

# AVID October/November Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe, but we are already half way through the first semester of the school year. The Freshmen classes are continuing their work on note taking skills, organization with their binders, and inquiry skills by asking higher level questions with their Tutorial Request Forms.

Sophomores are starting their unit on careers. They will have a chance to interview and shadow a professional in a field they are interested in pursuing after college. The Juniors are preparing time management presentations to present to Freshmen English and Social Studies classes.

They will also be starting SAT/ACT prep every Wednesday until April in order to prepare for the exam. Wednesdays will alternate between math and reading practice.

Finally, the Seniors are finishing up college applications, and starting on scholarship applications. This month the Sophomores visited Carthage and the Freshmen visited Northwestern.

## Upcoming Dates to Know

November 14th- Universidad de Padres from 6:30-9:00pm

November 22-24th- Thanksgiving break

November 28th- AVID Winter family night

December 1st- ½ day schedule

December 15th- Early release schedule

Dec 18-20- Semester 1 Final Exams

December 22- Winter break begins

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration <i>(extra \$27.50 fee)</i>
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	October 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 22, 2018

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration <i>(extra \$29 fee)</i>
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017	August 15, 2017
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018

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## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES!!

Andrea Amador: Coe College; Iowa State  
 Ruben Camargo: Coe College  
 Kayla Gonzalez: Coe College  
 Jacky Leon: Eastern Illinois University  
 Mireya Ortega: Western Illinois University; Aurora University  
 Brenda Ramirez: Aurora University; Iowa State





## So what is the deal with the AVID binder??

The big black binder is an essential part of the AVID program. One of the hallmarks of successful students is the ability to be organized and plan ahead. The AVID binder is the method we use to help students learn organizational tools such as keeping their class papers and notes in order, writing down assignments in their notebook, keeping extra paper on hand, and always having the school supplies they need. Our goal is that AVID student backpacks do not look like other students, a disorganized mess full of class papers they can never find. AVID binders are graded on Fridays each week. Included in their grade are their

cornell notes and learning logs for the week in each class, their academic planner, the organization of the binder including no loose papers and tabs for each subject, and their pencil pouch with academic supplies. You can get involved by asking your AVID student to see their binder during the week!



## College Corner

Seniors can apply to colleges with either early decision, early action, and regular admission. So what does all that mean?

- **Early decision:** You can **apply to only one early** decision college. If the college accepts you and offers you enough financial aid, you must go to that college. That's why these plans are referred to as "binding." Although you may apply to additional colleges through the regular admission process, you must withdraw all other applications if you're accepted by this college. If you are not accepted, you will either be rejected or deferred. Rejected applicants may not apply again that year. Deferred applicants will be reconsidered during the regular admission period, and are free to apply to other schools.
- **Early Action:** Early action is non-binding. This means you are not bound to attend if you are accepted. You may also apply early action to multiple colleges. Early action deadlines usually fall at the same time as early decision. The obvious advantage of early action over early decision is the opportunity it gives you to apply to, and ultimately compare financial aid packages from several schools. Decisions are usually made before January 1st.
- **Regular admissions:** It's the way that most applicants apply and the deadlines will vary from institution to institution. There will be separate financial aid application deadlines and requirements of which you must be aware, but in general the process is pretty straightforward. Once you submit an application, you can apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA (and perhaps the CSS Profile). You'll receive a letter of acceptance or denial, and if you're accepted, then you will also receive an award letter that details any financial aid you're eligible to receive. You're required to make your final college choice by May 1.

## Meet an AVID Senior!

*Name:* Brenda Ramirez

*Future College Major:* Elementary Special Education Teacher

*Top college choice:* Loyola University Chicago

*Favorite class:* AVID. I have people I can talk to and rely on. I find comfort in AVID

*Most helpful part of AVID:* Getting involved in community service, SAT prep and pushing us to take challenging classes

*Advice to AVID students:* Never think of quitting AVID!! It will be worth it in the end. You can complain about AVID but don't quit!!



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