

prep for the future

WHAT IT TAKES TO SUCCEED IN THE AVID PROGRAM

AVID LEARNERS Beyond organizational skills, AVID allows students like Jazmin Mejia to get some college experience while in a high school class. "It's taught me organization, time management, and just taking all the opportunities that we get, like writing college essays. We do a lot of note-taking so in college we'll already be used to that," Mejia (11) said.



Unlike other classes, AVID teachers have the same group of students all four years. "It's very rare when you teach high school if you taught them in 9th grade that you ever see them again, so you don't know how their story worked out. But I like when you have them from 9th to 12th that you do get to see them grow and go out in the world and achieve their goals," AVID teacher Mrs. Allen said. AVID continues to serve as an opportunity to learn for both the students and teachers involved in the program.



STEPS TO SUCCESS Hanad Ali (11) talks with his AVID classmate Jazmin Mejia (11). "With the skills we are learning, I'll be more successful in college," Ali said. PHOTO BY J. BRESSLER

KEEPING UP TO DATE Mikhala Perry (12) checks her grades on her phone at the end of class. "AVID will help me be a better college student," Perry said. PHOTO BY M. BALLARD



tips and tricks

HOW TO STAY ORGANIZED

FOLLOW THE LEADER Tristan Jones (11) studies diligently in the library during third period. "I keep classes separate from each other and I have a binder. I figured out what work I need to do when (because) I realized everyone else does this and I probably should too to help my grade," Jones said. Many students have chosen to study in the library because of its peaceful and quiet environment.

ORGANIZATION NATION Nikia Williams (10) finishes organizing her school supplies before studying for her chemistry test in the library. "I have one specific folder for all my homework that I need to do and then all the homework I finish in another folder. (With this strategy) I definitely haven't lost as much homework as I did last year and I haven't forgotten anything because it's all organized," Williams said.



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FOCUS UP "AVID will not only help me in college, but with my life after I graduate college too," Mariah Vasquez (11) said. PHOTO BY K. PAMPHIA



TWO PEAS IN A POD For most, college preparation begins junior year, but sophomore Amelia Thorn started the search early alongside her sister, Madeleine Thorn (12). "I've been able to go on most college tours with her and learn good habits from her. It's allowed me to start a path for what I want and know what to do to catch colleges' eye," Amelia (10) said. Although she was by her sister's side during the process, having Maddie away at college will be a change. "It's going to be a really hard adjustment for me because she's the person who has truly been through it all with me. She's almost been my mentor in the ways she's helped me," Amelia said. When her time comes, Amelia wants to attend Cornell University in New York or UCLA in California. PHOTO COURTESY OF A. THORN



on the path

STAGES OF COLLEGE

HARD WORK PAYS OFF Avery Joslin (12) beams with joy as she officially commits to Fort Lewis College. "Being committed honestly feels amazing and like a huge weight has been lifted off of my shoulders. I have achieved my goal but I still have to continue to work hard as a lacrosse player. I think college is important because it's where you truly find yourself. It's the best moments of your life because you're surrounded by people with the same goals as you," Joslin said. PHOTO COURTESY OF A. JOSLIN



PLANNING AHEAD Tarikwa Woldemariam (11) looks at the college planning calendar during class to find out when the PSATs are taking place. "When my sister did this, she had a practice SAT book so I just looked at that and went over it. I really hope (the PSAT) helps because I'm a horrible test taker," Woldemariam said. Junior year has been the common starting point for college prep, especially for standardized tests. PHOTO BY J. BRESSLER



I decided to visit University of Puget Sound because it has a (music) program I love and it's in my favorite part of the country. Madeline Kawnak (11) said. PHOTO COURTESY OF M. KAWNAK

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