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Avalon Middle School

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*Principal's Message*

Dear Avalon Middle School Families,

As the principal of Avalon Middle School, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the upcoming 2024-25 school year! Our dedicated staff and I are excited to begin another year of learning, growth, and community with our amazing students and their families.

Here at Avalon Middle School, we are committed to creating a nurturing and challenging environment where every student can thrive. Our team has been hard at work preparing engaging curriculum, exciting extracurricular activities, and meaningful opportunities for our students to explore their passions and develop their skills.

We understand that a successful school year is built on strong partnerships between the school and our families. We encourage you to stay involved, whether through attending school events, participating in the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization, or simply staying in touch with your child's teachers and our administration. Your support and engagement are crucial to the success of our students and our school community.

As we look forward to the first day of school, we want to remind you to check our school website and newsletters for important updates and information. Digital newsletters will be sent out weekly through Talking Points and posted on our Facebook page. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way, and we are always available to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, let's make this school year the best one yet for our Husky family!

Warm regards,

Jennifer Williams  
Principal



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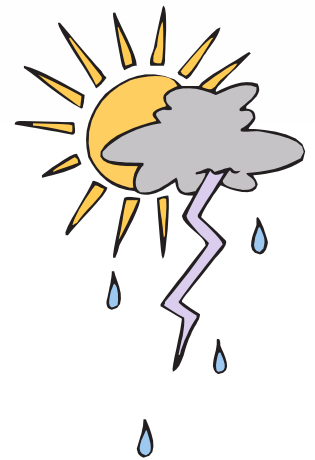
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### 2024-2025 School Calendar

Date(s)	Event
August 12	First Day of School
September 2	Labor Day Holiday
October 11	End of First Marking Period
October 14	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
October 15	Begin Second Marking Period
October 25	Teacher Professional Day Student Holiday/Teacher Non-Workday
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 20	End of Second Marking Period
December 23-January 3	Winter Break
January 6	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
January 7	Begin Third Marking Period Begin Second Semester
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Schools and District Offices Closed
February 17	Presidents' Day/Teacher Non-Work Day Schools Closed/ District Offices Open
March 13	End of Third Marking Period
March 14	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
March 17-21	Spring Break Schools Closed/District Offices Open
March 24	Begin Fourth Marking Period
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday Schools and District Offices Closed
May 28	End of Fourth Marking Period Last Day of School

### Prioritized Bad Weather Dates

Priority	Date	Current Use
1	October 25, 2024	Professional Day/Student Holiday
2	November 25, 2024	Monday of Thanksgiving Break
3	November 26, 2024	Tuesday of Thanksgiving Break
4	November 27, 2024	Wednesday of Thanksgiving Break
5	February 17, 2025	Presidents' Day
6	March 21, 2025	Friday of Spring Break
7	March 20, 2025	Thursday of Spring Break
8	March 19, 2025	Wednesday of Spring Break
9	March 18, 2025	Tuesday of Spring Break
10	March 17, 2025	Monday of Spring Break



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Date	Test Name	Grade(s)
9/3	FAST English Language Arts - PM1	6 - 8
9/5	FAST Mathematics - PM1	6 - 8
12/3	FAST English Language Arts - PM2	6 - 8
12/5	FAST Mathematics - PM2	6 - 8
Dec Dates TBD	Common Final Exams for Semester 1 Courses	6 - 8
1/28	ACCESS for ELLs - Reading and Listening	6 - 8
1/30	ACCESS for ELLs - Writing	6 - 8
4/1	B.E.S.T. Writing	6 - 8
5/1	FAST English Language Arts - PM3	6 - 8
5/8	FAST Mathematics - PM3	6 - 8
5/8	B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC	Enrollment
5/8	B.E.S.T. Geometry EOC	Enrollment
5/13	NGSSS Civics EOC	7
5/13	Statewide Science Assessment	8
5/15-5/20	Common Final Exams	6 - 8

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## Bell Schedule

### 6th Grade

M, T, R, F Bell Schedule	Wednesday Bell schedule
1st Period- 9:30-10:22	1st Period- 9:30-10:12
2nd Period- 10:25-11:14	2nd Period- 10:16-10:54
<b>Lunch- 11:14-11:44</b>	<b>Lunch- 10:54-11:24</b>
3rd Period-11:48-12:36	3rd Period-11:28-12:06
4th Period-12:40-1:28	4th Period-12:10-12:48
5th Period-1:32-2:20	5th Period-12:52-1:30
6th Period-2:24-3:12	6th Period-1:34-2:12
7th Period-3:16-4:04	7th Period-2:16-2:54

### 7th Grade

M, T, R, F Bell Schedule	Wednesday Bell schedule
1st Period- 9:30-10:22	1st Period- 9:30-10:12
2nd Period- 10:25-11:14	2nd Period- 10:16-10:54
3rd Period-11:18-12:06	3rd Period- 10:58-11:36
<b>Lunch-12:06-12:36</b>	<b>Lunch-11:36-12:06</b>
4th Period-12:40-1:28	4th Period-12:10-12:48
5th Period-1:32-2:20	5th Period-12:52-1:30
6th Period-2:24-3:12	6th Period-1:34-2:12
7th Period-3:16-4:04	7th Period-2:16-2:54

### 8th Grade

M, T, R, F Bell Schedule	Wednesday Bell schedule
1st Period- 9:30-10:22	1st Period- 9:30-10:12
2nd Period- 10:25-11:14	2nd Period- 10:16-10:54
3rd Period-11:18-12:06	3rd Period- 10:58-11:36
4th Period – 12:10-12:58	4th Period- 11:40-12:18
<b>Lunch – 12:58-1:28</b>	<b>Lunch – 12:18-12:48</b>
5th Period-1:32-2:20	5th Period-12:52-1:30
6th Period-2:24-3:12	6th Period-1:34-2:12
7th Period-3:16-4:04	7th Period-2:16-2:54



## Attendance Information

This school year we are actively working to improve the culture around school attendance, recognizing its importance for student growth and academic success. Here are some suggestions and points you might consider as parents:

1. Face to Face interaction; while online resources like Canvas are valuable tools, they cannot replace the benefits of being physically present in the classroom. Students receive direct instruction, support from teachers, engage in collaborative activities, receive feedback, and develop important social and academic skills through in-person interaction.
2. Impacts on learning: There is a negative correlation between attendance and test scores across all subject areas. Missing classes means missing out on crucial learning opportunities that could impact a student's understanding and performance.
3. Encourage Timely Attendance: Stress to your child the importance of arriving to school on time. Late arrivals can disrupt the learning environment and cause students to miss critical instructional time.
4. Minimize Absences for Non-Emergencies: you are encouraged to schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible, and to prioritize attendance during school days. This helps students maintain continuity in their learning and reduces the need to catch up on missed work. If not possible, consider having your child arrive late or return to school after their appointment.
5. Plan Vacations Strategically: Family time is crucial, work on planning vacations around school breaks to minimize disruptions to learning. This supports a consistent attendance culture and helps students stay engaged with their studies.

By fostering a culture that values and prioritizes school attendance, we can create an environment where students are more likely to succeed academically and develop important life skills.



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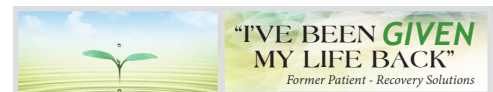
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### AMS STEM Club

Exciting news for all Avalon MS students! Our STEM Club, sponsored by Ms. Ludwick and Mr. Walsh, is gearing up for a fantastic and fun-filled year. Running after school on Wednesdays until 4:00 PM, the club will offer hands-on activities like building robots, launching rockets, racing model cars, and more. If you're passionate about technology and science, this is the place for you! Look out for more information during the first week of school on how to join.

A special thank you to all the students who participated in the STEM Space Camp this summer- we had a blast and look forward to doing it again next year!



### Emergency Contact Information

Parents, it is crucial to update your child's emergency contact information to ensure authorized individuals are permitted to pick up your child from school. This information should include older siblings who you have authorized to pick up a younger sibling.

When someone comes to pick up a student from school, we will check identification and confirm authorization to pick up the student. This helps us maintain a secure environment and ensures that your child is always in safe hands. In addition, by keeping this information current, you give us the ability to quickly reach you or other trusted contacts in case of an emergency. You can check the status of authorized individuals in the "Student Information" section of your Skyward Family Access account. If you need to make changes, you can pick up and complete a new "Emergency Information" form in our front office.

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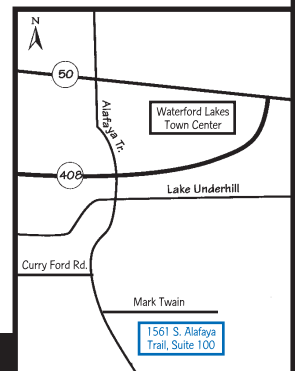
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### Middle School Athletics

Avalon Middle School offers competitive, interscholastic sports like soccer, volleyball, basketball, and track and field. Participating in sports offers a fantastic opportunity for students to stay active, build teamwork skills, and make lasting friendships. It's a great way to enhance school spirit and personal development. To ensure everyone's safety and readiness, please remember that all students must have a complete sports physical on file before the first day of tryouts—no exceptions will be made. Instructions for completing the sports physical through [aktiviate.com](http://aktiviate.com) can be found on our website. Students, get ready to bring your best and enjoy the excitement of competing with fellow students!

#### Soccer Season

The first day of tryouts will be August 12th after school. For more information, contact the Athletic Director, [Jarrin.RolleWarren@ocps.net](mailto:Jarrin.RolleWarren@ocps.net). Games begin at 5:30 pm (Wednesday 5:00 pm). Girls play first followed by the boys in all contests.

Date	Home/Away	Opposing Team
August 28, 2024	Home	Wedgefield K-8
September 4, 2024	Away	Legacy MS
September 9, 2024	Away	Timber Springs MS
September 11, 2024	Home	Discovery MS
September 16, 2024	Bye	
September 18, 2024	Home	Odyssey MS
September 23, 2024	Away	Corner Lake MS
September 30, 2024	Playoffs Round 1	TBD
October 1, 2024	Playoffs Round 2	TBD
October 7, 2024	Playoffs Quarter Finals	TBD
October 9, 2024	Playoffs Semi Finals	TBD
October 15, 2024	Championship	TBD

#### Volleyball Season

The first day of tryouts will be October 9th after school. For more information, contact the Athletic Director, [Jarrin.RolleWarren@ocps.net](mailto:Jarrin.RolleWarren@ocps.net). Games begin at 5:30 pm (Wednesday 5:00 pm). Girls play first followed by the boys in all contests.



Date	Home/Away	Opposing Team
October 30, 2024	Home	Wedgefield K-8
November 4, 2024	Away	Legacy MS
November 6, 2024	Away	Timber Springs MS
November 11, 2024	Home	Discovery MS
November 13, 2024	Bye	
November 18, 2024	Home	Odyssey MS
November 20, 2024	Away	Corner Lake MS
December 4, 2024	Playoffs Round 1	TBD
December 9, 2024	Playoffs Round 2	TBD
December 11, 2024	Playoffs Quarter Finals	TBD
December 16, 2024	Playoffs Semi Finals	TBD
December 18, 2024	Championship	TBD



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### Basketball Season

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Games begin at 5:30 pm (Wednesday 5:00 pm). Girls play first followed by the boys in all contests.

Date	Home/Away	Opposing Team
January 27, 2025	Home	Wedgfield K-8
January 29, 2025	Away	Legacy MS
February 3, 2025	Away	Timber Springs MS
February 5, 2025	Home	Discovery MS
February 10, 2025	Bye	
February 12, 2025	Home	Odyssey MS
February 19, 2025	Away	Corner Lake MS
February 24, 2025	Playoffs Round 1	TBD
February 26, 2025	Playoffs Round 2	TBD
March 3, 2025	Playoffs Quarter Finals	TBD
March 5, 2025	Playoffs Semi Finals	TBD
March 10, 2025	Championship	TBD



### Track & Field Season

The first day of tryouts will be March 5th after school. For more information, contact the Athletic Director, Jarrin.RolleWarren@ocps.net.

Date	Home/Away	Opposing Team
March 26, 2025	Away	Discovery MS & Corner Lake MS
March 31, 2025	Home	Legacy MS & Timber Springs MS
April 2, 2025	Home	Odyssey MS
April 9, 2025	Away	Wedgfield K-8
April 14-17, 2025	Cluster Championships	TBD



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