



No School, In-service: *March 5th & Spring Break: March 8-12*

Spring Sports are slated to begin after Spring Break, this includes Boys and Girl's Soccer, Track & Field, and the postponed Wrestling season. All forms required for participation on **planetHS**.

YEARBOOKS ARE FINISHED! They are \$55 and can be purchased at:

<https://bit.ly/3uUfY2u>

SAT: *March 13th*

ASVAB: *March 24th*

Seward Upward Bound is partnering with Hawaii Upward Bound to do a live cooking course, sharing Alaskan recipes such as smoked salmon dip, and Hawaiian recipes like spam musubi. This course will take place the week after spring break.

Rowan Bean is creating an online videography course that will be available for all Upward Bound students across the country, well done!

Cody Bryden finished 5th in the skate ski race and 6th in the classic ski race for small schools at the 2021 Nordic Ski State Championships. Way to go!

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Notes from the Principal

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I recognize that the Seward City Council lifted the mask mandate, but wanted all of you to know that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's mask, distancing, symptom-free, and sanitation mandates remain in place. I feel very fortunate that (so far) we've been able to keep COVID out of our schools. I must attribute this to our Health Mandates and the consistent enforcement of them by the entire Seward High Staff. I greatly appreciate your patience and support through our efforts to balance a positive educational experience with our mandate to keep our students and staff safe.

As you know, spring is also budget season for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. To that end, KPBSD will hold their annual regional budget meeting on Thursday, March 18th in a hybrid format. You'll have access to a Zoom link to participate remotely, or you can join a live session in the Seward High Theater at 6:00 PM. Live participants will be required to follow the District's Health Mandates. This is a particularly grim budget cycle as both the State and Borough are feeling the financial pinch created by the pandemic. This will be a double hit as Seward High's enrollment is also significantly down from our pre-COVID projections. Please educate yourselves and consider advocacy for great returns on the Borough and State's investment in Seward's schools.

These last weeks before Spring Break are critical to build momentum into the April test season and May's graduation. Please engage your child(ren) in a discussion regarding the importance of maintaining their efforts for success all the way into Spring Break—academically, behaviorally, and with attendance.

In athletic news, please take the time to congratulate our Nordic Ski Team's State efforts.

The boy's and girl's basketball teams have just a few more games before going into protracted post-season play.

Finally, please help me in welcoming Ms. Jean Garcia Beck as Seward High's Cheerleading Coach.

All three of these programs have had to compete under extreme adversity. This includes competing while masked and with significant travel limitations. Thank you for your support and continuing to cheer on the Seward Seahawks.

As always, my door is open to our stakeholders. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions, comments, or concerns. My direct line is 224-9066 and my email is twalker@kpbsd.k12.ak.us and thank you for your continued contribution to our students' success.

Sincerely,

Treva Walker, Principal



Nurse's Corner

Why are Alaskans getting vaccinated?

During a vaccine clinic, a nurse coworker asked why people wanted to get vaccinated and these are the reasons that they shared with her.

To stay healthy. To visit my mom and dad. For my husband. For my wife. For my kids. For the fishing season. For a normal tourist season. To stop this #!#* virus. This will help us return to normal when everyone who wants it gets it. So schools don't need to close again. Because I have health problems and could get really sick if I get the COVID. Now honey, don't you know? It's the neighborly thing to do. Because it is safe. Think about all the scientist around the world who worked on this vaccine. To see a new grandbaby. For the economy. Because of the new variants. Well, I am old, but I sure would be happy to live longer and not die of that COVID.



Currently there are large groups of Alaskans that are eligible to receive the vaccine: school staff, essential workers > 49 yo, childcare workers, those who care for anyone who is an elder, most health care workers, those >49 with a high-risk medical condition and more.

Nurse Yoly





March, 2021 SHS Counselor Newsletter

Hello,

March is here, which means longer and nicer days are also here (or soon will be). I want to remind everyone, even though we seem to be experiencing a bit of normalcy, it's still important to find our own sources of strength when faced with challenges. And find the things to be grateful for. ☺

So, I have a few important items to share with you for March:

1. If you haven't checked out the new "Counselor's Corner" section of SHS's homepage, please do so. Lots of valuable information can be found there.
2. The ACT test will be offered at SHS on April 17th. The deadline to register without a late fee is March 12th.
3. The free ASVAB test for 10-12th grade students interested in the military will be offered at SHS again Wednesday, March 24th. Contact me to sign up.
4. 2021 graduating students: you need to order your graduation items from Josten's as soon as possible - <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1115255/Seward-High-School/> or you may call the Josten's rep., Leona Jackson, at 907-398-6526 for more personal assistance.
5. The Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) assessment in ELA and Math (9th grade students and Science) 10th grade students) will take place between Mar. 29th – Apr. 16th.
6. Parents/guardians of a junior or senior student should contact me to set up an appointment to review progress towards graduation and discuss future educational and career plans.
7. I will be hosting a Zoom meeting after spring break for graduating students and their parents/guardians. More information will follow.
8. Academic scheduling for next year will likely be accomplished later than usual give all the current uncertainties. More information will follow.

Please reach out with questions or concerns. I always welcome the opportunity to provide support and work with the parents and guardians of SHS students. I am typically at the high school Monday – Friday, between 07:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Sincerely, Mr. Dye

Douglas Dye, LCSW

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SHS: (907) 224-9070, M-F, 07:30 – 11:30 AM



KPC-Resurrection Bay Extension Site News

Seward High Seniors...what are your plans after graduating from high school...enter the workforce, attend college, enroll in a vocational-technical school or enlist in the military? Email Jackie Marshall with details about your plans so we can acknowledge you on the **“Class of 2021 – Moving on Bulletin Board”**.

JumpStart Program (Discounted Tuition Program) Students are eligible for JumpStart once they have completed their Sophomore year, and can begin taking KPC courses the summer before their Junior standing in high school. **Students can take up to six credits per semester for up to six semesters (up to 30 credits total).** *Please visit with Mr. Dye to determine what KPC classes will provide dual credit (meet both high school and college needs). *Meet with a KPC Advisor, Jackie Marshall to ensure your courses meet your long-term academic goals. **Get the details at <https://kpc.alaska.edu/admissions-aid/registration/high-school-students/>**

Grades: Final grades for Spring 2021 semester will be available to view at UA Online on May 6, 2021.

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/>

Contact Resurrection Bay Extension Site Coordinator Jackie Marshall for more information 262-0285 or jipepimarshall@alaska.edu



Honor Roll Semester 1

Carney, Olivia Rachael
Cooney, Hana Pagan
DeLand, Emmalee Kathryn
Freiberg, Hailey Marie
Mullaly, Collin Michael
Williams, Makaira Ann
Coles, Ethan Andrew
DeRoos, Genevieve Lynne
Foote, Gavin Neil
Gunter, Luke Wyatt
Kirchner, Corbin James
Jordan, Elias Everett
Vinciguerra, Tylere Anthony
DeRoos, Landen David
Deboard, Levi Dean
Gomez, Jennifer Arely
Ingalls, Trey River
Petersen, Clayton Alexander
Phasomsap, Marisa Ann
Sieverts, Sequoia Aspen
Storle, William Joseph
Casagrande, Gaia Lucia Borjorguez
Hinders, Grant Lonnie
Mitchell, Bryan Jay
Nilsson, Annika Rae
Spanos, Peter James
Unrein, Emily Rene
Wallace, Mikya Rose
Deel, Ozzy Foard
Dissanayake, Dilthini Vinoja
Elhard, Renee Madison
Hart, Damion Earl
Hill, Paxton Milo
Macomber, Kerynsa Kozume
Peraza, Jaen Alexis
Tritz, Ayla Sol
Ambrosiani, Bengimin Domingo
Ambrosiani, Nickolas Domingo
Andrews, Nora Danielle
Bryden, Casey David
Cross, Alohia Damon
Hall, Sahara Leigha
Kingsford, Jean Clarisse Tepase
Penayah, Myra JeanAmy
Unrein, James Simeon
Wahl, Beverly Adela

Highest Honors (4.0 and above)

Ambrosiani, Anevay Marie Domingo
Bryden, Cody James
Casagrande, Selma Alicia Bojorquez
Hankins, Lucy Berlyn
Koster, Samuel Thomas
Lohman, Calysta Lenore
Mullaly, Kylie Erin
Pfeiffenberger, Maxwell Lewis
Retzer, Tegan Renee
Sawyer-Lemme, Katelyn Marie
Bean, Rowan Catcher
Dougherty, Wren Ruby Ida
Proietti, Belladonna Lilith
Sieminski, Shelby Lynne
Wester, Khalynn Grace
Zernia, Katelyn Milan
Barhaug, Teak Anthony
Forshee-Kurtz, Brooklynn Sharon
Guernsey, Aly Tess
Wahl, Jessa Pearl
Walker, Alexi Rae
Dow, Stella Ruth
Guernsey, Trevor Russell
Ingalls, Hailey Brook
Insalaco, Samantha Morgan
Nappi, Mia Koda
VanBuskirk, John Soren





WEST OF PECOS



Congratulations and well done to Mr. Marshall, and all of Seward High Drama's production team, cast and crew for putting on three fabulous showings of *West of Pecos*!

More on page 8.

A *heartfelt* Thank You to Mr.

Dan Marshall for all of his hard work & dedication to this last production, and ALL the other 30+ productions he has produced and directed over the last 29 years.

West of Pecos was special for many reasons. *“We did West of Pecos in the mid 1990’s, and Jenny Blackwell played the role of Passenger #2. I was able to re-cast her in our most recent rendition this last January, and 25 years later, Jen Ransom played Passenger #2 again. Kameron Kowalski, (another SHS drama alumna) stepped in as well to take the role of Passenger #1. We were so grateful that these two women were willing to take these roles, since I was unable to fill them with students.”* said Mr. Marshall. He also wants to extend a special thank you to Mr. Ronn Hemstock, saying. *“This year, Ronn Hemstock served our production as the set builder, and lights man. He proved to be as good in the job as anyone I have ever worked with in that capacity.”*

Mr. Marshall’s first play (that he directed and produced) was the “The Stuck Pot” in 1993. Over his tenure here at Seward High he said that some of the best productions that SHS Drama has done have been:

- West of Pecos (both Times)
- Don’t Drink the Water
- You Can’t Take It With You
- It Was a Dark and Stormy Night
- A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Colosseum
- Curse of the Werewolf
- Donovan’s Daughters
- Robin Hood: The Next Generation
- Arsenic and Old Lace

