Skyline Family,

Mark your calendars! Skyline Parent/Teacher Conferences sign-ups will be coming to you soon.

We look forward to welcoming you to Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, 11/5 and on Tuesday, 11/10 from 5:00-8:00 PM. Skyline parent/teacher conferences and sign-up will be online this year. Conference dates and times are individual ten-minute conference opportunities. Teachers will be hosting their conferences virtually and will be emailing scheduled families their ZOOM link individually. Please do not sign up for more than one-time slot per teacher (duplicate conference spaces with an individual teacher taken by one family will be deleted to create space for additional families).

I will share a link for our Parent Teacher Conference Sign-up on Wednesday, 10/28 at 5:00pm to all Skyline families via email. Please be on the look-out.

Parent/Teacher conference space is limited. We ask that our families please only schedule conferences with teachers of classes in which your child is struggling. If your child is making good progress with a given teacher’s course, please do not schedule an individual time to meet with that teacher. Conference times are best utilized for teachers and families to work in partnership with and for students who are not making progress.

These are tough times, Skyline family. The Skyline staff is here to help you and your Skyline Eagle make this year the best it can be. Our teachers are always available to conference in with you via email if that is preferable. Email is abundant these days, so please allow our teachers a little longer than usual to compose a response to an email conference. Our teachers want to be sure to give you the time, attention, and accurate information you and your child deserve.

In partnership,
Cory McElmeel, Principal
Skyline High School

Things to Come

Our Bell Schedule Next Week
What if I missed the 11th Grade PSAT NMSQT and still want to test?

11th Grade students who didn’t test on October 14, 2020 for the PSAT/NMQST, may have an opportunity to test - please check your email ASAP.

We are gathering information for testing in the event we are able to test on October 29, 2020.

There is a fast approaching deadline, so please let us know your interest NOW!
*We will do our best to accommodate testing if we are able to receive the necessary additional College Board supply to do so in time and will update our families asap as we receive shipments.*

**Who is taking the SAT 12/Essay and When?**

Skyline Class of 2021 (Seniors who haven’t previously tested)

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*Only those students who received a letter with specific details with room assignments and other details are testing on this date”.

Please email Alberta Britton, Interim SLC Principal with any questions “brittona@aaps.k12.mi.us”

**Health and Safety Considerations**

The health and safety of our students and staff remain our top priorities! All of our in-person testing sessions are being carefully planned to limit the number of total participants in the school and testing rooms. Additionally, there will be staggered start and stop times. We will be following all state-mandated safety guidelines. Students and staff are required to wear face masks and practice social distancing the entire time they are in the school.

On the morning of testing, all students will be required to complete the AAPS COVID Prescreening Tool prior to entering the school. Students who have confirmed their seats will receive follow-up instructions prior to their testing session. Webinars will be shared to guide students and parents/guardians through the pre-test requirements, as well.

Below is a list of valuable resources for your consideration for both 11th and 12th grade students.

**Khan Academy SAT/PSAT Prep**

https:// collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/khan-academy

**Test-Optional Post-Secondary Schools**

The National Center for Fair & Open Testing (FairTest) is keeping a database of schools that have moved to test-optional. To learn more, please visit: http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional

**National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)**

This is a database of changes to college admission and related policies due to the coronavirus crisis. To learn more, please visit:
This week in Athletics

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Below are continued reminders from AAPS! Go Eagles!

**Additional Information:**

- There will be NO spectators at any AAPS home events
- Before traveling to an away event please check the host school's website for spectator allowance.
- Registration for winter athletics is open. To start registration go [Here](#).
- For Athletic Physicals, you may upload last year's physical or get a new physical and upload that form. If you choose to upload last year's physical you are also required to fill out the MHSAA health questionnaire and upload that as well.
- We hope to have the plan for winter athletics soon! GO EAGLES!

**Reminder of Future Schedule Adjustment**

In response to stakeholder feedback, our district has made some recent updates to our schedules for the weeks of 11/2/2020 and 1/18/2021. In both of these weeks, there is a day off of school; Election Day on 11/3 and MLK Day on 1/18. It had been previously announced that there would be synchronous instruction on the Wednesdays of those weeks rather than our regular asynchronous Wednesday schedule. **We are changing back to the asynchronous plan for 11/4 and 1/20 in response to stakeholder input.**

Schedules for the weeks of 11/2/2020 and 1/18/2021 are as follows:

- **Week of 11/2**
  - Monday - A
Counselor Connection

Seniors

College Update:

We are in the midst of the college application season and the Skyline school counselors are here to help! Please reach out to your school counselor if you have any specific questions about the college application process.

Some upcoming deadlines are:

1) **Sunday, Nov. 1st, 2020**
   - Early action applications DUE*
   - Your school materials (ie: transcripts, letters of recommendation) should have already been requested in Naviance

2) **FAFSA is now available**
   - Information about the [FAFSA](#) has been posted on the Sky Senior Schoology Class of 2021 group
   - [Article](#) on steps for preparing to submit the FAFSA.
   - Help with the FAFSA - there are several workshop opportunities posted on Sky Senior Schoology Class of 2021 group
   - Earn a chance at a $1,000 scholarship for completing the FAFSA.
     - 200 Complete the FAFSA scholarships will be awarded in October, November, and December.
     - [https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/](https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/)

3) **Friday, Nov. 20th, 2020**
   - Final day to request materials needed from the school (ie: transcripts, recommendations) for college applications if applying **Regular Action** with **January 1**st deadline.

4) **Scholarship Applications - Start now!**
   - Start applying for scholarships at prospective colleges.
   - Scholarship search is available on Naviance and can be found within the “Colleges”
Please remember to review the senior presentation for details on how to request transcripts and letters of recommendation in Naviance.

There are open spots in the Girls Group College and Career Planning group sessions! Take advantage of this opportunity for group support with your college and/or career planning. See flyer

**Juniors and Seniors!**

College representatives are available to meet virtually! You can review an updated college visit list here. In addition, review the Sky Senior Schoology Class of 2021 group for important updates.

**Freshmen & Sophomores**

If you missed the Get To Know Your Counselor presentation, we really need your help! We want to get to know you better, so please take a moment to complete the form below. Help us to help you by telling us about yourselves. https://forms.gle/FyYctzuX4C2nz7WKA

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### Weekly Virtual College Visits

**Skyline High School**

**Virtual College Visit Procedure**

- Notify your classroom teacher(s) before signing up for the Virtual College Visit. Make sure you are not missing important information (Exam, Experiment, etc.) Note: If the visit will run into another class period notify that teacher prior to attending the visit. Do not interrupt the class/teacher when returning to class.
- Have a plan in place to recover the information you will be missing before attending the Virtual College Visit.
- Secure permission from your parent(s). Provide your parents with the date and time of the Virtual College Visit.
- The day of the visit check-in with your classroom teacher(s) and attend the visit via the zoom link provided.
- The Cube will validate your attendance at the end of the period.
- At your next class meeting request any missed assignments/exam. Secure the deadline to submit the missed assignment/test/experiment prior to attending the Virtual College Visit.

*Please note: An updated list of all virtual college visits can be found at:*

https://www.a2schools.org/Page/16484

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### Important Information & Announcements

**Overall Grade Calculation - Quarter, Semester, and Final**
For the 2020-21 school year, high school students are receiving grades for all courses for 1st semester using our established grading scale. **Semester grades are being calculated on a 45-45-10 basis – each quarter will count for 45% of the final grade, with the final exam/assessment/project counting for 10%**. Teachers are providing feedback to students through Schoology. Schoology has a grading feature that connects to Powerschool. Syncing these systems is taking regularly. However, please keep apprised of both systems as syncing is not immediate between PowerSchool and Schoology.

Winter Season Fast Approaching

**Winter Athletics Update**

*As the number of positive cases rises in our county and across the state, decisions about the start of the winter sports season will be balanced with our priorities of 1) health and safety of our athletes and coaches, and 2) mitigating the spread of the virus in our community. We will carefully follow the recommendations of the health department and consider the guidelines from the MHSAA. As of today, there are no official start dates for winter sports. I will communicate with you over the coming weeks as decisions are made. In the meantime, I want to reinforce the importance of consistently following all COVID-19 mitigation strategies; consistent use of face coverings, maintaining social distance, hand sanitization, etc. Any athlete experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 - even mild symptoms - should consider a self-quarantine. If your athlete is experiencing any symptoms, please consider getting a COVID-19 test. The WCHD has information about testing locations here.*

**Student Attendance Reporting**

Students are expected to fully participate in class each day. To ensure student success in reaching the learning targets, we need your support to make sure students are present daily and on time for class. We understand some absences are unavoidable. However, given the structure of the program, missing a week or several days will make it difficult for a student. It is important for students to understand that grades will be issued for all classes this year whether we are virtual or in person.

Parents please call the attendance line and report/excuse student absences.

**It’s is not necessary to report absences on fully-asynchronous school days**

Skyline Attendance Line: 734-994-7842

**Yearbook Distributions and Sales**

YEARBOOK SALES AND PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

SENIOR PHOTOS AND YEARBOOK SALES: You can purchase the 2020-21 yearbook and upload your senior photos (deadline is Friday, November 6) using the link:
PHOTO SUBMISSIONS: This year, we are asking that students upload an individual headshot for our class photos section. This can be taken by a parent or friend, or a fun selfie. The only requirement is that we can see your face :) This will be for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. You can upload these, along with any other photos (sports! events! students in masks!) using the link: https://tinyurl.com/skylineyearbookphotos

Schoology and Powerschool Parent Information

Schoology for Parents
Here is a link where you will find information with instructions on how to create, log into, and use your Schoology account. You should have received a unique access code from your student’s Skytime teacher. If not, please contact them.

If you require additional technical support please contact:
- Call Schoology Support - Available 7am - 7pm 734-997-1222
- Email Schoology Support - Available 7am-7pm family_techsupport@aaps.k12.mi.us

Powerschool for Parents
The Ann Arbor Public Schools encourages all parents to set up Single-Sign On accounts to access the PowerSchool parent portal. Please watch for updates here as well information mailed from your school(s) and the central office.

PDF: Instructions for Setting Up Your Single Sign-On Account

Video: https://youtu.be/UEWSNbR7Qzg

Limited technical support for parents having difficulty setting up their accounts is available by emailing psparent@aaps.k12.mi.us. NOTE: ITD cannot create accounts nor provide access keys.

PowerSchool Mobile App available for Android and iOS. The video below shows you how to get started.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vA8gI-qTImI

District Code for PowerSchool app for iPhone/Android: GGFF

Resources for Students & Families

RAHS Clinic

Michigan Medicine’s Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools
Providing substance use prevention group sessions at Pathways for Success Academic Campus throughout this school year. Each session includes 4 sessions of education and group activities with a goal to improve knowledge and decision making processes especially as it relates to substance use. To be eligible for the group, participants must complete a RAHS registration and consent form and a group questionnaire which are available HERE. If you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss, please contact Lisa Anderson, LMSW at lfattori@med.umich.edu or by phone (734) 997-3625.

**Academic Resources for Families**

**Connections+ Guidelines and Tips**
AAPS has created a Guide to support families who have created learning groups for AAPS students. The Guide includes hints and tips, safety information and free community resources. View the Connections+ Guide here.

**Free Academic Support Resources**
A number of local groups and organizations are offering free academic support for AAPS students. These free resources are primarily provided by U-M students and community volunteers. View Free Academic Support Resources Here.

**Food Distribution**

- Fall Food Distribution will continue on a Monday & Thursday schedule.
- Pick-up times are from 11:30-3:00pm and 4:30-6:00pm at Skyline.
- These meals are intended for children up to 18 years old and any child with special needs up to 26 years old. AAPS will distribute these meals to children, and parents/guardians.
- AAPS Food Service Hotline – If you have food allergy needs or cannot make it to a pick-up location please call 734-994-2265.
- Food Service / Free & Reduced Meal Application
- Additional details on food distribution and food assistance and be found - Linked HERE

**AAPS Technology Distribution**

Please remember that all AAPS students will have the opportunity to receive a district-provided device to support remote learning for our Fall 2020 virtual start. At the high school level this will be a chromebook. Following is information on how to attain your child’s district-provide device.

*For internet access support, please complete the 20-21 Student Mobile Hotspot Request Form*

Device distribution will continue.

- Please read the instructions and complete the following steps below to be assigned a time to pick up your device.
- All remaining tech deployment will be taking place at Balas (2555 South State St.) on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m., by kiosk pick-up, and/or by mailing.
• The Technology Distribution - Fall 2020 webpage has all of the pertinent information for distribution dates, pick-up location, Internet support, Schoology support etc.

District Device Issuance Instructions:

Returning Students:
1. In advance of picking up any district technology, please complete the AAPS 1:1 Form - Linked HERE
   a. If you cannot complete this form online, please call 734-997-1222 or email family_techsupport@aaps.k12.mi.us
2. In addition to receiving your student’s tech devices, families who have not yet done so may drop off devices that were distributed last school year or for summer learning.

New Students:
1. In advance of pickup of any district technology, please complete the AAPS 1:1 Form - Linked HERE
2. Families that still need to submit InfoSnap or Immunization paperwork must be ready to submit this paperwork when you arrive at technology distribution
3. If you cannot complete this form online, please call 734-997-1222 or email family_techsupport@aaps.k12.mi.

**Additional details on district technology distribution can be found - Linked HERE**

Resources for Families in Need

Get Help: Community Resources for Students and Families
Looking for support or assistance with food, housing, health care and more? The AAPS Community Resource page lists free resources available to students and families. Visit the Community Resource Page today. This page is frequently updated.

SNAP/EBT Benefits
If you have recently lost income and need assistance with food, you may be eligible for a benefit through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP provides a monthly benefit on an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card (known as the MI Bridge Card) that can be used to buy food at grocery stores, farmers’ markets (see attached), and any food store with the USDA sign “EBT Accepted.”

If you are eligible, you could begin receiving benefits within 30 days. The card is mailed to your house and benefits are uploaded each month directly on the card. Applying is quick and confidential. If you have general questions or want more information, please visit www.michigan.gov/mibridges or call 888-544-8773.

Eagle Pride

Congratulations National Merit Letter of Commendation Recipients!
The following students are being commended by the National Merit Scholarship program for their outstanding performance on the PSAT they took last fall. Please join us in recognizing the following 10 students:

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Go Eagles!
Support Ann Arbor Public School students by buying unique, gently-used community donations!

*We’ve got what your looking for!
Clothing - Shoes & Accessories - Jewelry - Home Decor
Household Goods - Furniture - Electronics - Linens
Crafts - Toys - Books & Media - and much more!

Rest assured that CDC Guidelines are being followed to assure all staff and customers stay safe while shopping!

Don’t forget to visit our Showcase, where you’ll find unique and collectible treasures every day!

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop
SHOWCASE

Call 734-996-9155 or visit FaceBook page for Current Hours