



AVID NEWS

SHAW HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL AVID NEWSLETTER

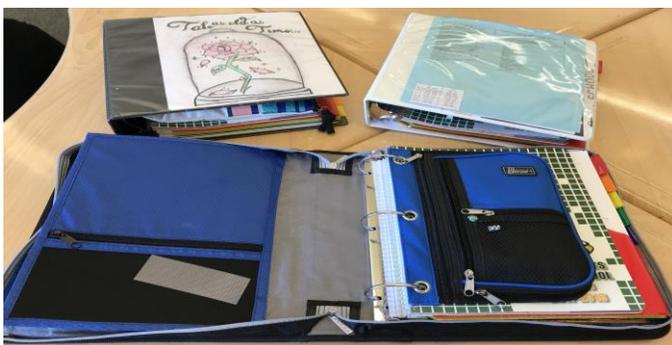
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Ms. Griego's 7th grade AVID class.

AVID AND DATA BINDERS UNITE

Our schoolwide data binders are back and better than ever! This year we are combining all of our data binder foundations with a new AVID twist. All students are required to have a binder in class, every day. Our binders are a great tool for us to use as we learn to get organized and they help us store all of the important work we do here at Shaw Heights every day. In our AVID data binders, students are analyzing their past assessment data to help focus their work. Students also track their progress through our district learning targets and proficiency scales. Finally, they are working on setting SMART goals in all classes to help them accomplish more than ever.



8th Grade AVID binder examples

SHAW HEIGHTS WELCOMES IT'S FIRST YEAR OF AVID

Welcome back to school Falcons! We are off to a great start this school year! We are proud to announce that this is our first year of AVID and our kids are really working hard to master the foundations of the program.

SOCRATIC SEMINARS



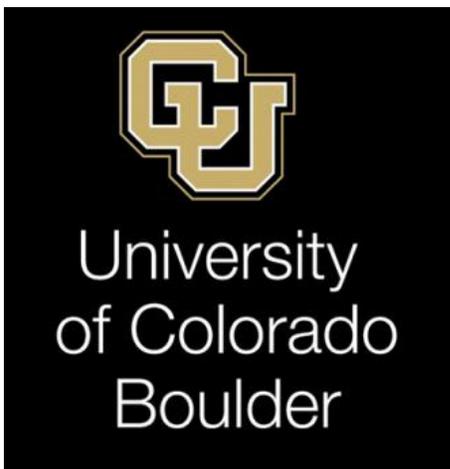
7th Grade AVID students participating in Socratic Seminar on "If I ruled the school"

Our AVID students have been hard at work learning how to communicate with their peers during a group discussion. They were introduced to their first Socratic Seminar, where they discussed what their school life would be like if, "I ruled the school". The students held a great discussion that focused on developing conversational skills, respecting personal opinions, providing evidence to support their beliefs and group collaboration.

COLLEGE FRIDAYS

College Friday has begun and our first look was the University of Colorado Boulder. Every Friday, AVID class focuses on college options for our students. We look at what each college offers, their admission process and their campus life. Our focus from the University of Colorado was on their Engineering program. CU offers one of the best engineering programs in the country and is the best program of its kind in the state.

Staff alumni from CU Boulder: Mr. Hartman, Ms. Villa-Hartman, Mr. Rivera, Mr. Sanner, Ms. Brown

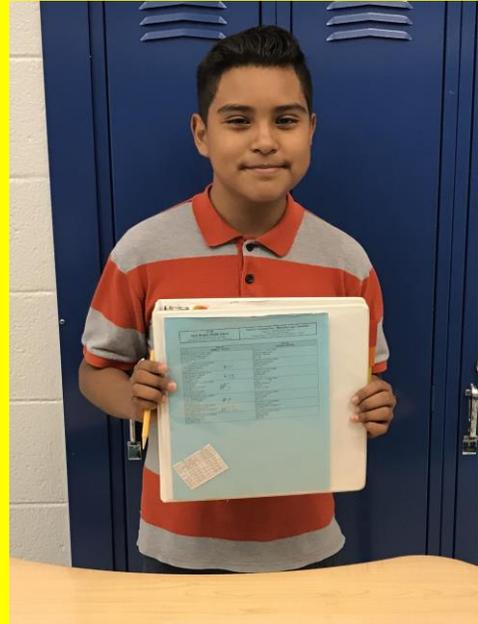


Upcoming College Friday schools: Harvard University, Colorado State University and Florida State University.

IMPORTANT NEWS

- ✘ In November, our AVID students will get a chance to visit Metropolitan State University of Denver. They will have a small group tour around campus and hear from current students.
- ✘ GPA checks are coming. As part of becoming prepared for college, all students will participate in bi-monthly grade checks. Students will focus on calculating GPA and creating SMART goals to help focus their work and improve their school performance.

AVID STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Jonathan Miranda Cano- 7th grade

Where do you want to go to college?

I am not sure about what school yet, but it would be a school for professional cooking.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I would like to study to be a professional chef and own my own restaurant someday.

What do you like most about AVID so far?

So far, I like that I am getting to know my classmates and that we get a chance to work in groups together.

How has AVID helped you be more successful in school this year?

AVID has helped me be more successful in school because I am very organized now. We do so many binder checks that helps me to stay organized. Without the binder checks my papers would have been a mess in my binder.

