

Seahawk News



MAY 2014

Notes from the Principal

It occurred to me, as I was preparing notes for the final installment of this school year's newsletter, that the opportunities we create for students is truly amazing. Further, the Herculean and collaborative efforts necessary to facilitate these opportunities make time pass in a blink. I sit in wonder as I contemplate that another eventful year has passed.

I'd like to use this space to reflect on Seward High's accomplishments this year. On top of the list was the successful completion of our Accreditation process with AdvancED. The external review team provided their final summary on Thursday, April 10th and gave us high marks on the opportunities we create for students; especially considering our small size. This marked the conclusion of a significant process that involved the entire staff, students, and several parent volunteers. On behalf of Seward High, I'd like to thank all of you for your efforts through this important process. We should receive the final Accreditation Report by the middle of May.

Another interesting question came out of our Accreditation External Review; specifically, that our parents had a difficult time explaining "Hybrid High School." I explained to our External Review Team that Hybrid High School is simply a label that we use to describe the decisions we make to support student learning. What I hope parents experience and know is that we will be flexible with our instruction, assessment, and schedule to meet parents' and their child(ren)'s needs—even if that flexibility exists outside of our traditional bell schedule. To this end, the Seward High teachers have continued to expand their professional development in technology integration in instruction so that every class in our master schedule also has a digital parallel. This means that your child(ren)'s only limit to accessing their instructional and assessment materials is their internet connectivity. This has been a very heavy lift for us, but I am confident that it will increase our flexibility exponentially to meet every child's individual needs.

None of this, of course, could happen without the collaboration we have with our stakeholders in the community. My thanks goes to our parents, the business community, our service centers, state and federal agencies who lend their expertise and support, the Seahawk fans who come to our events, and the Seward High staff. I know how hard you work to create opportunities for our kids.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Ferkinhoff on his retirement and thank him for his years of service, not only for Seward High, but for all of the Seward schools. His wit and candor, and most importantly, his genuine interest in the success of the students he serves, will be greatly missed. We wish him the best in the next chapter of his life.

Feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions, comments, or concerns. My direct line is 224-9077 and my email is twalker@kpbsd.org and thank you for your continued contribution to our students' success.

Treva Walker, Principal

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All Library Books Due
May 12

Baccalaureate Ceremony
7pm
Sunday, May 18

Academic and Athletic
Awards - 6:30pm
Monday, May 19th

Graduation
Tuesday, May 20th - 7pm

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
May 21st

First Day of School
2014-15
Tuesday, August 19th

Dates To Know

Awards Night - Monday, May 19th - 6:30pm
Graduation is Tuesday, May 20th - 7pm

Nurse's News

Goodbye and Good Luck Seniors!

I periodically look at that brilliant board near Mrs. Marshall's office and see the colleges that have accepted our students. I can't help but feel proud for them for the accomplishment. But mostly, moving on from high school to go to college is one of those life's game changer. College may not be for everyone but it certainly was for me. Yes, I was serious about studying but frankly just as serious about having fun. You guys are going on a new adventure and I am a bit envious. You will learn from the teachers, books, classes, friends but I think just as important, you will continue to learn about yourself. I feel honored that I have gotten to know some of you and am happy for your success!!

Nurse Yoly



Counselor's Corner

Finals Schedule

Monday, May 20

1st 7:50-9:35 am
 3rd 9:40-10:05 am
 4th 10:10-11:55 am
 Lunch 12:00-12:30 pm
 6th 12:35-2:20 pm

Tuesday, May 21

2nd 7:50-9:10 am
 5th 9:15 - 10:30am
 7th 10:35-11:50 am
 Picnic 11:55-2:20 pm

**Corrected schedule from print version.*

Seniors End of Year Schedule

May 18 Baccalaureate Ceremony 7pm
 May 19 Senior Breakfast 8-9am
 May 19 Graduation practice 9:15 am Gym
 May 19 Senior Picnic 12:00pm Pavilion
 May 19 Senior Parade 1:15pm
 May 19 Academic and Sports Awards 6:30pm
 May 20 Graduation practice 9:15 am Gym
 May 20 Graduation 7pm Gym

A Baccalaureate Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Seward High School auditorium. This multi-denominational worship service is hosted by the parents of the Class of 2014. The ceremony is a time to send off our graduates with a blessing from our community. Students interested in participating, through singing, reading, or playing an instrument, may contact Erin Knotek at ekmk@arctic.net or at 288-3674. The ceremony is open to all in the community.

Seward High School Blog

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

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

ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP WEBINARS

Learn more! With only internet access and a phone, you can attend a live APS program overview. Students, parents, and educators are welcome. Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. - Registration will open on April 9, 2014.

Exciting news: Khan Academy is partnering with the College Board so all students who want to go to college can prepare for the SAT at their own pace, at **no cost**.

The College Board just announced that they're redesigning the SAT for 2016, and we're partnering with them to make free, world-class prep materials. Know anyone preparing for the SAT? Let them know:

By spring 2015, you'll have access to state-of-the-art, interactive learning tools that give you deep practice and help you diagnose your gaps. All of this will be created through a close collaboration with the College Board specifically for the redesigned SAT. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, if you are taking the SAT in 2014/15, you can start practicing today with hundreds of previously unreleased Math, Reading, and Writing questions from real SATs and more than 200 videos that show step-by-step solutions to each question.



*All library items are due
May 12th. Lost items
must be paid for by May
16th in order to be cleared
for the end of the year
check out.*

Walk/Bike/Roll To School Day - May 7

Spring has sprung and bikes are coming out in full force. Now that the sidewalks are clear of snow it is time to get out the bike helmets and tennis shoes and get out and enjoy this beautiful weather we have been having.

The annual walk/bike/roll to school day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th. There will be snacks and prizes for all who participate.

Along with this wonderful opportunity to get some healthy exercise is the need for adults to patrol dangerous intersections. If you are willing to donate an hour of your morning to direct traffic so our kiddies are safe, please contact Lidia Petersen at lidia.t.petersen@gmail.com or 362-6201.

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

Class of 2014 - Transcripts for 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 ID. **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. **Fall semester 2013 grades** are available at UAOnline- **Spring semester 2014** grades will available May 8th.

Class of 2015 – View summer online classes at <http://www.kpc.alaska.edu/schedule/>. High school juniors and seniors can get a jump on college through the **Jumpstart Program**. The Kenai Peninsula Borough pays approximately 2/3 of the tuition charge. KPC regular tuition is \$174 per credit. Through the Jumpstart Program eligible students pay \$55 per credit. **Registration for Fall classes is available now!**

Fall 2014 Schedule

ENGL A111 *Introduction to Composition - Marshall Tues. 6:00P - 8:45P

PER A120 Beginning Yoga - Burnard MW 5:30P - 7:00P

PER A220 Intermediate Yoga - Burnard MW 5:30P - 7:00P

PRPE A086 SWB Writing Strategies - Marshall Web Based

PRPE A108 Intro to College Writing – Ulman Tues. 6:00P - 8:45P

PS A101 *Intro to American Government - Thomas Web Based

Special note: A math class will be added to the schedule once we do placement testing and determine the course needed.* Course titles that start with an asterisk satisfy a General Education Requirement (GER) for UAA.

SAT/ACT or Accuplacer scores required for placement into English classes and math classes.

Accuplacer Testing- available by appointment.

Consider pursuing a college degree at KPC – Check out the degree programs offered at <http://www.kpc.alaska.edu/KPC/majors/> **KPC Residence Life (student housing) is open.** Please visit <http://www.kpcreslife.com>.

Call or email Resurrection Bay Extension Site Coordinator Jackie Marshall for more information 224- 2285 or jjpep-marshall@kpc.alaska.edu.

The Site Based Council has opened the application period for anyone interested in SSBC. Applications will be available at the schools and are due by May 8th.



KPC-Resurrection Bay Extension Site News

KPC and KPBSD Announce New Efforts to Make it Easier and Less Expensive to Take College Classes

Soldotna, April 7, 2014—JumpStart opens to juniors, and includes bus transportation from high schools to KPC. Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) and Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) officials jointly announced two new initiatives will enable more high school students to take KPC courses at reduced tuition rates.

Beginning with the fall 2014 semester, high school juniors will be able to take advantage of the JumpStart program that had previously only been available to high school seniors. Students can enroll for up to six credits each semester starting the fall semester they become juniors. Tuition cost is \$55 per credit versus the regular rate of \$174.

Funded by a 1/10th mill rate on borough property taxes, JumpStart has been in existence for many years. Opening the program to juniors means that high school students will be able to take up to 30 credits (one full college year) at the reduced rate—by the time they graduate from high school.

Students and their parents can potentially save \$3,570 on their first year of college compared to regular University of Alaska rates. [See the attached tuition comparison chart on page three of media release]. These courses are dual credit meaning students taking the KPC courses receive both high school and college credit if they successfully complete the course(s) with a “C” or better. Course credits earned at KPC through the University of Alaska are typically transferable to accredited colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Transportation

Secondly, KPBSD will transport KPC enrolled students from all central peninsula high schools to KPC’s Kenai River Campus in order to take courses. Buses will arrive at Kenai River Campus (KRC) at 9 a.m. and the last departure will be at 1:30 p.m. Nikiski students would depart their high school and KRC 15 minutes earlier.

The shuttle service will provide continuous service between the schools throughout this period meaning a student could take one or two classes at KRC and return to their high schools to continue their high school classes. Bussing students on the southern peninsula to KPC’s Kachemak Bay Campus is still being discussed with high school administrators and transportation providers.

“I get many requests from parents asking that the JumpStart program be opened to juniors,” said Gary J. Turner, KPC director. “Due to the declining number of high school seniors, we looked closely at our borough budget and the projected number of seniors the district is anticipating, and determined we can afford to do this with the same amount of funds.” The borough budget request sent by KPC to the mayor and assembly has been revised to include juniors.

“Access to KPC courses has always been a challenge to our students without transportation,” said Dr. Steve Atwater, KPBSD superintendent. “We believe that by providing a shuttle, many more of our students will be able to take these dual credit classes and save a considerable amount of money on their college education. I am thrilled to learn that our juniors will now be eligible to use the JumpStart support for taking KPC classes. This is a necessary and positive change to help our graduates prepare for life after high school. I offer thanks to our borough for their continued support of KPBSD and KPC.”

Registration

Registration and advising for high school students at the [Kenai River Campus \(KRC\)](#) in Soldotna will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., April 26, and from 3-5 p.m., April 28. Students who do not enroll during these “early bird” sessions will be able to receive advising from 1-4 p.m., August 13, and enroll in classes from noon-5 p.m., August 15 and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., August 21 and 22.

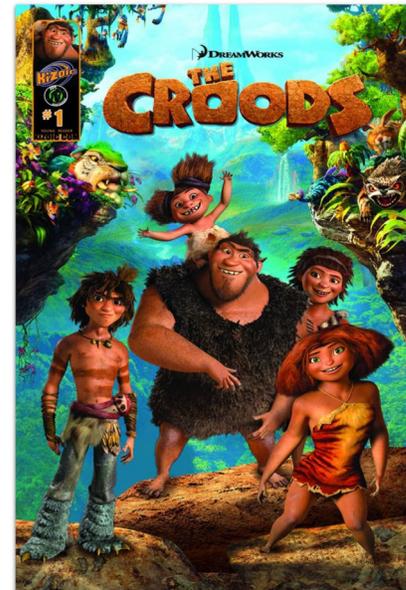
High school students can receive advising and register at the Kachemak Bay Campus (KBC) in Homer from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., April 21 - August 22.

It's almost Graduation time! Seniors - Before you jumpstart your summer vacation, make sure you have completed all of these important steps necessary for your college enrollment:

- File Your FAFSA** (fafsa.gov) – Double check that all necessary paperwork is submitted and complete! If you are taking Student Loans, you will need to complete an online Loan Counseling Tutorial before you can access your funds. Contact your school's Financial Aid Department if you have any questions!
 - Assessments and Placement Tests** – Different schools have different requirements. Contact your Admissions Department to find out what is required prior to enrollment!
 - Meet with Your Academic Advisor** – Most schools require freshmen to contact their Academic Advisor before they can register for classes. Not sure who your Academic Advisor is? Search your school's website or contact the Admissions Department.
 - Register for classes** (Aim for 15 credits a semester!) – Many courses will fill up, so you'll want to register for classes ASAP! Make sure to get your General Education Requirements (GER) done early, especially any required Math classes.
 - Apply for Housing** – Contact your school's Housing Department to learn what your options are, how to apply, and if you can choose your own roommate. If you're planning to live off campus, start looking for apartment options near your school!
 - Contact your school to confirm Financial Aid and Admission** – These are very important things and you'll want to confirm that your school has received all required materials before the start of your first semester.
 - Attend a New Student Orientation** – This is a great way to meet other students and learn where to find important resources on campus!
 - Purchase Books and Course Materials** – Once you have your classes figured out, you can get a list of required books and materials. Save yourself a LOT of money and order used books online. While the college bookstore is convenient shopping, it is also very pricey!
 - Put down a Student Deposit / Pay Your Tuition Bill** – You'll need to do this sooner than you think! Make sure you know your schools payment deadlines to avoid any late fees.
 - Start thinking about ways to get involved on campus** – Personal involvement is the best way to get the full college experience! Consider joining an intermural sports team or a college club. Getting a job on campus or joining Sororities, Fraternities and/or Student Government are all great ways to better connect with your campus!
- Finally, HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER!** It's been a great experience working with the students and staff at Seward High. I'm wishing you all continued success in your college and career endeavors. If you have questions or need help along the way, please feel free to contact me at any time: Krystal.Garrison@alaska.gov

For what comes next in life
Krystal Garrison
 College & Career Guide

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Now Playing in the HS Theater

The Croods Rated PG

Thursday, May 1st 7:00 pm

Refreshments Available

Sponsored by the SHS National Honor Society the HS Theater

Seahawk Sports Schedules 2014-15

You can now find all Seward High Sports schedules online! See the link below, save it, share it, use it!

<http://arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=20734>

The Art Room

Mythology Prints

Seward High Art Students made reductive linocuts focusing on mythology. Students chose any mythological creature/god they wished, from a variety of cultures across time. Then they had a friend pose for them as that god or creature, took photos, printed the best one out, and drew on top of the photo to add details from the myth. Then they traced this image onto the linoleum, and carved it away in layers to print at least 3 colors. Here are the results! Check out <http://sewardhighart.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/wpmu/>.



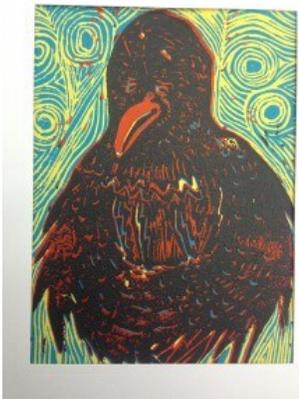
Zach Maly – Loki



Darci McFaul – Faerie



Ryan Johnson – Sea Serpent



Dustin Newman – Raven



Jasmyn Calhoon – Isis



Brandon Moore – Moose Centaur



Photos from the Student Council sponsored Spring Spheroid Scramble. Prizes included boxes of doughnuts and gift certificates from Salmon Bake and Chinooks.

Sebastian Kratz
Nick Zweifel



Diving Lessons

Learn Spring board diving from A to ?

Tommy Fraychineaud, who dove on the Stanford University Dive Team through his college years, is in Seward and is excited to be conducting a dive workshop for our community. We are honored to have such a talented diver instruct at our pool.

This is a great opportunity for kids 6th through HS grades who might be interested in becoming a diver for HS swim/diving season. A fun, valuable experience for anyone interested in the sport of diving.

June 9 - 27 M, W, F 3:30 - 5:00. \$30.00

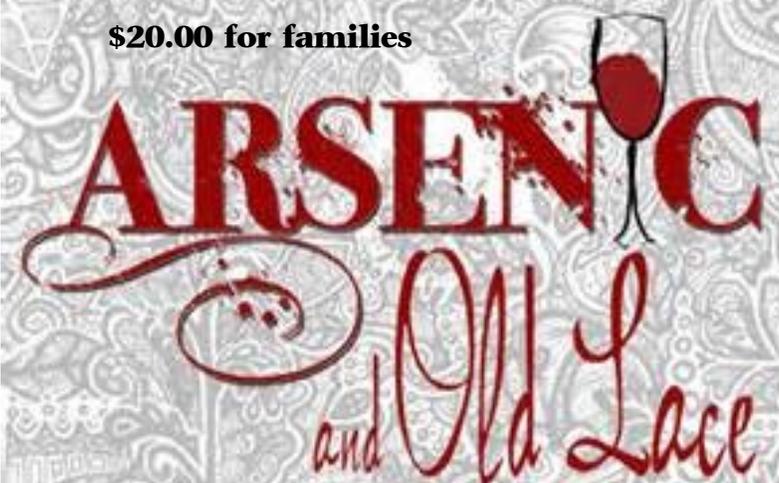
Parents must complete a consent form for participants under 18 yrs old.

Sign up early by calling 224 - 9050 or stop by pool during open hours.

Seward High Drama Presents

Tuesday, May 6 **Nightly at 7:00pm**
Wednesday, May 7 **High School Theater**
Thursday, May 8 **Doors open at 6:30pm**

\$7.00 for individuals
\$20.00 for families



ARSENIC
and Old Lace

Parents, Bringing small children and babies to a live theater performance is not advised.

May Calendar

- 2 Soccer vs. Grace**
- 3 Soccer vs. Palmer**
- 2,3 Track @ Palmer Relays
- 9 Track @ Boroughs
- 9 Soccer @ Kenai
- 10 Soccer @ SOHI
- 12 All Library Items Due
- 13 Soccer @ Skyview
- 16 Soccer @ Homer
- 16,17 Track @ Regions
- 18 Baccalaureate @ 6pm
- 19 Awards Ceremony 6:30pm
- 20 Graduation 7pm
- 21 Last Day of School
All School Picnic
- 22,23,24 Soccer @ Regions
- 23,24 Track @ State
- 29,30,31 Soccer @ State

August 19 First Day of School
2014-15

Calendar of Events

Home sporting events are in bold print.

Seward HS Pool Schedule

Jan 6 - May 23, 2014

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

5:00 - 6:30 pm

T & Th 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Sun 5:30 -7:00 pm

Parent & Tot Swim

T & Th 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Water Aerobics

Apr 8 - May 8, T & Th ,6 -7pm

Pool Closed: May 20.



224 - 3900 for current schedule.
224- 9050 to leave message.

Schedule subject to change.

Admission Fees: Adults \$3.
Youth/Senior \$2. Under 2 years free.

Punch Cards can be purchased at
Pool.

Congratulations



Class of 2014!



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