

June 2016

Dear Parents,

Let us join in welcoming you to Avon Old Farms. Some important initial academic information follows.

Attached to this email is your son's proposed list of academic courses, which has been created after careful review of his admission folder and consideration of his previous course of study. An "H" next to a course title indicates an honors level course. For your reference, the school's website contains a comprehensive listing with descriptions of each of our course offerings under the [Academia](#) tab. Final academic schedules will be available during the first week in August pending the receipt of a final transcript from this school year. Please arrange to have final transcripts sent to the attention of our Admissions Office as soon as possible. We will not finalize your son's academic schedule for the upcoming year until we have reviewed his final official transcript. If you have any immediate concerns or questions please feel free to contact the appropriate academic dean (see below) at your convenience.

The Quicklinks menu on the website is another key resource for new students and parents. This menu includes information on the following:

- **Summer Reading:** All students are expected to read *The Trident: The Forging and Reforging of a Navy Seal Leader* by Jason Redman in preparation for the author's visit to campus on September 23. Students in honors and Advanced Placement courses are required to complete additional readings and writing assignments as part of their graded coursework. These assignments will be available on the summer reading link.
- **World Languages Placement Tests:** This Google classroom evaluation is required for students who are initially scheduled in a level two or higher course of Spanish, Mandarin, Latin, or French, and will assist in confirming that your son is scheduled in the appropriate level. Please have your son use the avonoldfarms.com email address that was issued to him to complete the appropriate placement test by June 30.
- **On-Line Bookstore:** In order to make purchasing books more convenient, the school has partnered with Follett Virtual Bookstore. It is not required that families use this vendor, but all of the necessary information regarding academic texts is available on the site. This site will be live with current information for 2016 - 2017 during the second week in August. If you have questions regarding books, please contact Amy Dowling at dowlinga@avonoldfarms.com.
- **Bigelow Learning Center:** If your son receives accommodations for classroom evaluations please contact Samantha Jensen to ensure that appropriate documentation is on file with us. Please plan to send all necessary documentation by July 1. Mrs. Jensen can be reached at 860-404-4142 or by email at jensens@avonoldfarms.com. If your son receives accommodations for standardized testing (SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement examinations, etc.), or if you have questions about accommodations on standardized testing, please contact our registrar, Marie Delnicki, at 860-404-4285 or by email at delnickim@avonoldfarms.com.

In addition, the Mathematics Department requires each student to have a graphing calculator and recommends the *Texas Instruments Model TI - 84 Plus*. Please direct questions regarding the calculator to Glenn Sieber, Mathematics Department Chairman. He can be reached at sieberg@avonoldfarms.com.

Please know that while this email pertains to academic information, you will receive another email about additional opening of school information in mid-June. All of us here at Avon Old Farms are excited about the upcoming year, and we look forward to meeting both you and your son!

Very truly yours,

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