

Seahawk News



MAY 2016

Notes from the Principal

I wrote about our plans to limit our open-campus policy for next year's incoming freshman class. With support from the staff, Seward Area Site Council, and the community, we are moving ahead with this policy change.

I'd like to share another significant change that we're planning at Seward High next year. As you already know, our staff is declining by .8 Full-Time-Equivalencies. This roughly translates into the loss of 4 classes in our Master Schedule. This is also happening at a time when we're trying to add our Project-Lead-the-Way Engineering class back. In an effort to ensure that we can continue to provide the same level of service and opportunities for your students, the staff has agreed to move to a seven period day. This means that each teacher at Seward High will take on an additional prep. This will add 8 sections back into our Master Schedule. The best way to manage this transition is to adopt what we call a "Modified Block" schedule. This means that students will have a combination of traditional-length and longer "blocked" periods with their teachers each week. The trade-off is that they won't see their teachers every day. This allows us to ensure overall time with teachers is about the same, over the course of the year, but gives us the flexibility to add that extra period within the confines of our school day. There are a couple different ways by which we can manage this "modified block." While the staff has agreed, in principle, on the need to make this change, we are still working to determine the best way this will work for Seward High. One thing I'd also like to make very clear...the time teachers have to prep for their classes will be reduced. In short, this means that Seward High teachers are willing to do more, with less time, in order to meet the needs of their students. Please help me in thanking them for their level of commitment to the success of every student at Seward High.

We bid a sad farewell to Mr. James Wayne whose position was lost to our reduction in staffing. Mr. Wayne is planning to remain in Seward and we're working on all kinds of ways to keep him in the Seward High family—including as a certified sub and as the Debate, Drama, and Forensics coach and as the Girl's Soccer coach. His social studies instruction and the extended day that he facilitated will be sorely missed, but we feel very fortunate that he wants to remain in Seward and work with our students.

As is my tradition in the May Newsletter, I'd like to reiterate my thanks to our parents, volunteers, 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 to the Seward High staff. I am overwhelmed by gratitude when I consider how fortunate Seward High is to rely on the support of the entire community. I know how hard you work to create opportunities for our kids and I most sincerely thank you.

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.k12.ak.us. Thank you for your continued contribution to our students' success.

Sincerely,

Treva Walker, Principal



Awards Night - Friday, May 13th - 6:30pm

Graduation - Monday, May 16th - 7pm

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Early Release Day
Classes out at 12:50pm
May 4

Academic and Athletic
Awards Night
May 13 - 6:30pm
H.S. Theater

Graduation
May 16- 7pm, Gym

Last Day of School
May 18th

Have a great summer!

First Day of School
2016/17
August 23rd

Nurse's News

A Bold Adventure

There is so much to decide during this time of the year for Seniors. The first and most obvious is what are you going to do after high school? This is the time to decide about college, leave Alaska or stay, take a year off and travel instead, or for some of you go right into work. No matter your decision, I hope your next adventure is a bold one.

Wishing the Seniors the best!!

Nurse Yoly

Counselor's Corner

End of the Year News:

All students with failing grades for S2 (Semester 2) will be automatically signed up for **SUMMER SCHOOL**. Please look at PowerSchool and encourage you student to work hard in the coming weeks to pass all their classes. Summer school will be from 8am-noon, June 1-22nd .

Seniors who fail their classes will be able to receive their diplomas upon completing their Credit Recovery course.

Students have gone in and picked their next year's classes through PowerSchool. If you would like to meet with me regarding your son/daughter's schedule please email me for an afterschool meeting (or we can email converse).

Eighth graders are automatically enrolled to Seward High. There will be parent and student orientation right before the start of next year.

There is lots going on in the Spring for all students – please help them focus on school for the last three weeks.

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Seniors End of Year Schedule

May 11, 12	Senior Finals
May 13	Graduation practice 9:00am Gym
May 13	Senior Picnic 12:00pm Branson Pavilion
May 13	Senior Parade 1:00pm
May 13	Academic and Sports Awards 6:30pm
May 15	Baccalaureate 6:00pm HS Theater
May 16	Graduation practice 9:00am Gym Mandatory attendance!
May 16	Graduation - Be at HS Theater 6:00pm — Ceremony at 7:00pm in Gym
May 16	Graduation Reception follows ceremony at the High School

A **Baccalaureate Ceremony** will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Seward High School Theater. Please join this community-wide blessing of the Class of 2016. Any students or parents that wish to contribute to the service may contact Jim Doepken.

Seward High School Blog

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

For all the latest news!

Booster Club Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 23 - 8am

Birch Ridge Golf Course



For golfers of all abilities! Tickets go on sale June 1st. Fee is \$100, includes lunch and prizes for everyone. This is one of the Booster Club's biggest fundraisers of the year so come on out and join us for a fun time and a good cause. All money raised goes to support the high school athletic programs. Contact Kim Reiersen to sign up—skiprei@gsi.net or 362-1888.

New Outdoor Club

Seward High School has a new Outdoor Club for students and staff. Thanks to a grant from the Seward Community Foundation, teacher Bethany Waggoner has started the club which meets once a week to enjoy an outdoor activity. The club usually meets on Wednesdays after school. Anyone interested in participating with the group see Miss Waggoner.

Congratulations



Class of 2016!

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

Sophomores planning to take KPC classes in the fall, please stop KPC office to make a game plan and schedule Accuplacer. **Last testing date is May is May 11th.**

Juniors planning to take KPC classes in the fall you will need to stop by KPC office with your ACT scores and potentially schedule an Accuplacer. **Last testing date is May is May 11th.**

Fall Course Offerings: Introduction to Algebra, Introduction to College Writing, Introduction to Composition, Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to American Government (web based) and Emergency Trauma Technician (web based) **please note: English and math classes require SAT/ACT or Accuplacer placement scores.**

Grades: Fall semester 2015 grades are available at UAOnline. Spring semester 2016 grades will be available May 5th at UAOnline.

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.

Accuplacer: High school seniors that are planning to attend a University of Alaska campus may need to take the Accuplacer before they are able to register for fall classes. **Last testing date is May is May 11th.**

Please visit http://www.kpc.alaska.edu/admissions_aid/financial_aid/scholarships/kpc-scholarships/

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>

KPC's Resurrection Bay Extension Site will close for the summer on May 13th.

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

All library items are due May 9th. Lost items must be paid for by May 16th in order to be cleared for the end of the year check out.

For what comes next in life
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The Art Room



Illuminated Letter Scratchboard by Coral Petrosius



Mermaid Watercolor Painting by Mary Ramirez



Geometric Lion Painting by Bekah Dean



Tidepool Cup- a work in progress by Meghan Mullaly

Important Notice!

The KPBSD is required by State and Federal law to have a Home Language Survey on file for each student. If your newsletter has a *Happy Graduation* stamped on it, please complete the form included in this newsletter and return it to the Seward High School office as soon as possible.

Finals Schedule

Monday, May 16

Periods 1, 3, 5

Tuesday, May 17

Periods 2, 4, 6

Period 1 & 2 7:50 - 9:35am

Advisory 9:40 - 10:05am

Period 3 & 4 10:10 - 11:55 am

Lunch 12:00pm - 12:30pm

Period 5 & 6 12:35 - 2:20pm

May Calendar

- 2 School Board Meeting 6pm
- 3 Soccer @ Soldotna
- 4 Early Release Day 12:50pm
- 4 Music Collective Performance 6:30pm
- 6 Soccer vs. Grace 3pm**
- 6,7 Track @ Colony
- 11,12 Finals for Seniors
- 13 Seniors Graduation Practice 9am
- 13 Seniors Picnic 12pm
- 13 Seniors Parade 1pm
- 13 Academic & Athletic Awards 6:30pm
- 13 Soccer vs. Nikiski 3pm**
- 14 Soccer @ Homer
- 14 Track @ Boroughs
- 15 Baccalaureate - SHS Theater 6pm
- 16 Seniors Graduation Practice 9am
- 16 Graduation - SHS Gymnasium 7pm
- Reception after graduation
- 16, 17 Finals for Grades 9, 10, 11
- 18 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**

August 23 First Day of School 2016-17

Calendar of Events

Home sporting events are in bold print.

Fall Sports Calendar

- July 23 Seahawk Booster Club Golf Tournament
Birch Ridge Golf Course, Soldotna 8am
- July 27 Football practice begins
XC Running practice begins
- Aug. 3 Swimming practice begins
Volleyball practice begins
- Aug. 13 XC Running @ Colony
Football vs. Ketchikan 2pm
- Aug. 19 Football @ Valdez
- Aug. 20 Volleyball @ Homer Jamboree
- Aug. 25 Volleyball @ Homer
- Aug. 26,27 Volleyball @ Nikiski Tournament
- Aug. 27 Football @ Eielson
XC Running @ Bartlett

SEWARD HS POOL SCHEDULE

Jan 4 - May 22, 2016

Lap Swim

- M, W, F 6:30 - 8:00 am, 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- T & TH 11:00 - 12:30 pm, 6:00 - 7:00 pm -1 lane
- Sat 9:00 - 11:00 am
- Sun 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Open Swim

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

Parent & Tot Swim

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

Admission Fees: Adults \$5. 10 swim punch card \$45.

Youth/Senior \$4. 10 swim punch card \$35.

Punch Cards can be purchased at Pool.

224-3900 for current schedule. 224-9050 to leave message. Schedule subject to change.



PARENT LANGUAGE QUESTIONNAIRE (HOME LANGUAGE SURVEY)

This form is required by State and Federal law.

Identification of students who may have limited proficiency in the English language enables the school to provide appropriate learning programs for the student. Please complete this form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. If you have questions or need help with the form, please contact: ELL Office 714-8892

**PART I is required. PARTS II-IV are required if there is a language other than English in the home.
SIGNATURE AND CONTACT INFORMATION ARE REQUIRED.**

Student Name: _____ Alaska Student I.D. # _____
(Last Name, First Name)

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Month Day Year

KPBSD School: _____ Grade: ____ Sex: Female Male

PART I: ELL/LEP HISTORY

1. Has this student been identified in another district as an English language learner (ELL/LEP)? ___ Yes ___ No
 If so, what district? _____ City, State _____

PART II: STUDENT LANGUAGE BACKGROUND

1. What is the first language learned by the student? English Other _____
Specify
2. What language(s) does the student currently use in the home? English Other _____
Specify
3. Is this student participating in a student exchange program? Yes No
4. How long has the student attended school in the U.S.A.? 3 or more full school years Less than 3 full school years

PART III: FAMILY LANGUAGE BACKGROUND (Please complete all columns)

	Mother/Guardian	Father/Guardian	Other Significant Adult* Relationship:
1. Language(s) spoken to the student			
2. Language(s) spoken in the adult's home			

*Other significant adult could be a grandparent, aunt, uncle, daycare provider, etc. who has contributed to the student's language development.

PART IV: PARENT VERIFICATION OF LANGUAGE USE (Please check appropriate box)

	Only the other language	Mostly the other language, some English	The other language & English equally	Mostly English, some of the other language	Only English
A. When the student speaks with family, he/she speaks:					
B. When the student speaks with friends, he/she speaks:					

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____	Telephone Number: _____
Printed Name: _____	Date: _____



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