

Fall 2025-26

## **Principal's Welcome**

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well rested, rejuvenated, and excited for the upcoming school year. As we prepare for everyone to return to school, I want to take a moment to express a heartfelt welcome to both returning families and new members of our community.

I'm excited for yet another year of Avanti collaboration that will see student academic growth, personal development, and sharing meaningful experiences together. Our dedicated faculty and staff have been hard at work over the summer, preparing engaging curriculum and organizing enriching extracurricular activities. They are committed to providing students with an educational experience that encourages innovative thinking, creativity, mastery and deeper learning, as well as a focus on Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, otherwise known at Avanti as JEDI awareness. We have an ongoing commitment to creating a safe, nurturing, and inclusive learning environment where all students can thrive within an educational setting that focuses on academic achievement, character development, leadership, social and environmental justice.

Last year our students began the process of putting color on those bland remodeled walls. As the color continues to spread from hallway to stairwell, Avanti is starting to feel more like home again. That being said, there are many halls left that need some thought and attention. It will be exciting to see what murals this year will bring.

Whether you are a returning student or joining us for the first time, I encourage you to embrace the spirit of curiosity, creativity, and collaboration that defines us as a school community. Together, we will continue to inspire, challenge, and support one another as we strive for excellence in all that we do.

I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones as we embark on this journey together. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share. My door is always open, and I'm here to support you in any way that I can.

Thank you for choosing Avanti as your educational home. We are excited to embark on this new journey together and look forward to a successful and rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,

Mike Velasquez, Principal



It's perfectly normal to have questions as we return to school which is one reason why **Avanti begins the school year with conferences.**  
(September 3rd-5th, 2025)

- **September 3rd:** All New Students & families will meet in the Auditorium at 12pm in order to meet the Avanti staff and their Advisor, who will provide the start of school information, including class schedule.
- **September 3rd-5th:** All Returning Students/families will need to schedule a **Conference**. Skyward's Conference Scheduler will be open very soon. Students will receive important information to start the year and receive their class schedule.

**Note:** Students are required to attend a conference with their Advisor during Conference week. In fact, student attendance at conferences is **how we confirm your enrollment intentions.**

- Students attending their fall conference will secure their enrollment for the year.

The following guide contains important "Back To School" information and resources. Have a look, print off items for the refrigerator, and feel free to return to this guide throughout the school year. If you have any questions feel free to reach out or check with your advisor during conferences. We are all looking forward to building connections with you this year.



# WELCOME BACK GUIDE for Avanti families and students



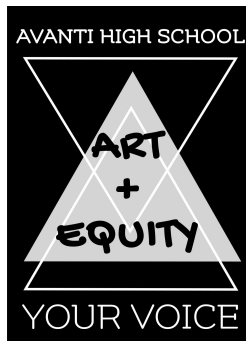
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## **Health/Safety Measures:**

While the numbers of positive cases have significantly fallen, Covid remains a reality. In an ongoing effort to keep staff and students healthy as we return to school:

- **If a student (or staff) tests positive for Covid, they are required to stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours without help from medications, no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours, and symptoms have improved.**
- Upon each occurrence, it is encouraged that students (*and staff*) wear a mask when they return to school until all symptoms have subsided.



# **Learning Commitments:**

## **A CHROMEBOOK For Every Student**

Each student is provided a personal Chromebook from the district. If you do not already have a chromebook you can check one out from the [Technology Department](#) prior to the start of school. Students will keep and care for that chromebook throughout the school year. **Students: Make sure to bring a charged chromebook to school, every day.**

## **3 CLASSES**

Most students will engage in three classes per quarter, allowing them to reach mastery in all three classes by the end of each term. **Students need to complete 12 classes by the end of the school year** to stay on pace for an on-time graduation. Students that demonstrate the ability to routinely finish 3 classes on time each quarter may request a 4th class with permission from the Avanti Counselor.

## **SCHOOLGY**

Classes will be managed through an enhanced learning management system (LMS) called Schoology. The majority of Avanti's courses utilize Schoology to make communication between the school and home easier, classroom resources more accessible, and class expectations clear for students and families. Parents can gain access to student's Schoology courses with a password provided by the [Technology Department](#).

## **ADVISORY (*Weekly - every Thursday*)**

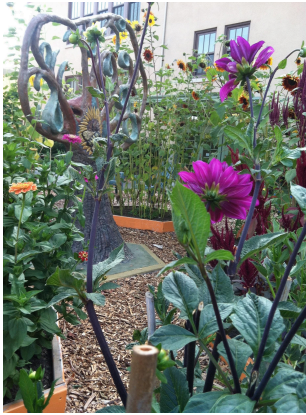
Students will meet with an Advisor (*Mentor*) teacher and cohort peers each week on Thursday. The Advisory day schedule differs from the rest of the week. **The 40 minute Advisory is a required period for all students** and has been added this year in order to build community, participate in courageous conversations, address social emotional needs, connect students for social time, and complete high school and beyond curriculum, much of which will be designed by Avanti students in the "Changemaking" class.

## **GRADING**

Staff will be using a 4 pt scale to gauge mastery. Students work toward mastery on all assignments and teachers individually decide what represents mastery level in their content area. Students working towards mastery are considered "emerging" towards proficiency. Students will earn a grade from "B-" to "A" when mastery has been achieved. Students falling below proficiency levels by the end of a term will be required to discuss their plans for completing the course requirements with the teacher in order to continue working towards earning credit in the course. Students remain in the incomplete course until the course requirements are fulfilled, the extension expires, or if there is no attempt to.

**Note: Attending school on Fridays is required for any person on an extension (incomplete course) in order to complete the course.**





## **Links to School Documents:**

### **School Supply List**

[25-26 Supply List](#)

### **2025-2026 Calendar**

[25-26 Avanti School Year Calendar](#)

### **Daily Schedule**

[25-26 Daily Schedule \(w/weekly Advisory\)](#)

### **Family Involvement**

[25-26 Community Group Meeting Schedule](#)

### **Staff Contact List**

[Staff Contacts and Resources](#)

### **Student Handbooks**

[25-26 Student Handbook](#) (AHS)

[Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form](#) (OSD)

### **Free/Reduced Lunch Application**

[FREE & REDUCED LUNCH](#) (Link to application form on the OSD Website)

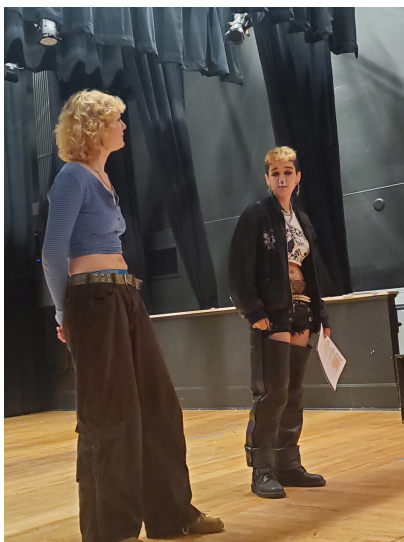
### **Parent Square Sign ups**

[Click here](#) to set up your account to receive updates, events, and communication.



## **September Dates to Remember:**

September 3rd:	12p:	<b><u>New Students/Family Welcome</u></b> Location: Auditorium Topic: Staff Introductions
	12:30p:	<b><u>Conferences / Meet Advisor</u></b> Location: Advisor's classroom
September 3-5:		<b><u>Returning Student Conferences:</u></b> Returning families need to make an appointment via Skyward Family Access.
	NOTE:	<b><u>Attending Conference confirms enrollment.</u></b> Students will receive class schedules, important school information, and set goals for the year.
September 8:		<b><u>First day of Classes at Avanti</u></b>
September 11 :		<b><u><a href="#">Advisory Schedule #1</a></u></b> AM & PM Students will attend a weekly Advisory period each Thursday throughout the year.
September 17:		<b><u>Picture Day (all day)</u></b> Get your photo taken in the Library before school, during passing time, during lunch, or after school. Students choosing to participate in student photos ( <i>not mandatory</i> ) will be provided a free Student I.D. card.
September 18 :		<b><u><a href="#">Advisory Schedule #2</a></u></b> AM & PM Students will attend a weekly Advisory period each Thursday throughout the year.
September 25 :		<b><u><a href="#">Advisory Schedule #3</a></u></b> AM & PM Students will attend a weekly Advisory period each Thursday throughout the year



## REMINDERS FOR SUCCESS AT SCHOOL



**HOMEWORK** (1 hour per class, every day)



**CHARGE YOUR CHROMEBOOK & Remember to Bring it to School, every day!** (we do not have many loaners, please bring yours!)





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