



SEPTEMBER 2017

Seahawk News

Notes from the Principal

I always seem to forget the break-neck pace that is the official opening of school...I no sooner fire up my computer and it's suddenly 2:00—our day with students almost over. Even if controlled chaos is our new normal I can still claim, without hesitation, that there is nowhere else I'd rather be and nothing else I'd rather be doing.

Policy Changes for the New School Year:

The hallways and offices got new carpet this summer. Also, I'm not sure you were aware, but Seward High's Custodian allocation was cut by a half of a position. This puts even more burden on Mac and Cooper to keep our school looking good. To help, I'm requiring all students to eat their lunch and breakfast in our cafeteria. They will have the freedom to roam, socialize, and be kids after they eat, but it's way easier to clean spills off of the cafeteria linoleum than our new carpet.

The custodian shortfall also puts a significant burden on our building security after school. As a result, we're asking our coaches to actively train our student-athletes to bring their books, bags, and items they'll need to bring home with them to practice. The downstairs gate and main (west) entrance will be locked nightly at 4:30. Students are able to bring a private lock, from home, and permanently claim a PE locker in our locker rooms.

This is not new, but I did want to reinforce our expectation that all freshmen remain on campus during lunch break. They'll need to pack a lunch or eat hot lunch. Of course, parents always have the ability to collect their child(ren) from school, during lunch or otherwise.

Grade Check:

It seems as if the school year has just begun, but we are already looking forward to the first mid-term eligibility grade check for our student-athletes. We will pull grades on Monday, September 25th. A reminder, this will affect Cross-Country, Volleyball, Football, Swimming, and Debate. If a student has less than a 2.0 and/or an F in any class, then they will have one (1) week to regain eligibility—the one-week grace period applies only to the mid-term eligibility checks.

Homecoming:

The Homecoming Parade will be on Saturday, September 9th during our home football game Vs. Homer. We will also be hosting the Frank Dieckgraeff Invitational on Friday, September 8th. As if this weren't already a crazy enough week-end, the Seahawks Volleyball team will host Redington High on Thursday, September 7th, Grace Christian on Friday, and Houston on Saturday. The dance will be on Saturday, September 9th from 8:00-11:00 PM at Seward High School.

Other Important Dates Coming Up:

North/South Volleyball Tournament	September 1-2
Teacher Collaboration/Early Release	September 13
Football Vs. Voznesnka	September 22
Picture Day	September 25
Volleyball Vs. Anchorage Christian	September 28
Seward Invitational Swim/Dive Meet	September 30

Closing Notes:

As always, I close my notes with a reminder about my open-door policy with all of Seward High's stakeholders. I am committed to continuing that philosophy. I genuinely look forward to hearing your questions, comments, and/or concerns and will always make time to accommodate them. I can be reached at twalker@kpbsd.k12.ak.us or by phone at (907) 224-9077.

Sincerely,

Trevan Walker, Principal

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September 4
LABOR DAY-
NO SCHOOL

September 9
HOMECOMING

September 12
SENIOR/PARENT
MEETING

September 13
EARLY RELEASE

September 25
PICTURE DAY

Nurse's News

Medications at school

Welcome back to school!! Just wanted to give a reminder that when a student requests an over-the-counter medication, I have to get a current, signed parent permission school form every year saying that I and trained staff can administer over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or ibuprofen. Students may bring in their own over-the-counter medications if the pills are in the original, appropriately labeled container. OTC medications cannot be shared and must be available upon request for viewing by school administration. Prescription medications require physician orders and a corresponding prescription school form signed by a parent/guardian. Please call me if you have any questions.

Nurse Yoly

School Nurse for Seward MS, HS, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing and Hope.

224-9018 MS; 224-9088 HS.

Seward High School Library Offers Digital Library Download eBooks: Best-selling and classic titles available anytime, anywhere.

The Seward High School Library has expanded its services with eBooks, available to download from the library's website. Library patrons can check out and download digital media anytime, anywhere by visiting <http://kpbsdhs.lib.overdrive.com>.

Users may browse the library's website, check out with a valid school log in, and download to PC, Mac®, and many mobile devices. Users will need to install free software: OverDrive® Media Console™ and Adobe® Digital Editions. Titles can be enjoyed immediately or transferred to a variety of devices, including iPod®, Sony® Reader™, and many others. Some audio titles can also be burned to CD to listen to on-the-go. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees!

This service, powered by OverDrive, is free for patrons with their school log in. It is also available on all school computers. To get started downloading eBooks, visit <http://kpbsdhs.lib.overdrive.com>. To view a help video for using your mobile devices go to:

OverDrive How-To Videos <http://overdrive.com/help-videos/>



School Picture Day:

Monday, September 25th

Picture packets will be available at the school or you can sign up online and pay with a credit card at Lifetouch.com.

Seward High School Blog

<http://sewardhighschool.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/wpmu>

For all the latest news! Takes the place of our daily bulletin.

Counselor's Corner:



THINGS PARENTS/STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW TO BEST PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

START EARLY - PLAN TO SUCCEED

If your child is college bound there is a considerable amount that you, as parents can do to help position your child for the best possible scholarships and grant opportunities (money you don't have to pay back)!

It's not just about a 4.0 GPA anymore, although high school transcript showing classes taken, level of difficulty (**accelerated** or advanced placement) as well as grades is one of the most important pieces of information on a college application. In order to qualify for the best scholarships and grants, students need to prepare themselves outside of the classroom as well.

Below is some information and resources that may assist you in your quest for college and financial assistance. This is by no means an exhaustive list and it is highly recommended that you consult your school counselor, websites, and desired college websites for additional information.

Extracurricular activities - Encourage student involvement to the degree possible as colleges are looking for well-rounded individuals, not just scholastically gifted. Help your student find out about all extracurricular activities available at school, as well as within the church or local community. For most scholarships it is important your student is involved in some type of extracurricular activity all four years of high school. Participation in these can lead to excellent contacts for college letters of recommendation as well as school teachers and counselors.

Class officer positions - Student involvement as class officers, particularly Junior or Senior year can help develop leadership potential as well as land scholarship money at some colleges.

Leadership positions - Encourage student involvement in potential leadership positions within their school, church, club or community, as their interests and capabilities dictate. This experience can also be used on college applications as well as scholarship applications.

Financing College Alaska Performance Scholarship – take the **challenging classes!** Alaska Permanent Fund College Savings Plan Prepare in grades 7-12 for College Fees (start savings if not already done) Have child work and save for College

College Entrance Tests - The best prep is for student to do well in all classes from 9th grade on. Developing excellent study habits now as well as organizational skills to keep on top of when assignments and tests are due will also help with College success. Intervene early if they are struggling in a particular subject so they have tools to be successful. Talk to teachers, counselors, your child, be proactive!

Senior meeting on September 12, 2017 in the high school library at 6:00

Test coming up: ASVAB (Armed Service Vocational Assessment Battery) [October 10](#) - sign up with Martha

SAT [October 7](#) www.collegeboard.com sign up by [September 19](#)

ACT [December 9](#) and [April 14](#) sign up at www.actstudent.org

**Senior/Parent Meeting
on Tuesday,
September 12th @
6:00 PM in the HS Library**

PowerSchool - Where to Go To Be In The Know

Seward High School makes every effort to communicate with students and their families about what is happening at the high school. A great source of information is our online *PowerSchool* program. Students and parents can access a wealth of information including class schedules, grades, attendance, and the school blog. Parents and students must have their own access code to use *PowerSchool* and letters with this information have been sent home this year. If you have not logged into *PowerSchool* please contact our school counselor.

There are two ways to log into *PowerSchool*. Go to the internet and type in 1.) <http://ps.kpbsd.org/public>. This will take you to the login page, or 2.) Go the school district's website www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us and click on Students/Parents. On the left side of the screen you will see the *PowerSchool* icon or symbol. Click here and it will take you to the login page. If you haven't checked out *PowerSchool* by now you should.

We also distribute information via daily announcements to the student body every morning and we send out a monthly newsletter that has a calendar for the month's events with important dates to remember. All three schools use the electronic sign on the highway that is updated weekly. Also check out the High School's blog for daily information. Be sure to take an active role in finding out what is happening at the high school. So, now you know—where to go—to be in the know!



KPC-Resurrection Bay Extension Site News

Fall semester is rolling into its 3rd week. Several high school seniors have taken advantage of the JumpStart Program to earn college credit while attending high school. We have students enrolled in English, math and online courses.

Friday, September 8th is your last chance to drop a class to **receive a full refund!!!** Students wishing to drop a course may do so at UAOnline. Login in to your student account using your username and password, go to the **Student Account Services** tab, click on **Register/Add/Drop Classes**, you will see your current schedule. Under **change**, click the drop down menu and click, **Drop-Web**. Scroll down to and click on, **Complete Registration Changes**.

Payment Deadline for fall semester is September 18th. **A late payment fee of \$125 will be assessed on September 19th.** Payments may be made online through the student's UAOnline account or by cash or check at KPC's office located in Seward High School.

Grades: Fall semester 2017 grades will be available at UAOnline on December 22nd.

Transcripts for the college classes taken at KPC will need to be ordered and sent to the post-secondary institution you plan to apply or attend. Transcripts must be ordered online via www.kpc.alaska.edu click on UAOnline and log in to secured area using UA Username and UA Password. Please note-It is the student's responsibility to review their unofficial transcript for accuracy prior to submitting the online request for an official transcript.

Consider pursuing a college degree at KPC: Check out the areas of study offered at <http://www.kpc.alaska.edu/academics/areas-of-study/>

KPC Residence Life (student housing) Please visit <http://www.kpcreslife.com>

Contact Resurrection Bay Extension Site Coordinator Jackie Marshall for more information 224- 2285 or jjepimarshall@alaska.edu

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\$125 late payment fee assessed

SEP 18, All Day

Today a \$125 late payment fee will be assessed on all unpaid tuition and fees for fall semester.



The newspaper staff writers would like to invite everyone to check out *SHS Today*, Seward High School's online news source at shstoday.org. Read articles about sports and extracurricular activities, as well as enjoy photos and video posts.

Seward Seahawks Athletic Booster Club News!

Boosters, or SSABC, is the fundraising arm of the athletic program with the following mission statement:

The MISSION of SSABC is to support the Seward High School athletic program in the spirit of fair competition and goodwill among participants, students, and fans of the institutions represented. Our non-profit organization is dedicated to the planning and implementation of fundraising projects that enhance the quality of our school's athletic program.

Last year Boosters:

- ◆ Purchased new travel bags and luggage tags for a total of \$6,189
- ◆ Purchased new uniforms on a rotation schedule totaling almost \$11,000.
- ◆ Paid for hotel rooms for Regions travel totaling over \$7,000
- ◆ Paid for the track Hytek software and football's HUDL program which I understand was helpful in landing some of our senior's college athletic scholarships

This year we were asked to do more due to budget set backs and that's why the Fall athletes are selling Holland America raffle tickets. We also switched our travel budget to an equipment budget. Please consider buying a ticket to support these and other SSABC programs.

Other ways you can support the athletic program:

- ◆ Join the Booster Club: Forms are in the school packet and office. The **Membership Drive** is in your near future!!
- ◆ Volunteer at upcoming events: Halloween carnival, Green & Gold sales, concessions.
- ◆ Advertise: Sports calendar, banners, digital sports table (*ask me or Al Plan how!!*)
- ◆ Purchase: Raffle tickets, Seahawk gear, concessions, etc.
- ◆ Donate: Dessert Auction, Spring live/silent auction gift certificate (date TBD)

Boosters couldn't do all of this without the support from our athletes, their parents, the coaches and our members. You are the ones manning the concession booths, organizing the fundraisers and donating time and supplies. SSABC members are summed up by this quote by Elizabeth Andrew, ***"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."***

Making the time and giving from the heart,

Maya Moriarty, President
Ariel Sieverts, Vice President
Andrea Rodriguez, Secretary
Denny Murphy, Treasurer

HOMECOMING

September 9th

Football vs. Homer/Volleyball vs. Grace

Each year the Booster Club sponsors the Homecoming Parade which takes place during halftime of the football game. Each class creates a float and the class with the winning float receives \$100 for their class fund.

Get your classmates together and show your Seahawk Spirit! The Homecoming dance will be that evening 8-11pm at the High School.



September 2017 Events:

- 1 **Volleyball North/South Home Tourney @ 12:00PM**
 Cross Country: ACS 3k @ 1:00PM
 Swimming: Kenai Meet @ 3:00PM
 Football vs. Joe Redington @ 7:00PM
- 2 **Volleyball North/South Home Tourney @ 9:00AM**
- 3 Labor Day No School
- 7 **Volleyball vs. Joe Redington: C, JV, V @ 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:00PM**
- 8 **Cross Country: Frank D Invite @ 2:00PM**
- 8 **Volleyball vs. Grace Christian School: C, JV, V @ 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:00PM**
- 9 **Volleyball vs. Houston: C, JV, V @ 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM**
 Swimming: Homer Invite @ 10:00AM
Football vs. Homer High School @ 2:00PM
- HOMECOMING**
- 12 Cross Country: Borough Meet @ 3:30PM
- 16 Cross Country: SU Valley Invite
 Swimming: Kenai Meet @ 10:00AM
 Football vs. Monroe Catholic @ 1:00PM
- 19 Volleyball vs. Kenai Central High School: C, JV, V @ 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:00PM
- 22 Volleyball vs. Joe Redington: C, JV, V @ 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:00PM
 Swimming: Home Meet @ 3:00PM
Football vs. Voznesenka @ 5:00PM
- 23 Volleyball vs. Houston: C, JV, V @ 11:00AM, 12:00PM, 1:00PM
 Cross Country: Regions @ Wasilla
 Swimming: Sohi Meet @ 10:00AM
- 26 Volleyball vs. Soldotna HS: C, JV, V @ 3:30 PM, 4:30PM, 6:00PM
- 28 **Volleyball vs. Anchorage Christian School: C, JV, V @ 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:00PM**
- 29 Volleyball vs. Homer High: C, JV, V @ 4:00PM, 5:00PM, 6:30PM
- 30 Football vs. Nikiski TBA
 Cross Country: State @ Bartlett
 Volleyball vs. Nikiski: C, JV, V @ 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM
Swimming: Seward Invite @ 10:00AM

Calendar of Events

Home sporting events are in bold print.



Seward High School Pool Schedule

Aug 21-Dec 22 2017

Closed Sept 2-4, Nov 23-26

Open Swim

M, W, F 6:30 - 7:50 pm
 Sun 4:00 - 5:20 pm

Lap Swim

M, W, F 6:30 - 8:00 am
 M - F 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 T & Th 11:00 - 12:30
 Sun 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Parent & Tot Swim

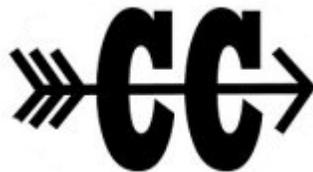
T & Th 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Admission Fees

Adults \$5, 10 plunges \$45.
 Youth/Senior \$4, 10 plunges \$35
 Under 3 Free.

Schedule subject to change. 224 - 3900 for update.

224 - 9050 to leave message.



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