



January 23, 2023

Re: AVID 9 Parent Meeting

Dear Parent of a Grade 8 Student,

AVID (**A**dvancement **V**ia **I**ndividual **D**etermination) is a “college preparatory system” for developing academic learners who have the desire and potential to attend post-secondary education or training. This is *not* a remedial or behavior modification class. Students make a conscious choice to enroll in AVID, and sign a contract committing to the demands of the year-long course, stating that they will participate and work to the best of their abilities – their “individual determination”.

The goal of the AVID 9-12 classes (paired with English 9-12) is to introduce, then foster, the skills that many high-achieving students already possess. From goal setting, to accelerating reading comprehension, to developing note-taking and organizational strategies, to researching post-secondary institutions and future careers, AVID purposefully prepares students for the rigors of college/university. We work together from September through to June, to build literacy, social, and academic skills, not only in English, but in *all* core subjects. The AVID teacher becomes another advocate for your child, and is there to help mentor them through to graduation. However, this is a two-way street, as AVID students agree to work diligently to develop these skills and turn them into life-long habits. It is not easy, and requires purposeful commitment.

Throughout the year we work hard to build an “AVID family” in the classroom. Students truly get to know their peers in order to appreciate and support each other’s learning, social, and academic growth.

If your child fits the criteria stated above and you think they would benefit from the AVID/English 9 class, please join us on **Thursday, February 2nd** for an **AVID 9 Information Session** from **6:15-6:45 pm** in **Room 2125** (before Royal Bay’s “Grade 9 Info Session” begins at 7:00 pm). We look forward to meeting you, telling you a little bit about ourselves, and answering any questions you may have about what AVID at Royal Bay will look like for your student.

Sincerely,

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For more information on the American version of the AVID College Readiness System (ACRS), check out www.avid.org.