

AVID 3RD QUARTER UPDATE

The BIG Picture: 4 years through AVID

*Blue Valley Southwest
March 2015*

AVID College Visits

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| University of Central Missouri | April 7th AVID 11 |
| University of Central Missouri | April 21st AVID 9, 10 |

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AVID 2015: SENIORS

The senior AVID class is winding down their time in the program and as a student at BVSW. We are currently still looking for any and all scholarship opportunities out there. Our class has members committed to Kansas State, University of Kansas, Emporia State, and Johnson County CC. Three of our seniors have received the K-State AVID Scholarship of \$1,500! We have a couple students still making those final decisions on where they will attend next year and look forward to hearing that next month!

AVID 2016: JUNIORS

Our third quarter focus has been the foundations of college admission. This included a research project and presentation around potential college majors. Our current topic is financing a college education including examining direct and indirect costs, types of financial aid, the FAFSA, and actual cost versus the "sticker price". Each student has a firm idea of where he/she stands financially having completed, with family members, the FAFSA4caster and net price calculators for several colleges and universities of interest.

Our current project is an argument synthesis centering on the value of a college education. Several students were able to attend a K-State leadership conference and we have had the

opportunity to hear guest speakers present helpful tools and mindsets that keep us moving toward our college goals.

Next up will be the basics of the college application, college essays, letters of recommendations, and updating our college resumes. We will also continue prep for the ACT test in April and we are looking forward to our final college visit as an AVID class to the University of Central Missouri.

AVID 2017: SOPHOMORES

The AVID 10 students have had a busy start to the 2nd semester. It started off with an outstanding opportunity for the kids to participate in the KSU Discover U AVID conference. They had a great day and enjoyed the keynote speaker as well as the mini breakout sessions offered to them.

Our focus has now shifted to weekly ACT prep work and doing a research project on 2 year vs. 4 year colleges. Students will continue to explore both options selection which choice is best for them. We will also continue the AVID tutorial and binder check procedures each week.

The students are looking forward to our spring college visit to the University of Central Missouri on April 21.

AVID 2018: FRESHMAN

Our third quarter has focused on time management, enrollment for next year, Socratic seminars, timed writes, and reading strategies. We have been very busy! We have welcomed student teacher from Baker University, Mr. Colter Schacher. He has been assisting with the class and providing insight to our students about being a college athlete.

We have also focused a lot on self reflection in order to make our experience in AVID the best that it can be for the class as a whole. It is our goal as a class to allow each student to feel safe, challenged, supported, and respected.

We are getting ready to begin a public speaking unit along with a research paper in the library. We are looking forward to our upcoming college visit to UCM.

Coming Soon: GUEST SPEAKERS

*"Mirror, Mirror" - April 14th
AVID 9-12*

This presentation will provide tips to stay in the present and look through the windshield to make the most of each experience and opportunity.

*"Financial Wellness" - May 1st
AVID 12*

Learn the financial strategies for making the transition to college successful.

