

Dear Parents:

- **Opening Dates of School:** Students should plan to arrive on campus according to the schedule below. In order to ensure a smooth and orderly arrival for everyone, please make arrangements to **arrive only at your scheduled time.**

Wednesday, August 31: VARSITY SPORTS CAMP CANDIDATES – FALL SESSION

Only by written invitation and acceptance – all Varsity Football, Varsity Soccer and Varsity Cross Country candidates return – 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. If a student is invited to participate in pre-season camp, he will receive a letter of invitation from the Athletic Director by the end of June 2016.

Monday, September 5: MONITOR REGISTRATION 3:00 P.M. -5:00 P.M.

- All monitors arrive for training sessions and dinner.

Tuesday, September 6: NEW STUDENTS REGISTRATION

- All new boarding and new day students arrive – 10:00am to 1:00pm.
- All new students and their parents meet in the Brown Auditorium at 1:15pm – Headmaster Speaks – Brown Auditorium and tour of campus with advisors.

Wednesday, September 7: RETURNING STUDENTS REGISTRATION

- All remaining returning boarding students arrive 1:00-3:00pm
- All remaining returning day students arrive 1:00-3:00pm at which time they will have the opportunity to purchase their books and prepare for classes the next day. They must also be present at a meeting in the Brown Auditorium on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00pm.

Thursday, September 8:

- Classes begin with Morning Meeting at 7:45am – Regular school “jacket and tie” dress.

The school will offer transportation from Bradley International Airport to campus on Tuesday, September 6. An Avon bus will be at the airport to pick up boys at 12 noon. They will be stationed at the baggage area at the terminal and will wear Avon hats and shirts so that your son can find them easily.

If you would like to take advantage of this service, it will be helpful to our pickup people if you call the Associate Headmaster’s office @ (860) 404-4242 with your son’s flight information before Friday, August 26th. For further arrival times, reliable taxi service to school is readily available at Bradley Airport.

Travel Dates to Remember

Parents Weekend*	Friday/Saturday, October 14 & 15. Students may check out with parents following afternoon reception and return Monday, October 17, by 9:00PM.
Thanksgiving Break**	Begins Friday, November 18, following classes; students return Monday, November 28 by 9:00PM.
Winter Vacation**	Begins Wednesday, December 14, 8:00AM; students return Monday, January 3, by 9:00PM.
Winter Weekend*	Begins Wednesday, February 1, following scheduled athletic commitment; students return Monday, February 6, by 9:00PM.
Spring Vacation**	Begins Friday, March 3 at 2:05PM; students return Monday, March 27, by 9:00PM.

*School will remain open and boys may stay on campus for Parents Weekend and Winter Weekend. ***SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING, WINTER VACATION AND SPRING VACATION AND ALL STUDENTS MUST VACATE CAMPUS.*

Travel: It is our policy that students not leave school early or return late from any scheduled vacation period. Please make your son's travel reservations as early as possible to conform to the times and dates listed on the school calendar. Students are required to meet all commitments, right through their last scheduled class, before they may leave campus for a school break. If there is a graded exercise /test/quiz and a student misses it, he will receive an F for that exercise.

- **Prescription Drugs:** Any prescription or controlled drug must be stored in and dispensed from our Health Center. Possession of any controlled drug or certain cold and flu medications is a violation of our drug policy and will lead to expulsion.
- **Summer Reading:** Because reading is one of the most essential academic skills, we require summer reading for all our students. Our reading list, with specific requirements, will be online this month, along with other academic information.
- **Room Furnishings:** The school supplies all required room furnishings. Your son may bring other items such as rugs, desk lamp, personal computer, personal decorative items, etc. **However, electric appliances that place an undue strain on the school's electrical system (televisions, microwave ovens, hot plates, hot pots, etc) are not permitted and will be confiscated.** If you have questions about what furnishings or appliances are appropriate, please call.
- **Clothing:** Every boy needs a blue blazer and gray slacks for Sunday vespers, and other formal occasions. Sport jacket and tie with slacks are worn during the academic day and at dinner. Footwear appropriate to "jacket and tie" dress is a must for everyday wear (no sneakers) and a pair of dress shoes is necessary to wear with more formal blue blazer and gray slacks. Dress shoes are required for classes and meals and all school functions. The usual teenage casual dress (including sneakers) is worn during free time in the evenings and on weekends. Name tapes are recommended for all clothing. You should bring blankets or a comforter and a mattress pad for a standard-size twin bed (including pillow). In addition, do not forget rain gear, toiletries, swim trunks, and a winter jacket (cold weather could be with us as early as October).
- **Personal Appearance:** Students are required to wear their hair in a traditional fashion at a reasonable length, as deemed acceptable by the school administration. Earrings or body piercing jewelry of any kind may not be worn at school. Students must be clean shaven.

- **Laundry:** A laundry company provides weekly service to the boys, or they may send laundry home. A linen service provides weekly change of bed linen and bath towels. You will receive detailed information about these services from our Business Office.
- **Technology:** Important information concerning technology at AOF including our laptop program is included in this mailing. Please read the entire packet and contact Debra Case, Director of Technology, @ (860) 404-4205 with any questions you may have.
- **Personal Valuables:** Please do not bring items which are irreplaceable or of considerable value. The school cannot be responsible for such items. If your son brings a bicycle to school, he must accept full responsibility for keeping it locked when not in use and for registering the bike with the Associate Headmaster office at the start of school.
- **Credit Cards:** Some parents find it convenient to give their sons credit cards or phone cards in order to facilitate necessary purchases or telephone calls away from home. We have had occasional problems when students have lent their cards to others, and parents are then left to deal with unexpectedly high phone or credit card bills. As the school cannot assume responsibility for credit cards or their misuse, we ask you to exercise caution in this regard and discuss with your son responsible use of such cards.
- **ImPACT Testing:** Information regarding this program is included online, please read the information carefully. **Avon Old Farms School requires all students to complete a baseline assessment prior to the start of the school year.** Please see the ImPACT Letter under the ACTIONS list on this Parent's page. Information and instructions are provided in that ImPACT Letter. If you have objections or if you have any questions concerning this program, please feel free to contact the Athletic Directors, John Bourgault, at 860-404-4228 or Geoff Barlow, at 860-404-4245

All of us here at Avon Old Farms School stand ready to help you in any way we can. Please feel free to call on me personally if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
 John T. Gardner
 Associate Headmaster