



November 20, 2020

# Focus...

## A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

*To provide additional communication for families, this short newsletter will be available each week.*

### Notes:

Earlier today, the District sent a letter to all parents providing information on the current situation in the District. As we enter the holiday season, families are reminded that the schools will follow the regular schedule on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (November 23, 34, and 25) of next week, with the Thanksgiving Break held from Thursday, November 26 through Monday, November 30. Parents should look for a message from the Superintendent next week that gives another Allegheny Valley update.

This week, the District celebrated American Education Week, focusing on a different group within our educational community each day. The week included activities, social media posts, and classroom programs focused on the importance of education. We truly believe that Allegheny Valley is a special place to live and learn. We are saddened that some of our annual traditions are not able to be held this year to thank partners and segments of our community who have given so much to support the District. We look forward to next year when we can bring these programs back, stronger and better than ever.

### Focus On: The Classroom

Extra-curricular activities continue in the buildings and virtually. Recently, the Academic Games program had two qualifiers for the national tournament in Propaganda. That tournament will most likely be virtual this year. The students have been practicing mostly through Google Meets, and most of the students were able to stay after school to switch between two tabs (Google Forms and Google Meet Shared Screen for the Questions) to participate in the tournament. In the Senior Division, Haley Bonidie qualified and was the top scoring competitor; in the Elementary Division, Talon Mator qualified.



In addition, the Acmetonia Student Council has been very active with their “Theme” days. The group has sponsored Superhero Days, Star Wars Day, and a Pink Out in October. And look forward to celebrating all things Disney next week.

### Things To Know:

- The District’s Health Department reminds parents to contact their child’s building nurse in the event that he/she becomes ill. During this time, the nursing staff is concentrating on any symptoms related to the Covid-19 pandemic. In an effort to provide the best care possible, the nurses need to assess this information.

### Good Things:

- Congratulations to:
- Ms. McCall Emerick, grade 6 teacher, who was awarded an AIU OnRamp Grant.
  - Coach Sanchez on being named the 2020 Coach of the Year for the WPIAL Class A, Section 3 Finest Fifteen.
  - The District’s Emergency Management Program for receiving a \$24,700 grant for equipment.
  - SHS Athletes Bryson Andrews (Sr) and Chris Mitchell (So) for being named to the All-WPIAL Class A Soccer Team.

## Focus On: Support for Students

A reminder for parents that the District has partnered with T-Mobile's Project Ten Million program and received a limited number of mobile hotspots to help families get connected to the internet. Qualifying families can apply for a mobile hotspot by filing out the application located at [www.tinyurl.com/avsdhotspot](http://www.tinyurl.com/avsdhotspot). Each hotspot comes preloaded with 100 GBs of data per year, built in web filtering, and is free of cost. Questions on the program can be sent to [bslezak@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:bslezak@avsd.k12.pa.us).

**Need a tutor?** National Honor Society students are available to help students in grades 7-12 after school at the high school from 2:30-3:00 p.m. in a variety of subject areas. Contact Ms. Andrea Sadowski, NHS sponsor, at [asadowski@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:asadowski@avsd.k12.pa.us) to request a tutor or for more information.

## Focus On: Important Dates

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| Nov. 25-30      | Thanksgiving Break          |
| Dec. 8          | School Board Reorganization |
| Dec. 24- Jan. 1 | Holiday Break               |

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A resource for parents/guardians to ask medical questions.

cell 724-900-5443

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#### ***Food Service Department***

A resource for questions about the Free Meals Program.

[meals@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:meals@avsd.k12.pa.us)

#### ***Technology Assistance***

Help and information on iPads and Chromebooks

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