**Avon Middle School**

**8th Grade Open House**

**Hurricane Team**



Team Leader –Scott Rand

Donna Beaudoin

Josie Cannella

Gene Macy

**Schedule**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 8th grade Open House. We trust that this evening will be both informative and enjoyable. The purpose of this evening is to give you the opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and experience life here at Avon Middle School. If you have specific questions or concerns about your child’s progress, please contact me to schedule a team meeting.

Thank you,

Scott Rand

Team Leader

**\*\*We *strongly* recommend that all students carry with them a flash drive and have a large supply of loose leaf notebook paper.\*\***

**PowerSchool:** Please regularly review your child’s progress on PowerSchool. If you run into difficulities accessing PowerSchool please immediately call 860-404-4770 and speak with Mr. Famiglieti or Mrs. Lawson.

**Major Interdisciplinary Projects / Units**:

* Visit to State Capitol, Legislative Office Building, State Supreme Court and Old State House to study the three branches of state government.
* Farmington River Trip to study of the effects of humans on the river.
* BIG 6 Research Paper

**An overview of educational expectations, communication, and support**

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| **Teacher/Daily Materials** | **Homework** | **Extra help** | **Grading** | **Makeup/Late\*** | **Test/Quizzes** |
| Social Studies **Mr. Macy**  **Daily Materials:** 3 ring binder with 8 tabs;  pen/pencil;  Planbook3 | 3-4 times / week  30-45 min | M–F: 7 am  and 2:15-2:45 pm all year | Total Points System: All work given value of 10-100 points. Grade = points earned / points possible | Homework: 50% penalty  Other: 10% per day. pm detentions as needed | Term Test end of each term, 5-7 quizzes per term |
| Mathematics **Mrs. Beaudoin**  **Daily Materials:** Textbook, notebook, pencil, eraser, calculator, and colored pencils | Assigned Daily  30-45 min | Tuesday-Thursday 7:00- 7:30 a.m.; no appt. needed | **Pre-ALG :** T=40%Q=30%  HW=20%NB=10%  **Honors ALG :** T=50%Q=30%HW=20% | Late HW receives -4 pts per hw assignment (-2 if handed in next day) | Quizzes weekly, Tests at the end of each unit |
| Science **Mr. Rand**  **Daily Materials:**  ring binder with loose leaf paper, pen / pencil, calculator  **No folders** | 3-4 assigned / week | a.m. by appt.  (not Tuesdays)  p.m. by appt.;  FLEX | Total Points System: All work given value of 5-100 points. Grade = points earned / total points possible | 10% /day penalty | Quiz at end of each unit;  Labs review concepts learned in class |
| English **Ms. Cannella**  **Daily Materials:** 3 ring binder, blue/black **pen**, literature text, completed HW | Assigned daily, approx.  30 min | Afternoons, FLEX (limited), a.m. by appt. | Approximately  100pts. - Lit. Tests /major papers  50pts – sm. papers  Varying pts. - Quizzes | Late essays-10%/day, Rewrite option on essays | Vocab, novels, stories, & concepts |
| **Spanish**  Mr. Donato | Assigned daily | Available upon request | 35% tests  35% quizzes  30% participation and homework | Refer to AMS policy | Minimum of 4 quizzes and 1 test per unit |
| **French**  Mrs. Kaseta | Assigned almost daily. A homework detention and loss of 50% if homework is not completed. | Available upon request | 25% quizzes  35% tests  20% homework  20% class participation | All homework and tests must be completed within one week after absence. | Quizzes weekly; tests given at the end of each chapter. |
| SpanishMrs. Patterson | Assigned daily. | Available upon request after school | All work given point values. | See signed contract given in class | Quizzes weekly or biweekly; Unit projects throughout the year |
| SpanishMrs. Quezada | Assigned M-Th | Available upon request | All work given point values.  Pts. earned divided by Pts. available determines average. | Refer to AMS policy | 4 quizzes and one test per unit |
| **Guidance**  Mrs. Kathy Marzano, 404-4776  kmarzano@avon.k12.ct.us | None | Call anytime | None |  |  |

Note: All students are expected to use their plan books in class

\* All teachers follow the AMS policy allowing 2 days to make up work for each day of an excused absence. See Student Handbook.

**Contact Information:**

Teachers can be reached by phone (860) 404-4770 or *preferably* by email:

**Social Studies:** emacy@avon.K12.ct.us

**Math:** dbeaudoin@avon.k12.ct.us

**Language Arts:** jcannella@avon.k12.ct.us

**Science:** srand@avon.k12.ct.us

**Special Education:** msiegel@avon.K12.ct.us

**Special Education:** lmailman@avon.k12.ct.us

**Spanish:** odonato@avon.k12.ct.us

**Spanish:** kquezada@avon.k12.ct.us

**Spanish:** mpatterson@avon.k12.ct.us

**French:** mkaseta@avon.k12.ct.us

Additionally, the above teachers have website links found on APS website

Please visit http://www.avon.k12.ct.us/AvonMiddle

Information on our website includes

* Bus routes
* Lunch menus
* Teacher web pages
* School Calendar
* School Closings
* PTO Information
* Media Center Information

Guidance Counselor – Kathy Marzano may be reached by phone (860) 404 -4775 or email kmarzano@avon.k12.ct.us.