to Trautman Athletic Fields)
- 26 Health Center
- 27 Jennings Fairchild Rink
 - A - Laundry Drop-Off & Pick-Up
 - B - Locker Rooms
- 28 Ordway Science & Technology Center
- 29 Aron Academic Center
 - A - Baxter Library
 - Communications Office
 - B - Adams Theater
 - Academic Deans' Offices
 - Office of Dean of Faculty
 - Provost's Office
 - Registrar
- 30 Alumni & Development
- 31 Jamerson House Dormitory
- 32 Lower Storage Building
- 33 Nimrod Cabin
- 34 Log Cabin (faculty residence)
- 35 Kegley Service Buildings
 - A - Shipping & Receiving
- 36 Woodworking & Digital Arts Studio

School Song

Men of Avon



Strike the drumhead, fly the banner
 Youth leaps forward, like a wave
 Sweeping all that's bad before it,
 Build the future for the brave.
 Thwart the foolish, guard the prudent,
 Strike out boldly for the right:
 Keep this land the home of freedom
 Where all men may take delight.

Make our school and make our nation
 Into places where, secure,
 Lawfulness will find a haven
 And where peace will long endure.
 Now we gather, Men of Avon,
 Men of honor, men of will,
 Set our hearts upon the mountains,
 And our destiny fulfill.

Written by Avon Old Farms faculty member Paul Cushing Child in 1941,
 Men of Avon is sung to the Chorale from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

We believe that academic excellence is achieved by thorough instruction in the basic disciplines, the development of good study habits, and the opportunity to be challenged by increasingly complex subject matter. Because of the quality and experience of the faculty and the careful organization of time set aside for personal instruction and guidance, we believe that a boy will find a superior academic program at Avon Old Farms School.

With rare exceptions, all graduating seniors go on to college. Thus, Avon's graduation requirements closely parallel the admission requirements of many colleges.

Avon students are expected to complete the following studies:

- English – Four years*
- History – Three years (including U.S. History)
- Mathematics – Three years (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2)
- Science – Three years with intensive laboratory work (including Biology)
- World Language – Two years of the same language
- Arts – One credit

*The English requirement for graduation is four years, one of which must be either English 4, English 4 Honors, or AP English 4, taken in the senior or post-graduate year.

Each year a student pursues a program of studies consisting of at least five classes, including at least four core subjects chosen from the following disciplines: English, history, mathematics, science, world language and art.

Departmental honors courses are offered to all students who combine intellectual ability with the desire to study more demanding material. Many of these courses prepare students directly for the Advanced Placement examinations of the College Entrance Examination Board. Placement in these sections, based upon student request and teacher recommendation, is determined by the Academic Deans.

I. SCHEDULE CHANGES

Course changes may be made only with permission of Mr. Whitty or Mr. Callaghan during the drop/add period or at other times under special circumstances.

Senior drop/add period runs from the beginning of the school year until September 22. Any course changes made after that date will result in an incomplete grade for the first quarter.

The drop/add period is the time running from the beginning of the school year until the first academic quarter ends.

If a student wishes to change a course, he must confer with his current teacher, his advisor, and Mr. Whitty or Mr. Callaghan about the reasons for the change. **Section changes will not be made because of teacher preferences.** Students are expected to communicate any changes in their schedule to their parents.

II. GRADES

Our academic year is divided into two semesters, each comprised of two quarters. Final exams occur at the end of the spring semester. Report cards are issued four times a year at the end of each marking period.

Headmaster's List – Students with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.80 (with no grade below a B) will be on the Headmaster's List.

Dean's List – Students with a GPA of at least 3.50 (with no grade below a B-) will be on the Dean's List.

Honor Roll – Students with a GPA of at least 3.20 (with no grade below a C) will be on the Honor Roll.

Cum Laude Society – The Cum Laude Society is a nationally recognized honor society for students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship. The Academic Committee recommends students for membership to the Avon Old Farms Chapter based primarily on their strength of schedule, scholastic achievement, and commitment to learning.

Academic Warning & Probation – At designated times during the school year, the faculty will review the academic performance of each student. Those students for whom the faculty have concern, may be placed on academic warning or probation.

If a student placed on academic warning does not show sufficient improvement, he may continue on warning or be placed on academic probation. The faculty may make recommendations to the Headmaster to place a student on academic warning or academic probation in other circumstances. If a student is on academic warning or probation and has not shown sufficient improvement by the end of the second semester, he may not be allowed to return to school, or may lose his financial aid.

Students receiving financial aid must also maintain appropriate levels of conduct, effort, and grades in order to continue to receive such awards. Should a student fail to meet these guidelines, the school may revoke financial aid for the following school year.

III. ACCOMMODATIONS

Avon Old Farms School is not a “special needs” school and is not equipped to provide individualized educational programs for students with severe physical, cognitive, or mental disabilities. The school does comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable accommodations for the known disabilities of a student to assist him in meeting the academic and behavioral performance standards of the school. Students needing such accommodations should advise the school's Learning Center Director, Samantha Jensen. The school will undertake an interactive process, involving the student's parents, health care providers, and school faculty and staff to determine appropriate accommodations. Such accommodations might include extended time on tests, extra support from the Learning Center, and assistive technology devices that would help the student access the curriculum. No accommodation shall fundamentally alter the school's educational program. All students, regardless of disability, will be held to the school's standards for academic achievement and personal conduct.

IV. ACADEMIC SUPPORT

One defining characteristic of the academic program at Avon Old Farms is the structured support that we offer our students, which begins with small class sizes that allow teachers to pay closer attention to their individual students. Enrichment Hour, which serves as another kind of academic support, is also part of our daily schedule, Monday through Thursday. During Enrichment Hour after dinner from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., teachers are available in designated areas for students to receive extra help with their course work. Furthermore, the Learning Center is a resource available to all students. Students may visit the Learning Center during a free period to get help with individual assignments or to get help organizing their work for the week or preparing for an assessment. Our peer tutoring program is also run through the Learning Center. Please contact the Director of the Learning Center, Samantha Jensen, (860) 404-4142 or jensens@avonoldfarms.com, for more information. For information about additional academic support, please contact the Academic Deans.

AVON OLD FARMS SCHOOL FALL/SPRING ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Breakfast 6:40 - 7:30 | | | | | Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 | |
| Morning Meeting 7:45 - 8:10 | | | | | | |
| A 8:15 - 9:00 | F 8:15 - 9:05 | H 8:15 - 9:00 | E 8:15 - 9:00 | G 8:15 - 9:05 | Classes or Residential Life Program 9:00 - 12:00 or SAT/ACT 7:30 - 1:30 | Brunch 9:30 - 11:30 |
| B 9:05 - 9:50 | A 9:10 - 10:10 | E 9:05 - 10:05 | C/D 9:05 - 9:50 | B 9:10 - 10:10 | | |
| F 9:55 - 10:40 | B 10:15 - 11:05 | F 10:10 - 10:55 | H 9:55 - 10:40 | A 10:15 - 11:05 | Buffet Lunch 11:30 - 12:45 | Game Day |
| Club Period 10:45 - 11:30 | D 11:10 - 12:00 | G 11:00 - 12:00 | Avon Advantage 10:45 - 11:30 | C 11:10 - 12:00 | | |
| Advisor Lunch 11:30 - 12:30 | C 12:00 - 1:00 | Buffet Lunch 11:30 - 12:45 | Advisor Lunch 11:30 - 12:30 | D 12:00 - 1:00 | Buffet Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 | Vespers 7:30 - 8:30 |
| E 12:35 - 1:20 | H 1:05 - 2:05 | Game Day | G 12:35 - 1:20 | F 1:05 - 2:05 | | |
| C/D 1:25 - 2:10 | E 2:10 - 3:00 | | A 1:25 - 2:10 | A 1:25 - 2:10 | H 2:10 - 3:00 | Study Hall 6:30/7:00 - 8:00 |
| G 2:15 - 3:00 | Sports 3:30 - 5:30 | B 2:15 - 3:00 | Sports 3:30 - 5:30 | Sports 3:30 - 5:30 | | |
| Dinner 6:15 - 6:45 | Dinner 6:15 - 6:45 | Buffet Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 | Dinner 6:15 - 6:45 | Buffet Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 | Buffet Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 | |
| Enrichment 6:45 - 7:45 | Enrichment 6:45 - 7:45 | Enrichment 6:45 - 7:45 | Enrichment 6:45 - 7:45 | Study Hall 6:30/7:00 - 8:00 | | |
| Study Hall 7:45 - 9:45 | Study Hall 7:45 - 9:45 | Study Hall 7:45 - 9:45 | Study Hall 7:45 - 9:45 | | | |

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

AVON OLD FARMS SCHOOL WINTER ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Breakfast 6:40 - 7:30 | | | | | Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 | |
| Morning Meeting 7:45 - 8:10 | | | | | | |
| A 8:15 - 9:00 | F 8:15 - 9:00 | H 8:15 - 9:10 | E 8:15 - 9:00 | G 8:15 - 9:00 | Classes or Residential Life Program | Brunch 9:30 - 11:30 |
| B 9:05 - 10:00 | A 9:05 - 10:00 | E 9:15 - 10:10 | G 9:05 - 9:50 | B 9:05 - 9:50 | 9:00 - 12:00 | |
| F 10:05 - 10:50 | B 10:05 - 10:50 | G 10:15 - 11:10 | H 9:55 - 10:40 | A 9:55 - 10:40 | or SAT/ACT | |
| E 10:55 - 11:40 | E 10:55 - 11:40 | F 10:15 - 11:10 | B 10:45 - 11:30 | H 10:45 - 11:30 | 7:30 - 1:30 | |
| C 11:45 - 12:30 | D 11:45 - 12:30 | F 11:15 - 12:10 | C 11:35 - 12:20 | D 11:35 - 12:20 | Buffet Lunch 11:30 - 12:45 | |
| D 12:30 - 1:15 | C 12:30 - 1:15 | Buffet Lunch 11:30 - 12:45 | D 12:20 - 1:15 | C 12:20 - 1:15 | | |
| G 1:20 - 2:05 | H 1:20 - 2:05 | Game Day | A 1:20 - 2:05 | F 1:20 - 2:05 | Game Day | |
| Sports 2:15 - 5:30 | Sports 2:15 - 5:30 | | Sports 2:15 - 5:30 | Sports 2:15 - 5:30 | | |
| | | Buffet Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 | | Buffet Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 | Buffet Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 | Buffet Dinner 5:00 - 6:00 |
| Dinner 6:15 - 6:45 | Dinner 6:15 - 6:45 | | Dinner 6:15 - 6:45 | | | |
| Enrichment 6:45 - 7:45 | Enrichment 6:45 - 7:45 | Enrichment 6:45 - 7:45 | Enrichment 6:45 - 7:45 | Study Hall 6:30/7:00 - 8:00 | | |
| Study Hall 7:45 - 9:45 | Study Hall 7:45 - 9:45 | Study Hall 7:45 - 9:45 | Study Hall 7:45 - 9:45 | | | Vespers 7:30 - 8:30 |
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Avon Old Farms School C, D, and Full Saturday Class Rotation Schedules 2017-2018

Full Saturday Classes
10/28, 2/17, 3/3, 3/31, 4/28

Saturday C Week Classes
9/16, 12/2, 1/20, 4/7

Saturday D Week Classes
9/23, 12/9, 1/27, 4/21

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| 7:00 |
| Breakfast |
| 7:45 |
| A 8:00 |
| 8:35 |
| B 8:40 |
| 9:15 |
| C/D 9:20 |
| 9:55 |
| E 10:00 |
| 10:35 |
| F 10:40 |
| 11:15 |
| G 11:20 |
| 11:55 |

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| C 9:00 - 9:40 |
| A 9:45 - 10:25 |
| B 10:30 - 11:10 |
| E 11:15 - 11:55 |

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| D 9:00 - 9:40 |
| H 9:45 - 10:25 |
| G 10:30 - 11:10 |
| F 11:15 - 11:55 |

CAMPUS LEAVES

SATURDAY:

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| 9/9 - Orientation | 1/20 - C Classes |
| 9/16 - C classes | 1/27 - D Classes |
| 9/23 - D Classes | 2/3 - Long Winter Weekend |
| 9/30 - No Classes | 2/10 - Program/ACTs |
| 10/7 - Program/SATs | 2/17 - Full Classes |
| 10/14 - Program | 2/24 - No Classes |
| 10/21 - Family Weekend | 3/3 - Full Classes |
| 10/28 - Full Classes | 3/31 - Full Classes |
| 11/4 - No Classes/SATs | 4/7 - C Classes/Avon Today |
| 11/11 - Full Classes | 4/14 - No Classes/ ACTs |
| 11/18 - Vacation Begins | 4/21 - D Classes |
| 12/2 - C Classes | 4/28 - Full Classes |
| 12/9 - D Classes | 5/5 - Program - SATs |
| 12/16 - Vacation | 5/12 - Program - Alumni |
| 1/6 - Intersession Classes | 5/19 - No Classes |
| 1/13 - Program | 5/26 - Exams - Graduation Weekend |

SUNDAY:

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| 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Brunch |
| 5 - 6 p.m. | Buffet Dinner (informal dress) |
| 7:30 p.m. | Vespers |
| 8:30 p.m. | Administrative Inspection |
| 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Study Hall |

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| DORMITORY CHECK: | Sunday - Friday | 10:30 p.m. |
| | Saturday | 11:30 p.m. |

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| LIGHTS OUT: | Sunday - Friday | 10:45 p.m. (9th) |
| | | 11 p.m. (10th) |
| | | 11:15 p.m. (11th) |
| | | 11:30 p.m. (12th) |

*Sunday - Friday: After 11 p.m., all students must be in their own rooms.

The school is legally responsible for the well-being of our students when school is in session. Whenever a student leaves campus, it is mandatory that he check out with the Dean of Students, Mr. Doyle, or the Administrator on Duty (AOD). Students who fail to check out properly will be required to remain on campus until their punishment has been completed.

I. LOCAL LEAVES

Students are allowed to check out to town at appropriate times during the week. Unless accompanied by a parent or faculty member, students are only allowed to take local leaves on Wednesday (after athletics) and on the weekends beginning on Friday at 6 p.m.

Before a student is allowed to take a ride-sharing service (i.e. Uber, etc), the school must have written permission from parents on file.

The student must check out with the Administrator on Duty (AOD) before leaving campus. If a student fails to sign out properly, he will incur a Sunday Work Crew and will be campused until that punishment is fulfilled.

II. WEEKENDS

Weekend leaves begin when a student has fulfilled his last school commitment of the week. Leave slips may be obtained at the entrance to the Associate Headmaster's Office and turned in to Mr. Doyle or the AOD when signing out. All overnight leaves must be cleared with the Associate Headmaster's Office by after lunch on Friday except in the event of an emergency. Students may not leave for a weekend if they have Sunday work crew.

III. FIVE-AND-A-HALF DAY BOARDERS

Five-and-a-half day boarding status is a privilege which students who live within 1 hour of the school may earn. This privilege requires each student to be in good academic and social standing.

Five-and-a-half day boarders do not have to fill out leave slips to go on a weekend leave. They must, however, sign out with Mr. Doyle or the AOD before they leave campus and must return in time for Vespers on Sunday evening. They may not leave on Friday night. Students who fail to observe these rules will lose the privilege of being a five-and-a-half day boarder.

IV. VACATIONS

Students cannot leave school early or return late from any scheduled vacation period. Students are required to meet all commitments through their last scheduled class or activity before they may leave campus for a school break. Teachers often plan tests or other graded exercises at this time. **If there is a graded exercise/test/quiz and a student misses it, he will receive an F for that exercise.** Parents are requested to notify the school in advance if the student will not be back on time in order to prevent unexcused absences. We ask that students and parents adhere strictly to the published school calendar when planning travel.

V. PROMS

The school recognizes that students sometimes desire to attend proms, and the school has sponsored its own prom for several years. The school realizes that occasionally, proms can cause difficult situations regarding responsibility for students' behavior. Therefore, the policy of the school for its own prom, and proms at other schools, is as follows: boarding students and day students must use the school's transportation to and from the prom. After the prom, boarding students may not check out with anyone else but their own parents, or with written parental permission. Day students will be released to the custody and responsibility of their parents. The school will not allow students, while under the school's jurisdiction, to attend pre- or post-prom parties. As in all cases, students are responsible for their own behavior, and any students who bring discredit to the school will be held accountable for their actions.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Boarding students and 5 ½ day boarders are not allowed to leave campus during the week, including Friday evening, if it interferes with study hall or Saturday classes. Trips to concerts, movies, and sporting events during the week, including Friday, unless sponsored by the school, are forbidden. Special permission must be obtained from Mr. Gardner at least one week in advance.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council consists of the Warden, Vice Warden, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and class representatives. Two elections are held each year, during the third week in May and during January, to choose members of the Student Council. The first term council consists of four seniors, three juniors, and two sophomores. The second term council has one additional member representing the freshman class. Students within their own class elect council members, i.e., sophomores may vote only for sophomores, etc. In addition, faculty members may vote for council members only in the class of their choice. The Warden and Vice Warden are elected by the Student Council.

The role of the Student Council is to represent student interests to the administration, the faculty, and the Board of Directors. The Council meets on a weekly basis to discuss ideas for enhancing student life. The Warden and other Council members meet frequently with the Headmaster and the Associate Headmaster to discuss those ideas, and the entire Council meets with the Board of Directors. The Council also organizes two major community service projects each year – the Christmas Toy Drive and Relay For Life.

The **Warden** presides over all the meetings of the Council and acts as the principal liaison between students and the administration of the school.

The **Vice Warden** performs the duties of the Warden in the event of his absence, removal, resignation or inability to act for any other reason.

The **Recording Secretary** keeps and circulates the minutes of Student Council meetings.

The **Corresponding Secretary** handles the Council's communications to the student body.

Warden: Kevin Huveltdt

Vice Warden: Jesse Walsh

Recording Secretary: Danny Overcash

Corresponding Secretary: Pierce Smyth

DORMITORY MONITORS

Dormitory Monitors are selected by the head dormitory masters after the Student Council has submitted a list of their recommendations. The selections of the dormitory masters are then submitted to the Headmaster and Associate Headmaster who appoint them to this position. They are an extension of the administration, faculty, and Student Council, and as such, have a great deal of responsibility in the general maintenance of student conduct in all areas of their activities. In addition, they are expected to uphold all other rules and regulations set forth by the faculty and the administration.

"**Nighthawks**" are monitors assigned to cover the dormitories during morning meeting, meals, and other designated times. There will be one nighthawk on duty in each dormitory. They are responsible for the dorm at that time. Nighthawks may take meals back to their dormitories.

Day Student Monitors supervise the general locker room and Student Center during the day and evening.

OTHER INFORMATION

I. SCHOOL WEBSITE

The Avon Old Farms School website, www.AvonOldFarms.com, is continuously updated and contains a wealth of information about the school, including academics, athletics, campus life, alumni, and parent information. If you have any questions regarding the website, please contact the school.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

The main school number is (860) 404-4100, and the switchboard hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A phone listing for all faculty, staff and administration is updated frequently and available on the Avon Old Farms School website. You may direct dial any person listed in the phone listing by replacing

4100 with the 4 digit extension number listed. The School Directory of parent and student information is available at all times through Veracross.

III. EMAIL

Any member of the faculty or student body can be e-mailed by using this formula: last name + first initial@avonoldfarms.com (e.g. John Gardner = gardnerj@avonoldfarms.com). The directory on the school website also has e-mail links.

IV. ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

Schedules for each of the three athletic seasons are posted on the website as soon as they are available. Directions to away games at other schools are available on the school website.

For updated information on game days, visit the Athletics section of the school website.

V. LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Below are several area accommodations: For more extensive information, please visit our website and look under “About Us.”

Avon Old Farms Hotel (160 rooms) (800) 836-4000

Farmington Inn, Farmington (72 rooms) (800) 648-9804

Homewood Suites, Farmington (121 suites) (800) CALL-HOME

Marriott, Farmington (381 rooms) (800) 228-9290

Residence Inn of Avon (100 rooms) (860) 678-1666

VI. TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

From Boston:

Take I-90 West (Massachusetts Turnpike) to Exit 9, Sturbridge/I-84. Follow I-84 West through Hartford to Exit 39, Farmington/Route 4. **From Exit 39 off I-84**, continue straight through the first traffic light. Proceed west on Route 4 and turn right onto Route 10 North (Waterville Road) at the second traffic light (in the center of Farmington). Continue 3.2 miles; turn left at traffic light onto Old Farms Road. After approximately ¼ mile, the entrance to Avon Old Farms School will be on the right. Follow campus signs as necessary to visitor parking and administrative offices.

From New York (West Side):

Take the Hutchinson River Parkway to I-684 north. Take I-84 East through Danbury and Waterbury. Take exit 39, Farmington/Rt.4, which is a left side exit. Proceed as above.

From New York (East Side):

Take I-95 North to New Haven, then I-91 North toward Hartford. From I-91, take Exit 22 to Route 9 North (in the Cromwell/Middletown area). Continue on Route 9 North and look for signs to I-84 West. From I-84 West (toward Waterbury), take exit 39, Farmington/Rt.4. Proceed as above, “From Exit 39 off I-84.”

From Springfield:

Take I-91 South toward Hartford. Merge onto I-84 West in downtown Hartford. Follow I-84 West to Exit 39, Farmington/Route 4. Proceed as above, “From Exit 39 off I-84.”

From Bradley International Airport:

Take Route 20 West through East Granby to Granby. At Granby center (5-way intersection at traffic light) turn left onto Routes 10/202 South. **From Routes 10/202**, travel south through Simsbury to Avon. At the intersection with Route 44, continue straight across onto Old Farms Road. After approximately 2½ miles, the entrance to the school will be on the left. Turn left into the main entrance of the school and follow campus signs as necessary to visitor parking and administrative offices.

From Albany:

Take I-90 East/I-87 South (NYS Thruway) toward Boston to exit 5 (Taconic Parkway to Massachusetts Turnpike). Follow I-90 East to exit 3, Westfield & Routes 10/202. Turn right onto Routes 10/202 South and proceed as above, “From Routes 10/202.”

2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| August | 30 | Wednesday | Varsity Sports Candidates Return (by invitation only) 2-4 p.m. |
| September | 4 | Monday | Monitors Arrive 3 - 5 p.m. |
| | 5 | Tuesday | Registration: All New Students 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. |
| | 6 | Wednesday | Registration: All Returning Students (Day and Boarding) 1 - 3 p.m. |
| | 7 | Thursday | First Academic Quarter Begins |
| | 9-10 | Sat-Sun | CLOSED WEEKEND; Orientation Activities; ACTs Seniors |
| | 16 | Saturday | Saturday Classes - C |
| | 23 | Saturday | Saturday Classes - D |
| | 29 | Friday | Visiting Author |
| October | 7 | Saturday | Program; SATs Seniors |
| | 9 | Monday | Admission Open House |
| | 11 | Wednesday | PSATs - 10th & 11th Grades |
| | 14 | Saturday | Program |
| | 19 | Thursday | First Academic Quarter Ends |
| | 20 | Friday | Family Weekend - Guests Attend Classes |
| | 21 | Saturday | Family Weekend - Conferences. Students check out after games** |
| | 23 | Monday | Boarding Students Return By 9 p.m. |
| | 24 | Tuesday | Classes Resume; Second Academic Quarter Begins |
| | 28 | Saturday | Full Classes; ACTs Seniors |
| November | 4 | Saturday | SATs Seniors |
| | 9-11 | Thurs-Sat | Fall Play |
| | 11 | Saturday | Full Saturday Classes; Admission Open House |
| | 13 | Monday | Athletic Awards Ceremony |
| | 17 | Friday | Thanksgiving Vacation begins at 2:05 p.m.*; Winter Varsity sports candidates may be asked to remain on campus through Saturday afternoon. SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THIS VACATION. |
| | 27 | Monday | Boarding Students Return By 9 p.m. |
| | 28 | Tuesday | Classes Resume |
| | 30 | Thursday | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| December | 2 | Saturday | Saturday Classes - C; SATs Juniors & Seniors |
| | 3 | Sunday | Holiday Concert |
| | 8 | Friday | Holiday Concert |
| | 9 | Saturday | Saturday Classes - D; ACTs Juniors & Seniors |
| | 10 | Sunday | Christmas Vespers |
| | 12 | Tuesday | Second Academic Quarter Ends; First Semester Ends; Boar's Head Festival |
| | 13 | Wednesday | Winter Vacation 8 a.m.; SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THIS VACATION. |
| | 14-16 | Thurs-Sat | Christmas Hockey Classic; Basketball Tournament |
| January | 2 | Tuesday | Boarding Students Return By 9 p.m. |
| | 3 | Wednesday | Intersession Begins |
| | 6 | Saturday | Intersession Classes |
| | 10 | Wednesday | Intersession Ends |
| | 11 | Thursday | Third Academic Quarter Begins |
| | 13 | Saturday | Program - MLK |
| January | 20 | Saturday | Saturday Classes - C |
| | 27 | Saturday | Saturday Classes - D |
| | 31 | Wednesday | Long Winter Weekend Begins After Last Commitment |

2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| February | 5 | Monday | Boarding Students Return By 9 p.m. |
| | 6 | Tuesday | Classes Resume |
| | 10 | Saturday | Program; ACTs Juniors |
| | 17 | Saturday | Full Saturday Classes |
| | 25 | Sunday | Winter Concert |
| | 27 | Tuesday | Athletic Awards Ceremony |
| March | 2 | Friday | Winter Concert |
| | 3 | Saturday | Full Saturday Classes |
| | 7 | Wednesday | Third Quarter Ends; Spring Break Begins At 2:05 p.m.* SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THIS VACATION. |
| | 26 | Monday | Boarding Students Return By 9 p.m. |
| | 27 | Tuesday | Classes Resume; Fourth Academic Quarter Begins |
| | 29 | Thursday | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| | 31 | Saturday | Full Saturday Classes |
| April | 4 | Wednesday | Avon Today; Special Academic Schedule |
| | 7 | Saturday | Saturday Classes - C; Avon Today; Special Academic Schedule |
| | 14 | Saturday | ACTs Juniors |
| | 21 | Saturday | Saturday Classes - D |
| | 28 | Saturday | Full Saturday Classes; College Planning Seminar Sophomore & Junior Students & Families; Blue Blazer Ball |
| | 30 | Monday | No Classes; Boarding Students Return by 9 p.m. |
| May | 1 | Tuesday | Classes Resume |
| | 2 | Wednesday | Grandparents Day |
| | 5 | Saturday | Program; SATs Juniors |
| | 11-12 | Fri-Sat | Alumni Weekend |
| | 12 | Saturday | Program |
| | 15 | Tuesday | Admission Open House |
| | 17-18 | Thurs-Fri | Spring Play |
| | 20 | Sunday | Underclassmen Awards 7 p.m. |
| | 24 | Thursday | Fourth Academic Quarter Ends; Second Semester Ends |
| | 25-30 | Fri-Wed | Exams for Underclassmen; Friday-History; Saturday-Math; Monday-Conflict; Tuesday- Science; Wednesday-Language |
| | 25 | Friday | Senior Day |
| | 26-27 | Sat-Sun | CLOSED WEEKEND |
| | 26 | Saturday | Commencement Concert 2 p.m.; Senior Awards Ceremony 5p.m. |
| | 27 | Sunday | Commencement 10 a.m. |

* Tests or quizzes will be given in each class; students must remain for these tests. Students will be held accountable for any exam or quiz missed; no make-ups will be given.

** Supervision, activities, and meals will be provided for students who remain on campus.

2017-2018 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

*** Final exams will count 20% of the final year grade.

Second Semester Underclassmen Examinations

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| Friday, May 25 | History |
| Saturday, May 26 | Math |
| Monday, May 28 | Conflict |
| Tuesday, May 29 | Science |
| Wednesday, May 30 | World Language |

*** Seniors will not have an exam period; instead, final projects will be due and any sit-down exam will be taken during the last week of classes.

2018 Advanced Placement Examinations

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| May | 7 | Monday | AM Chemistry |
| | 8 | Tuesday | AM Spanish Language and Culture |
| | 9 | Wednesday | AM English Literature and Composition |
| | 10 | Thursday | AM United States Government PM Environmental Sciences |
| | 11 | Friday | AM U.S. History |
| | 14 | Monday | AM Biology PM Physics C: Mechanics |
| | 15 | Tuesday | AM Calculus AB; AM Calculus BC PM French Language and Culture, Computer Science A |
| | 17 | Thursday | AM World History PM Statistics |
| | 18 | Friday | AM Microeconomics |

CORE VALUES

The faculty and student body at Avon Old Farms are very familiar with the school's "Core Values." In order to fulfill the school's mission of helping our boys become good men, we must articulate and exemplify the values which are central to achieving our goals. At Avon, our core values are honored and the moral curriculum is a pervasive element of the culture. Each day, in classes, at meals, on the playing field, and in the dormitories, our faculty, coaches, and advisors focus on imparting these core values, which are basic, but powerful:

BROTHERHOOD – Mrs. Riddle, Avon's founder said that, "The ways in which we differ are far more important than the ways in which we are alike." The Avon community encourages boys to respect and to serve all people, and to confront injustice wherever it exists. The strength of our community emanates from the rich diversity within our student body, and by appreciating our differences, we honor the unique gifts each of us brings to our community. Accompanying our respect for diversity is our support for each other which is a powerful force in the success of our service programs on and off campus.

SCHOLARSHIP – Because we believe that learning is a noble pursuit whose purpose is to help us understand the truth of life, and that this quest continues throughout our lives, Avon helps our students develop the open, inquisitive mind of a good man who will make a positive difference in his world.

INTEGRITY – As Shakespeare wrote in Hamlet:

"This above all: to thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Being honest with ourselves makes it possible to be honest with those around us. If at a young age, we commit ourselves to living our lives as honest people, and acting truthfully becomes our anchor no matter what storms confront us, then we are building the character of a good man.

SPORTSMANSHIP – Because we know that valuable life lessons are learned through competition and by being a member of a team, our athletic program exposes boys to the tenets of fair play, respect for others and teamwork. It also helps boys to understand the need to work with others to achieve a common goal, to graciously accept winning and losing, and to stretch themselves past their comfort zones to succeed.

Aspirando et Perseverando!

Ken LaRocque, Headmaster

“Integrity, Scholarship, Sportsmanship, Brotherhood:
If we are successful in imparting these values to our students,
then we know that we are providing them with the moral foundation
they need to live a fulfilling life.”

–Ken LaRocque, Headmaster

HISTORY & TRADITION

Avon Old Farms School was founded by **Theodate Pope Riddle**, Connecticut's sixth licensed female architect. Theodate's imaginative genius as an architect and her vision and determination to create a school for boys, combined with her personal wealth, made possible the founding of the school in 1927. The original architecture is modeled after structures in the English Cotswolds, and was built in the Cotswold and Tudor styles with materials hewn from the school's property. The school sits upon just under 1,000 acres of rolling woodland, with the Farmington River to the east and Beaver Pond just a short walk south of the core campus.

The school has grown from 48 boys at its opening in 1927 to a full capacity of 400 boys in grades 9-12 and postgraduates. There are now 302 boarders and 98 day students, coming from 24 states and 27 countries. The school mascot is the **winged beaver**, which reflects the school's motto, "**Aspirando et Perseverando**," from Latin, *to aspire and to persevere*. The school colors were originally described in the founder's Deed of Trust as "crimson and blue," and are now most often referred to as crimson red and navy blue.

Avon's history is rich, and steeped in strong traditions — traditions of academic integrity, athletic prowess, artistic merit, social engagement, and community service — and we embrace and carry on these traditions with enthusiasm in our pursuit toward becoming good men.

As you engage in these traditions, know that you are also helping to create Avon's history.

“There should be some oases in this country where love of tradition is fostered. Avon shall be one of these oases; one place where, when Avonians return, they will find at least a semblance of permanence.”

—Theodate Pope Riddle, Founder, *From the Deed of Trust*

As Peter Aron '65 wrote in 2002 on the occasion of the school's 75th anniversary, “We have filled and overflowed Mrs. Riddle's original buildings, and have continued to build. By any measure, we are very different today — academically, athletically, socially — as a reflection of a very different society. Yet certainly Mrs. Riddle would recognize her school, and I like to think that she would recognize her boys. The young men of Avon are recognizable, not just by the winged beaver on their blazers, but by their direct and friendly gaze.”

To learn more about the school's recorded history, visit Baxter Library and ask to view a copy of “Aspiration and Perseverance: The History of Avon Old Farms School,” by Gordon Clark Ramsey '80H.



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