



Seahawk News

Graduation Scheduled 5/19 7pm

Virtual Awards Night Scheduled 5/17 6pm

Common App (Local Scholarships) due: April 15th

PEAKS testing: 9th graders April 5-6th, 10th graders April 9th

Student Council is currently in the middle of a renovation of the high school commons area. Members have ordered a litany of new tables, desks, chargers, and lounge pieces for the area and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the rest of the furniture to finalize the new floor plan. This is an impressive legacy that will provide a more comfortable and inviting environment for the future.

High school art is being displayed at Woody's Thai Kitchen. If anyone would like to make an art purchase speak to Rene, the owner.

FFA: Monthly meeting will be April 6th at 2:30 PM in the high school theater with state practice afterwards until 4:30 PM. State FFA will be April 13-16th. Iron Mountain FFA will have Casey Bryden, Cody Bryden, Teak Barhaug, Aly Guernsey, Trevor Guernsey, Corbin Kirchner, and John Van Buskirk competing. Events will be virtual again this year.

Alaska Department of Labor **VIRTUAL JOB FAIR:**

AVTEC and Kenai Peninsula region: March 30th– April 9th

<https://jobs.alaska.gov/jobfairs/virtual.html>

Wrestling and Track are underway!

Home track meet scheduled 4/20.

Wrestling Home Matches are scheduled 4/6 and 5/4, spectators by invitation only, live streamed on Seward High School Sports– YouTube.

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Notes from the Principal

It's hard to believe that we've been managing the pandemic for a full year. I am thankful that a vaccine is largely available and that we are pushing a little closer to our post-COVID normal with each passing week. However, it's important to remember that, with the new variants and no vaccine available to students under the age of 16, we cannot relax on our mitigation plan until we have reached true herd immunity. This means that our mask mandate, distancing, sanitation, symptom-free protocols, and remote instructional choices will remain in effect AT LEAST through the end of the school year. This also means that we'll require strict mitigation plans for all of our normal end-of-year celebrations and ceremonies.

Unfortunately, this includes prom. I've heard rumors that students are planning their own un-sanctioned activity. While I understand why students are doing this, I'm hopeful that you and they understand my need to publically declare that the Seward High is not, nor are we ever able to be, involved in the planning or supervision of this activity. This means that there is no guarantee that participants will follow our health protocols or KPBSD Board Policy for afterschool activities.

Graduation WILL occur live and on our football field on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM. Each student will be allotted parking spaces around the track and we're planning to broadcast the entire ceremony over Seward Public Radio's 91.7 frequency. We may need to invest in a bunch of umbrellas and a big tent, but at least we'll be able to host a live event for Seward High School's Class of '21.

There are too many logistics with too many guests to manage a live Scholarship/Awards Ceremony—even if we attempted to organize and host this event outdoors. This means that we will solicit video clips and edit them into a Scholarship/Awards Ceremony that will be published on Monday, May 17th at 7:00 PM. The video will also be archived on Seward High School's homepage and shstoday.org.

It is my great pleasure to announce that Coach Scrivo has taken over the wrestling program after assisting Coach Hemstock for many years. Practices have already begun and Coach Scrivo is keeping student-athletes motivated even through our pandemic mitigation plans.

Coach Sol also returns and Seward High School's Track and Field Coach. I'm also pleased to announce that Rachel Dow will assist his efforts. Even with a ton of snow and ice on our field, practice has already begun. We're hoping for a quick thaw and that we'll be hosting a home even by the end of the month.

I am sad to report, however, that he needed to cancel Boys and Girls Soccer. The good news is that there was an army of middle school students playing. Also, Wrestling won't get scheduled over the top of Soccer, next year. I'm confident that soccer will come back stronger than ever—post COVID.

Please remember that you can always reach me at my directly line (907) 224-9066 or at twalker@kpbsd.k12.ak.us if you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

Sincerely,

Trevan Walker, Principal



Nurse's Corner



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Symptom-Free Schools Protocol

The purpose of this protocol is to provide a learning environment that is as free of illness as possible, so students and staff of all health levels can participate in school without fear. By extension, this will also promote the safety, health and welfare of our communities. This applies to students, staff, parents and guardians, volunteers, and any school visitors.

Parents and Guardians: check your child's temperature every morning before sending them to school. Ask your child how they feel before determining if they should be sent to school.

When to Stay Home from School and Contact Your School Nurse:

Stay home if:

- You have any signs or symptoms of illness
- You are taking the first 24 hours of antibiotic treatment
- You have an undiagnosed, new and/or, untreated rash or skin condition

When to Return to School After Illness

- If you have been tested and are diagnosed with COVID19, you may return to school no sooner than 10 days after the onset of symptoms, or the date you took the test that was returned positive, whichever is earlier, and you have been symptom free for 24 hours without medication
- If you have COVID19-like symptoms but choose not to be tested, you may return to school no sooner than 10 days after the onset of symptoms AND you must be fever-free for 24 hours without taking any medicine to reduce the fever AND you must be free of cough, cold, or other symptoms for 24 hours, without taking medication to reduce symptoms
- If you have COVID19-like symptoms, are tested and receive a negative result, you may provide the test result and return to school 24 hours after you have been symptom-free with no medication
- If you have symptoms and visit a doctor who tests you for Covid19 and determines your symptoms are caused by something else besides COVID19, you can provide a doctor's note and return to school 24 hours after you have been symptom free with no medication
- If you feel the symptoms were caused by a chronic problem, such as allergies, please consult your school nurse. Your doctor may be able to provide an order with an alternate diagnosis. However, your child will still have to be symptom-free before returning to school
- If you are fully vaccinated (at least 14 past the 2nd or only dose of Covid19 vaccine) and develop symptoms of illness, you only have to stay home until you are 24 hours symptom-free. However, if you experience loss of taste or smell or have been exposed to a positive case, you will need to test before returning to school. Consult your school nurse.

ALL COVID-19 TESTS FOR ILLNESS OR CLOSE CONTACT MUST BE PCR OR MOLECULAR TESTS.

ANTIGEN OR ANTIBODY TESTS WILL NOT FULFILL THE TESTING REQUIREMENT.



April, 2021 SHS Counselor's Newsletter

Hello everyone,

How about a wonderful welcome to April, with warmer sunny days! I believe it's time to start enjoying days that don't seem like winter. 😊 Everything at SHS continues to move forward as we near the end of the school year.



As usual, I have a few important items to share with you this month:

1. Check out the new "Counselor's Corner" section of SHS's homepage for lots of valuable information.
2. The counseling department's assessments (SAT, ACT, PSAT, ASVAB) have been completed for the year but I'll be offering them again next year.
3. The Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) assessment for ELA and Math (9th grade students) and Science (10th grade students) will take place the week of April 5th – April 9th. Makeup testing and testing for remote learners will be during the week of April 12th – 16th. Please make sure your child(ren) arrive to school on time and prepared to do their best.
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. SHS's 2021 graduation ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM. I will be hosting a Zoom meeting to share information about the ceremony this Wednesday night, 6:30 PM. The link is: <https://kpbsd.zoom.us/j/2037775779?pwd=MHBPWmFCeE84TGF2cHRhb3R4YlNBZz09> Meeting ID: 203 777 5779 Passcode: DoYourBest
6. The 2021 SHS Awards Ceremony will take place on Monday, April 17th at 6:00 PM. More details will be announced as soon as possible.
7. Academic scheduling for the next school year will soon begin. Many factors are delaying the development of a master schedule. More information will soon 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

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/>**

View Fall 21 Schedule Online registration opens April 22, 2021 for high school students!!!

Placement Testing Complete placement tests or submit previous math/English college credits including current test scores (SAT, or ACT, or Accuplacer). Accuplacer testing can be scheduled through Jackie Marshall. The [ALEKS Test for math placement](#) is available free online after you obtain a UA ID.

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"**.

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.

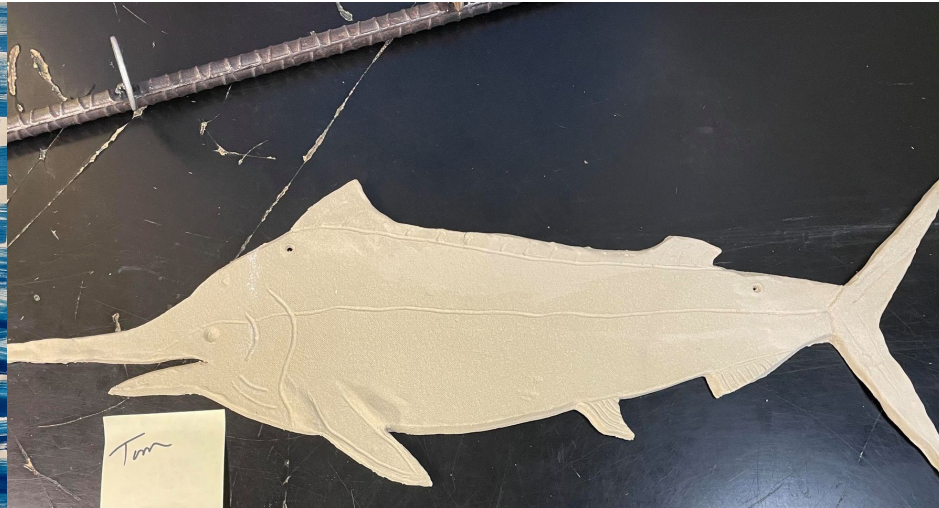
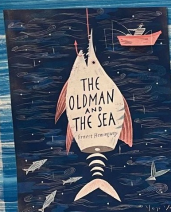
Consider pursuing a college degree at KPC: Check out the areas of study offered at <http://www.kpc.alaska.edu/academics/areas-of-study/>

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

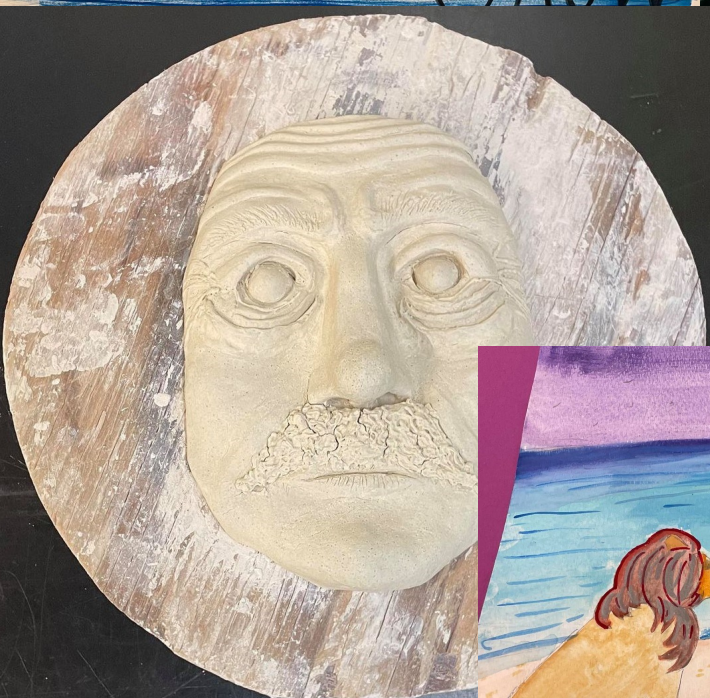
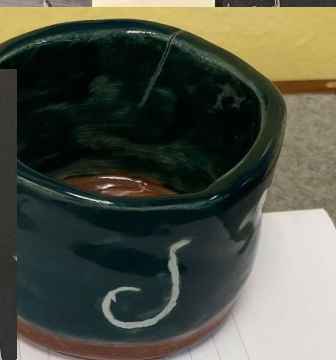


Student Art Show

Artwork by Marshall's LA II Classes



Tom



Everyday is a new day. It is better to be lucky. But I would rather be exact. Then when luck comes you are ready. "But man is not is not made for defeat," he said. "A man can be destroyed but not defeated." Let him think I am more than I am and I will be at sea. No is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with that is. "I may not be as strong as I think I am, but I know many tricks and I have resolution. It's silly not to hope. It's a sin to doubt." "If others heard me talking out loud they think I am crazy. But since I am not, I do not care." "Fish," he said. "I love you and respect you very much. But I will kill you dead before this day ends." "Perhaps I should not have such a fisherman," he thought. But that was the thing that I was born for. He rested sitting on the un-stopped mast and sail and had not to think but only endure.

Mr. Marshall's 11th Grade English Class Hemingway/Old Man and the Sea Art Show!

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April 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Seward High, in collaboration with the Seward Prevention Coalition, will be administering the first ever Youth360 Student Survey, between April 19th and 30th. The purpose of the survey is to collect information that will help our community improve the health and well-being of Seward's young people.

Students in 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades will complete the survey. It includes questions about their health, behavior, substance use and well-being. The survey, which is anonymous and confidential, will take about 45 minutes to complete. It will occur during school hours, either at school or during virtual learning from home.

The Youth360 Survey is adapted from the *Planet Youth* survey, which has been implemented all over the world since 2006, and in Iceland since 1992. The data is used as a basis for policy-making, grant writing, and has informed the practices of those working to improve the health and well-being of youth. It will help students, parents, staff, and the community to better understand the interactions and relationships among students, teachers, and staff that constitute each school's social and academic climate, and to identify areas we can improve to make our schools more supportive, caring, and productive places for all students.

The survey is voluntary, anonymous, and confidential. Click to review the [survey](#) and [brochure](#) describing its purpose and benefits to the District, Seward Schools, families, and community. They are also available on [Seward High's Webpage](#). Hard copies are available at the school office.

The survey will be online. Participating students will receive a link on their Gmail accounts.

- The District will not see individual answers and individual student answers will never be shared publically.
- Access to any survey data will be treated the same as all other student data protected under FERPA.

Please fill out the following information, check the appropriate box, and return to school.

Student Information:

First and Last Name

Grade

My child HAS permission to participate in this survey

My child DOES NOT have my permission to participate in this survey

Parent/Guardian Information

First and Last Name

Date

Sincerely,