

## Central High School

### Welcome to AVID!

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#### AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

The curriculum, based on rigorous standards, was developed by middle and senior high school teachers in collaboration with college professors. It is driven by the WICR method, which stands for writing, inquiry, collaboration, and reading.

Dr. Jackson comes to Central after teaching as an university professor at Old Dominion University (VA) and Piedmont College (GA). She has taught American, British, World Literature, as well as Honors American Literature and Broadcast Journalism in public schools. Currently, Dr. Jackson teaches Eng. 101 at Prince George's Community College.

#### Something to Think About

A growing number of Americans are taking high school equivalency tests in their hunt for a leg up in this bleak labour market. In 2008, the number of people taking the test for their GED diploma grew 6.6% to 777,000 from a year earlier, according to the American Council on Education, which administers the test. Between the first quarters of 2008 and 2009, three states -- Louisiana, New Hampshire and North Carolina -- and the District of Columbia saw at least a 20% rise in the number of test-

takers. But the potential for a better job and pay that drives many to seek a General Educational Development diploma comes with a caveat: The certificate generally is of limited value unless students use it as a stepping-stone to further education.

*Source:* Wall Street Journal: Dropouts Seek a Boost from Equivalency Exams  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125270544931104513.html>

#### Habitat for Humanity

The PG County Habitat for Humanity will begin working on three homes in Capitol Heights. On Oct. 8, Dr. Jackson will attend a volunteers meeting to learn more about working with this group.

#### Communicating with AVID Team



Parents can reach any member of the AVID Team by using the email address

below:

[avidatcentral@gmail.com](mailto:avidatcentral@gmail.com).

#### Field Trips

We will visit local college campuses via the Metro. Upcoming college tours include:

Oct. 23-Catholic Univ. (DC)  
Permission slips will be sent home on Sept. 30. Cost of the trip is \$12. Students are asked to bring a bag lunch.

Nov. 20-George Washington Univ. (DC)

Feb. 5-UDC(DC)

March 12-Univ. of MD(MD)

Parents are encouraged to join us on these trips, and should also send their fees so that we can secure your fare cards.

#### Parents, We Need YOU!



#### Key for Success

Students should read more non-fiction to prepare for SAT exams. They should also study all of their courses for *at least twenty (20) minutes* each day. They should review their Cornell Notes, handouts and textbook to gain a better understanding of the material. After school tutoring will begin in October.

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#### Special points of interest:

- Oct. 6-1st Qtr. Progress Reports Issued
- Oct. 14-PSAT Test at 8am
- Oct. 16- Fundraiser at Three Brother Pizza-by PG Mall
- Oct. 23-Catholic University Field Trip