



# Seahawk News



## Seward High's Webpage:

<https://kpbsd.org/schools/seward-high/>

### Upcoming March Dates:

- StuCo Pep Assembly March 3rd 9:10am
- No School Friday, March 4th (End of Q3)
- SPRING BREAK MARCH 7-11
- Hanover Climate Survey Window March 14-18
  - \* Please turn in your slip to Ms. Starr
- Senior Takeover March 16th

## Seniors!

*It's time to get serious about scholarships!*

LOCAL Scholarship page: <https://kpbsd.org/schools/seward-high/counselor/local-scholarships/>

Scholarship Workshop with Ms. Ransom

*Thursday, March 17th*

*10:50-12:50*

*(7th hour through lunch in the library)*

\*SHS Common App Due April 15th

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March, 2022 SHS Counselor Newsletter

Hello everyone,

It certainly is nice to have longer days and warmer weather! It's awesome to see more energy and excitement in the classrooms, halls, and common areas. Lots of great activities and class projects are taking place.

I have a few important items to share with you.

1. KPBSD schools are required to participate in district and state mandated testing. Upcoming testing include the following:  
AK STAR assessment (ELA and Math) for 3-9<sup>th</sup> grade students; starting the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Peaks (Science) for 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students; starting the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Measure of Academic Progress for 3-10<sup>th</sup> grade students; starting the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>.  
During testing, please help ensure your child(ren) arrive to school on time and prepared to do their best. Let me know if you would like additional information about these assessments.
2. I will be working on the academic master schedule for next year right after spring break. My plan is to work with students in grade-level groups with developing their schedules. More information will follow as soon as possible. I'm happy to set up individual meeting with parents/guardians to be included in this process.
3. Soon I'll be hosting another ZOOM meeting for all students and their parents/guardians to discuss scheduling, academics, graduation, etc. As soon as I determine the date and time, I'll send out a ZOOM invite. Stay tuned.
4. Additionally, Mr. Burns and I will be inviting seniors, along with their parent/guardians, to attend individual meetings with us to discuss graduation progress and post-SHS plans. Invites will go out soon.

I wish everyone a safe and wonderful Spring Break! And, just as a reminder, I'm at the high school Monday through Friday, from 07:30 to 11:30 AM. I'm happy to set up a time with you to discuss any questions, concerns, or issues. I'm here for support and assistance.

Best wishes, Mr. Dye

Douglas Dye, LCSW

Seward High & Middle School Counselor

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### Upcoming StuCO Events:

March 3 - Pep Rally

Canned Food Drive ends March 3rd

**Clothes Drive** *will start* right after Spring Break and will continue for the rest of March.

**Movie Night** March 19th– Senior class will be selling refreshments

- April Movie on Lawn TBA
- April 9 Spring Sphere Hunt – Open to Public
- May 2 KPBSD Board Meeting
- May 4th STAR WARS movie night (May the 4th Be With You!)
- May 10 Last Day for Seniors
- May 12th Scholarship & Awards Night 6pm
- May 13th Senior Parade @ Elementary and BBQ
- May 15th Baccalaureate TBA
- May 16th Graduation 6pm
- May 18 Last Day of School & StuCo BBQ

### Food Drive Ends March 3:

Senior Class is currently in the lead with just over 50 cans... Who will win?



## KPC-Resurrection Bay Extension Site News

**Kenai Peninsula College 2022/2023 High School Tuition Scholarship Due March 17, 2022 at 5pm.** Application available from KPC office located at Seward High, Mr. Dye's office, or download it from Seward High website under Local Scholarship tab.

**Creative Writing Workshop** This non-credit course will cover a range of creative techniques and genres over ten 90-minute classes. Class will meet virtually twice a week for five weeks on Zoom. Instructor, Sean Ulman will introduce craft topics such as - sentence variety, the power of metaphors, point of view, tone and audience. **Class meets Via Zoom Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm-7:30pm March 24 – April 21. Open to participates ages 15 and up. Cost is \$90. Register for class at <https://kpckenairiver.asapconnected.com/#CourseGroupID=50698>**

**Calling all Seward High** Sophomores and Juniors...Did you know that you take college classes while in high school? Check out the dual credit JumpStart Program information below. Planning for Fall 2022 begins now!!!

**JumpStart Registration opens April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**JumpStart Program (Discounted Tuition Program)** Get a jump on college!!! 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.

**Grades:** Final grades for Spring 22' semester will be available to view on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Final grades for fall 2021 semester are available to view at UA Online.

**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](http://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 <https://kpc.alaska.edu/academics/areas-of-study/>

Contact Resurrection Bay Extension Site Coordinator Jackie Marshall for more information 262-0285 or [jjpepimarshall@alaska.edu](mailto:jjpepimarshall@alaska.edu)



The next Iron Mountain FFA chapter meeting will be March 3rd at 2:30 PM in Room 208 at the high school followed by contest event practice.

Iron Mountain FFA will also be hosting the Kenai Peninsula District Leadership Development Events contests March 4th and 5th at the Seward High School. FFA members will be competing in Prepared, Extemporaneous, and Creed Speaking along with Employability Skills.

*Anyone wanting to watch the competitions or just check out what the FFA are doing is welcome to join on Saturday.*

Events run from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

The Day of Service project will be going on both days with the three KP chapters making fleece blankets for the Homeless Connection and community groups for "Warmth for the Winter".

For more information contact:

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Iron Mountain Advisor

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or

the HS office at 907-224-9040





Students from Seward schools started a National Ocean Sciences Bowl team, the Seward Sleeper Sharks and have been meeting since September to learn about oceanography and have been exploring Ocean Sciences in our community through a variety of field trips. They competed at the NOSB state competition in February and won 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 13 teams! They wrote a 15 page research paper, presented their research to the teams and judges, built an ROV and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the ROV challenge and made it to the championship bracket in the quiz bowl to win 6<sup>th</sup> place overall! If you are interested in joining the team next fall, contact Mica at 907-491-1671.





Mac Turley is by far, the best janitor in the world. Not only does he clean our school, but he is a world-class storyteller and stand-up comedian. The students in this school will forever remember Mac for his witty jokes and intriguing stories. He has put his whole heart into this school. Mac, you will always be part of the SHS family! Happy retirement!

-SHS Senior









## Kenai Peninsula Borough School District COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

*The KPBSD COVID-19 Mitigation Plan updates will go into effect on Friday, March 4, 2022*

### **Mitigation plan changes are based on:**

- local hospital capacity for all patients
- availability of local hospital ventilators
- number of patients in local hospitals with COVID-19
- community transmission levels
- the impact and severity of current variants of COVID-19
- availability of vaccines and boosters for all staff and students
- availability and accessibility of testing and screening
- availability of treatments for symptoms of COVID-19
- broad community awareness of non-pharmaceutical measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19

### **The KPBSD will continue to:**

- Maintain best practices for installation and maintenance of high-quality air filtration systems in all sites
- Maintain best practices for sanitization and disinfection in all KPBSD buildings
- Encourage and support handwashing and proper hygiene utilizing current public health guidance
- Highly recommend wearing a face mask
- Utilize current public health guidance
- Provide testing, testing resources, and testing referrals for COVID-19 to all KPBSD staff and students
- Follow Village or Tribal COVID-19 mandates for school facility operations

### **Face coverings**

**School provided transportation:** Per the US DOT mandate for public transportation, **face masks are required** for all bus passengers travelling to and from school and for all co-curricular activities and field trips

In all risk level scenarios, face coverings are highly recommended, but not required for students and staff while indoors. An exception is for people who recently test positive for COVID-19. Read [COVID-19 Positive Monitor, Mask, and Return Protocol\\*](#)

Visitors and volunteers have a choice to mask or not mask

## Guidelines and Reminders

### KPBSD [Symptom Free Schools](#)

- Students and staff who are sick or not feeling well, stay home
- Isolate if you have any symptoms that are not known allergies or pre-existing conditions
- Call the school to excuse your student absence
- Take a COVID-19 test. KPBSD continues to offer molecular and antigen testing for staff and students
- KPBSD continues to offer Over-The-Counter (OTC) home antigen tests to staff and students as supplies are available

### \*Positive COVID-19 Test

Follow KPBSD [COVID-19 Positive Monitor, Mask, and Return Protocol](#)

- Notify the school or workplace if you test positive for COVID-19 to determine your return to school or work date
- Isolate at home from the start of symptoms or when a positive test is received (Day 0) for a minimum of 5 days
- You may return to school or work on Day 6\*. Wearing a mask at school or work is required through Day 10
- \*Do not return to school or work if you are currently experiencing symptoms, or have experienced symptoms during the past 24 hours

### Close Contacts

*Schools will no longer do in-school contact tracing.*

In addition to school based testing, [Glacier Family Medicine Clinic](#) in Seward and [Soldotna Professional Pharmacy](#) continue to provide free COVID-19 testing for KPBSD staff and students.

### If you participate in Extra Curricular Activities and Field Trips

- Contact your coach or teacher and school if you have tested positive to determine your return to activity date or field trip participation
- The KPBSD will follow all ASAA guidelines for state and regional competitions
- Masks are required on all KPBSD buses per the US DOT mandate for public transportation

KPBSD COVID-19 Hub: [covid19.kpbsd.org](https://covid19.kpbsd.org)