

Seahawk News



Graduation Ceremony 5/19 7pm

Hybrid Awards Night 5/17 6pm

(Award recipients attend in person, number of other guests TBA)

Thank you all for your support, flexibility and encouragement over this school year!

KPBSD is offering multiple CTE (Career and Technical Education) Academies this summer at no cost to students. A Certified Nursing Assistance class will be held in Seward starting June 8th, and there are several Kenai-based courses such as the Petroleum Academy, the Construction Academy and training for Emergency Trauma Technician.

Please check out <https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/OneStop/Onestop.aspx?id=30681> to fill out a google form for more information.

Chromebook return will happen in library *by grade during school* May 17-18th. Students need to return the chromebook that was checked out to *them*.

The fee for a lost chromebook is \$250

Last Home Wrestling Match & Senior Night.

Tuesday, May 4th Senior recognition 3:40, wrestling @ 4pm

Wrestling Regions May 14.15

State Wrestling May 21-22

Track and Field Team competes:

Palmer invitational May 5/7-5/8

Regions May 21-22

State: May 28-29

Sources of Strength implemented a school-wide trusted adult campaign May 5th and a three week social media campaign challenging students to post what they're grateful for. Checkout entries in the highlights, @sewardSOS

Reminder: Graduation Practices are mandatory.

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Notes from the Principal



I cannot express how fortunate I have been to have your trust and support to push the bounds of what a secondary school can be for the community it serves. I am proud of the model we created to meet the needs of all of the students we serve and the results that it has produced for the last 14 years of my tenure. However, I recognize that it's time for Seward High to have new leadership with new ideas and energy to move this program into the next phase of its continuous improvement journey.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to retire and wanted you to know that Superintendent O'Brien accepted my letter of resignation as Seward Middle and Seward High Schools' principal effective at the conclusion of my 2020-2021 contract.

This year's May reflection on the school year is again clouded by pandemic and our need to adjust, accommodate, and support student learning through significant challenge. This year has seen cancelations and postponements of many of the trappings of a traditional high school experience and my heart is broken for all of our students. The Class of 2021, has been hit especially hard by the pandemic. They endured a year's worth of disruption, change, and disappointment at what should have been the pinnacle of their public educational experience. That said, I could not be more proud of their grit, determination, and resiliency. I am also proud of our staff's willingness and ability to adjust, remain nimble, and consistently put the needs of our students—academic, emotional, and otherwise—before their own.

I'd also like to extend a special thanks to the Seward Area Site-Based Council and the Seward PTA. Your advocacy and support of our programs cannot be overstated. Please get involved as these two bodies have a direct line to school administration and have real ability to be change agents in their child(ren)'s school(s). The Seward Site-Based Council is soliciting volunteers to serve on next year's board. Please call the school if you're interested and we'll forward your name to Mica Van Buskirk—the Seward Area Site-Council President.

Seward Middle's Spring ALICE Drill will occur on Thursday, May 6th. A reminder, ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. It provides a variety of skills and strategies that individual teachers and staff members can employ to best respond to a violent intruder in the building. KPBSD requires that each school conduct two (2) ALICE Drills each year. Seward Schools' Resource Officer, Tyler Mallory will assist.

Please make sure you note these important dates coming up in this busy month of May:

Senior Finals	May 12-13
Baccalaureate	May 16
Hybrid Award Ceremony	May 17
Field Set-Up/Graduation Practice*	May 17
Graduation Practice	May 18
Senior Bar-be-Que/Parade	May 18
Graduation Practice/Graduation	May 19
9-11 Finals Schedule	May 17-18
School Clean-up/Check-out/Student Council Picnic	May 19

*Graduation Practice is mandatory for participation in the Graduation Ceremony

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

Sincerely, *Trevan Walker*, Principal



Nurse's Corner

I am really excited to let you all know that I am able to offer a rapid molecular Covid test in my schools. It only takes 20 minutes to get the test results. I no longer have to send the sample to Anchorage which eliminates the 3-7 day wait for results. In fact, I have already utilized this new technology with staff and students as of last week. We are still a symptom-free school which means that even if the staff or students are negative on the covid test, they will still need to go home if they are having symptoms. Staff and students may return to school no sooner than 24 hours after being symptom free with no medication. I travel on Fridays to my smaller schools which includes Hope, Moose Pass and Cooper Landing so testing will not be available on Fridays in Seward. I anticipate getting more testing units in the future and Friday testing will become available then.

Have a great summer! We deserve it after this year 😊

Nurse Yoly



May, 2021 SHS Counselor's Newsletter

Hello again,

It's hard to believe another school year is coming to an end, and what a year it's been. Everything at SHS continues to move at warp speed as we near the end of the school year.

Here's a few important items to share with you this month:

1. I will be hosting a ZOOM meeting for all incoming 9th grade students, with their parents/guardians Thursday evening. I sent out invitations via email with the link and password and will send out a reminder on Wednesday. I will have additional orientation events in the fall, hopefully in person. More information will follow.
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. 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.
4. SHS's 2021 graduation ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM. More specific information will follow as the date approached.
5. 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.
6. Academic scheduling for the next school year will be completed this week. I will send out an email when PowerSchool is active for students to select courses.

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

KPC Office closure May 6 reopening August 9.

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 jjepimarshall@alaska.edu



Kenai Peninsula College
UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE

GET A JUMP ON COLLEGE! WITH DUAL-CREDIT CLASSES

Earn up to six college credits per semester for up to six semesters (30 credits total) with Kenai Peninsula College's JumpStart Program. Students can begin taking JumpStart KPC courses the summer after completing their Sophomore year.

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learn more
bit.ly/JumpStartKPC



view classes
bit.ly/KPC2021classes

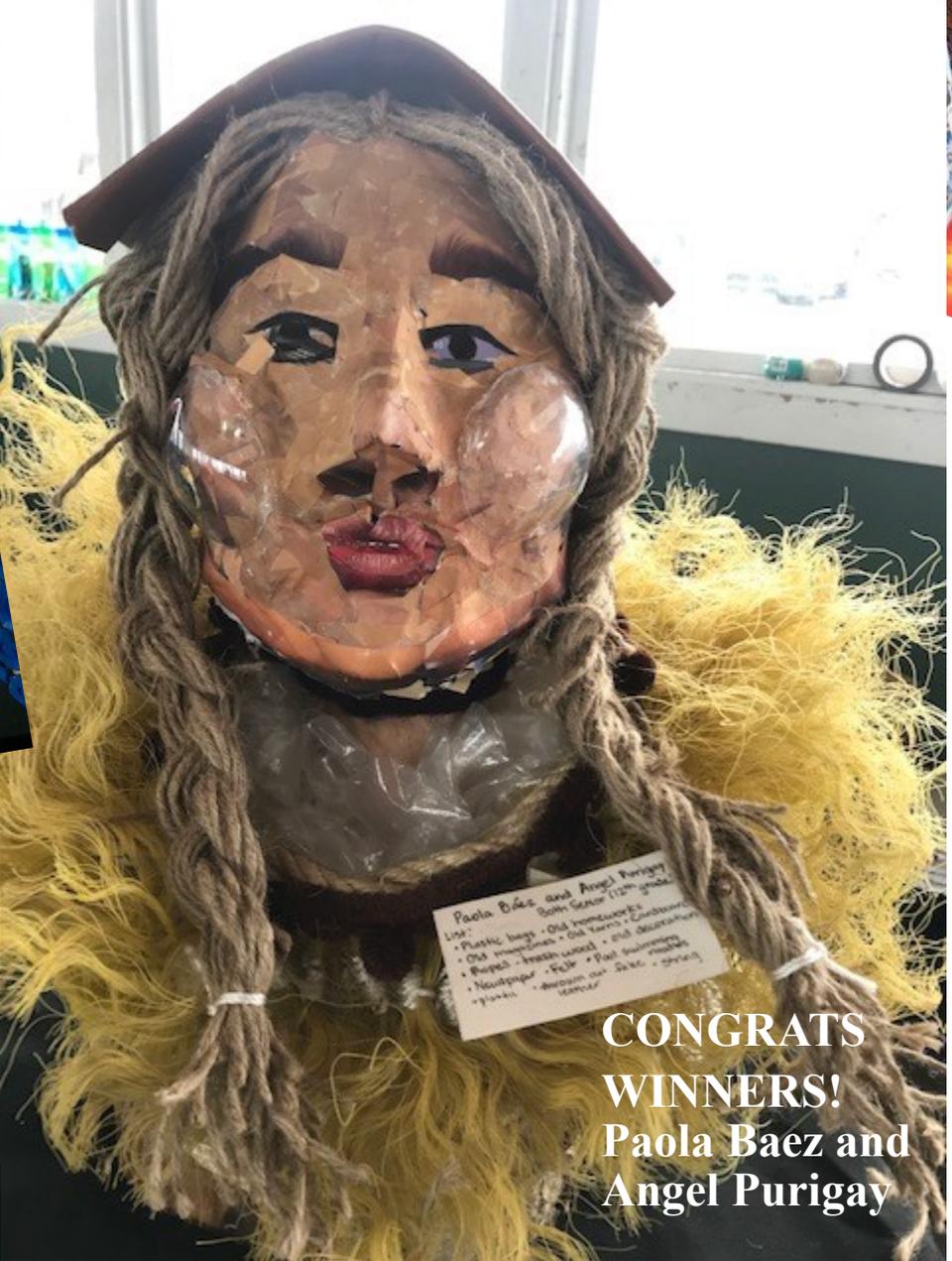
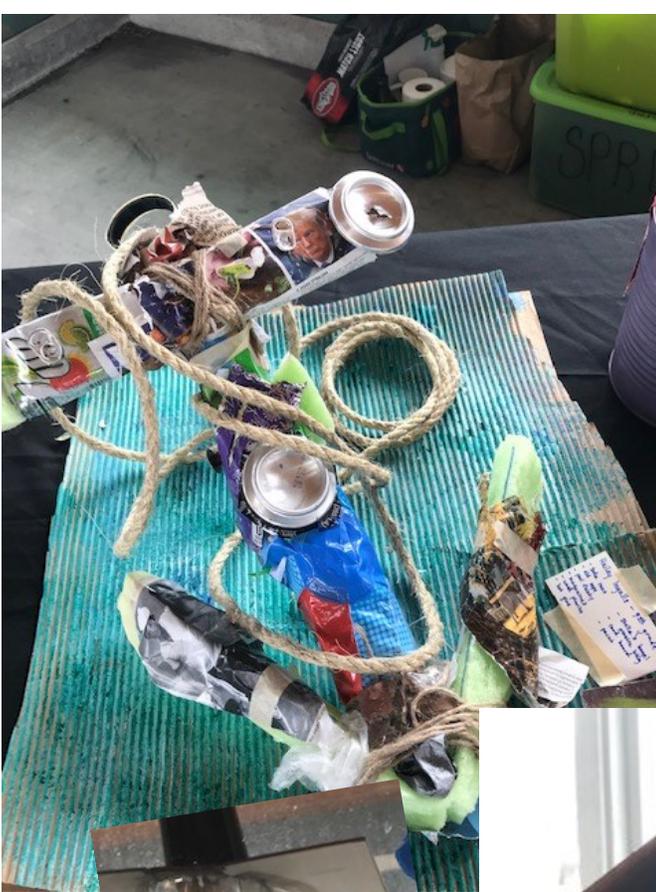


REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 19

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CONGRATS WINNERS! Paola Baez and Angel Purigay



Teen Readers Story Hour

Pictured:

Shelby Sieminski reading aloud, and with great charisma, to Seward elementary school students via ZOOM. This was part of “Teen Readers Story Hour” an event put on by the Friends of the Seward Library on May 14th.

2021 Seward Chamber Community Awards Nominee

Megan Wiley

SEWARD HIGH SCHOOL
ART TEACHER

"...I have personally seen the way she inspires her students to reach for the stars, she is a pillar of strength for every kid that attends her classes at the high school, middle school, and even for remote kids doing online classes. In our current climate of uncertainty and fear, we could all use a little color — a little art. Megan is dedicated to bringing color to our tiny yet beautiful town."

Seward
CHAMBER

Congratulations!

COVID VACCINE FOR AGES 16-17

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is the only one currently approved for 16-17 year olds in the U.S.

Call Seward Community Health Center if you would like your 16-17 year-old to receive this vaccine.

COVID Vaccine
Appointment Line

907-224-8508

