

Stress free Thanksgiving break welcome after busy Fall

by Kimberly Tolsma

Thanksgiving break is a great time to reconnect with family and recoup after the stressful activities that come with the fall season. Kids are feeling the release of pressure as fall sports end and fine arts activities wrap up. This year's Thanksgiving break will be from November 24-28.

Junior Madi Mudder said she is looking forward to eating

pumpkin pie and seeing her sisters. She also enjoys playing board games and watching football.

Sophomore Courtney Sees said she is excited to have a break from school and eat her grandma's ham and cheese pasta salad.

Regardless of your holiday traditions (watching football, eating turkey, sleeping in), make the most of your time



away from school to recharge your batteries. Next step...Christmas!

Students active in FCA

by Kalee Mixon

Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been a school program in Avon for the last several years. According to their website, FCA is "an interdenominational Christian sports ministry to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes."

FCA meets on Wednesdays after school. It opens with a prayer followed by a snack during the meeting. Most meetings have about ten members in attendance.

HOSA fosters future medical care workers

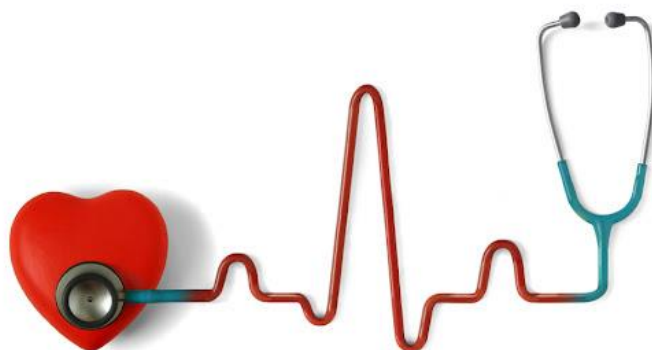
by Gracie Small

This will be the second year Avon will offer HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America). There are six returning students from last year: Makayla Kopp (12), Gracie Small (11), Kimberly Tolsma (11), McKenna Kocmich (10), Courtney Sees (10), Landon Thury (10); and one new student: Ashley Tolsma (9).

At the last meeting on October 27, the group discussed fundraising for their medical mission trip this summer. Due to COVID complications and money questions,

the destination and dates are yet to be determined.

For the remainder of the year, HOSA will continue to meet and learn about different jobs in the medical field. The group will also go to State HOSA on March 31 to April 1 in Sioux Falls, SD, where they will compete against other schools in medical skills.



Musicians perform in fall concert

by Tiffany Pelton

On November 8 at 7:30 P.M., the Avon Choir and 6-12 Band, led by Mrs. Autumn Schultz (choir), Ms. Mataya Larsgaard (band), and Mrs. June Fink (piano accompanist) held a fall concert in the Avon gym.

Junior high choir opened the concert with three songs: "Thula Klizeo," "I See Colors," and "Don't Stop Me Now." Next, the junior high band

played two songs: "Revenge of the Dust Bunnies" and "Cowbell Rock."

High school choir followed. They started with the All-State Chorus attendees singing "I Hear America Singing." The whole choir then joined and they sang "Eatnemen Vuelie," "Make Them Hear You," "Hope," and "Believe in Love."

Schultz said, "We had a lot of time to work on our selections. We were able to incorporate three All-State songs that were very challenging. For a small school to do this is very impressive. We also used a lot of instruments for pizzazz and depth." Schultz added, "This is the most boys I have had in choir since I have been here. I am very excited to have such a strong bass and tenor section. I am looking forward to what we are all going to accomplish by the end of the year."

Finishing the concert was the high school band. They played three songs: "Bandology," "Moscow 1941" and "Dark Ride." Larsgaard said, "There is so much talent in this small community. I am excited to see all this musical growth."



Avon junior high choir performed at the Fall Concert on November 8.