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Dear AHS Friends and Families,

As you may have heard, Ronan HERNSDORF-SMITH, a senior at AHS, has been reported missing since the afternoon of 8/30/21. There is still an active investigation into the student's whereabouts. If you or someone you know has any information that may help in locating Ronan, please contact the Avon Police Department.

Tonight, there is a vigil planned to provide support for Ronan and them and their family. Particulars are at the end of this correspondence. If you have an opportunity to attend, we are sure Ronan's family and friends will be greatly appreciative of your support.

As the AHS community, APS community, and Avon community come together at this time, we wanted to take a moment to let you know that we are here to support our students and families in any way we can. If your student feels the need to discuss this situation, or any matter that this situation may bring up for them, please let them know that the school counseling office is open during school hours to help them process these uncharted waters. Also, please feel free to contact your child's school counselor if you have a concern for your students. We will be happy to touch base with them.

Today, we had school counselors available all day to help students, and will ensure that there is a school counselor available to meet with students who are in need of support without an appointment. This access will be available moving forward, and assessed and adjusted based on student need. An additional message will go out to students tonight to encourage them to take advantage of this resource if the need presents itself.

Furthermore, if you find yourself in a conversation with your child, and it is after school hours, you can contact the Connecticut Mobile Crisis Intervention Services by dialing 211. This is a free service offered to all Connecticut residents, and is supported by mental health professionals throughout the state.

As always, we are here to support our students and families. Our thoughts are with the HERNSDORF-SMITH family, and we are all wishing for Ronan's safe and speedy return. Should you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

*Diana DeVivo*

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Asst. Principal

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# Vigil for Ronan Hernsdorf-Smith



Wednesday, September 8th at 7 PM  
Avon Town Center Gazebo

Show your support for them and their family by placing letters, cards, flowers, and other gifts in the Avon High School gallery.

Join us as we come together as a community and rally to bring Ronan home.

