

# Skyline High School

## Family Update 1/19/24

Skyline Families,

As we reach the midpoint of Trimester 2, it's time for us to come together for an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and academic journey. We cordially invite you to attend our Parent-Teacher Conferences on this Thursday, January 25, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

These conferences provide an invaluable chance for you to engage with your child's teachers, gain insights into their academic performance, and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Your active involvement in your child's education plays a crucial role in their success, and we highly encourage you to take advantage of this occasion, especially if your child is struggling or you have concerns.

To facilitate a smooth and productive conference, we kindly request you to sign up for specific time slots( See instructions below). This ensures that you have dedicated time with each teacher to address your child's progress and receive personalized insights.

As a reminder, progress report grades for Trimester 2 are now reflected in PowerSchool. We encourage you to review these grades with your child and reach out to their teachers if you have any questions or concerns. Effective communication between parents and teachers is essential for the success of our students.

We understand that your time is valuable, and we appreciate your commitment to your child's education. If you encounter any challenges or have specific scheduling needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

### **Parent Teacher Conference Sign-Up Instructions**

PTCFast.com is the website we have used for the past few years now, and it works quite well for the purpose of scheduling conferences. As in years prior, you will receive an individual email from each teacher you have signed-up to meet with. If you signed-up to meet with 4 teachers, you will receive 4 separate confirmation emails. Please do not sign-up for more than one time slot with each teacher. Please leave at least 5 minutes between scheduled conferences and do not schedule back to back sessions.

If you haven't yet used PTCFast.com, you should be pleasantly surprised at how simple you will find the process. There are no codes to enter and there is only one website to visit. The conferences are listed alphabetically by the teacher's last name, and you will only need an email

address to make your selections. The conference sign ups are now open, but they will fill up soon, so don't wait!

To streamline the conference scheduling process, we kindly request that you follow these sign-up instructions:

1. Go to this website:

[https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Skyline\\_High\\_School\\_3](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Skyline_High_School_3)

...or you can be taken directly to the webpage by clicking [HERE!](#)

2. Check the box for each Teacher you would like to meet with, then click the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the page.

3. You may create conferences for more than one student, if you have more than one student at Skyline, but for most of you, you will then check the first selection, which is: These are all for one student.

4. Enter your student's first name

5. Enter your student's last name

6. Enter YOUR (parent's) name

7. Enter and confirm YOUR email address

8. Click the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the page to begin the signup process.

Please reach out to Jefferson Bilsborrow at [bilsborrow@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:bilsborrow@aaps.k12.mi.us) with any questions or issues about scheduling your conference times.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to welcoming you at the Parent-Teacher Conferences.

The Skyline Administrative Team

Casey Elmore, Andre Criswell, Terri Patterson, Delsie Sissoko, and Tracey Stevenson

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## Week at a Glance: January 22-26

### Monday

- Spirit Day- Long Winter's Nap - PJ Day

### Tuesday

- Spirit Day- Groutfit Day (wear Gray)

### Wednesday

- Spirit Day- Surf and Ski Day
- Skytime schedule

### Thursday

- Spirit Day- Flannel Day
- Parent Teacher Conferences- 5-8pm

### Friday

- Spirit Day-Class Color Day
  - 9 White
  - 10 Sky Blue
  - 11 Navy
  - 12 Black
  - Staff Gray
- Pep Rally Schedule
  - **If your student will need to be excused for Friday please make sure you call the main office prior to 1:00 pm as we will not be excusing students after this time due to the pep rally.**

### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- Early Release Schedule- Wed. Jan. 31
- Magnet Applications due- Fri. Feb. 2
- NAAPID- Mon. Feb. 12
- Curriculum Night- Tues. Feb. 13
- Count Day- Wed. Feb. 14

## **Pep Rally - Friday, Jan. 26**

Skyline Winterfest Spirit week will be January 22nd through the 26th. We will end spirit week with a pep rally on Friday, January 26th. **If your student will need to be excused for Friday please make sure you call the main office prior to 1:00 pm as we will not be excusing students after this time due to the pep rally.**

Thank you!

## **SAEBRS Mental Health Screener for all students next week**

In our efforts to support the well-being of all our students, Skyline High School will be administering a universal assessment of social, emotional & behavioral health to all students. Below is a disclosure statement with information about the screener. Please take a moment to read the information below. If you choose not to allow your student to participate, you may use the link below to opt out.

### **STUDENT WELL-BEING SCREENER DISCLOSURE**

Skyline staff care deeply about our students, and we want to check in with all students to assess how they are doing. To assist us in this effort, we administer a behavioral wellness screener to all of our students. The SAEBS (The Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) is a brief and research-validated self-rating scale that is completed by students. This information helps us to understand the needs of all our students and to make effective plans at the whole school, class, and individual level.

A member of our screening & support team will follow up with any student whose scores indicate they may need additional support. This school year, Skyline High School will be administering the screener 2 times: in January and April during Skytime classes. If you would like additional information about this universal assessment and student supports we have at Skyline High School please reach out to Heather Schimmel or Jacinta Nafziger.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT**

Results of this screener will only be reviewed by district mental health professionals and shared with appropriate staff and/or parents on a need to know basis. The screener is *not being used to provide a diagnosis or to treat any mental health conditions*, but rather as a guide to determine the current behavioral well-being of our student population.

### **OPT OUT**

If you have no objection to the screener, no further action is necessary, and your student will participate. If you would prefer that your student NOT participate in this screening during this school year, please complete this form by January 16, 2024. If you have multiple students at Skyline High School, please complete the survey for each student. You will receive a separate e-mail for each student. If you opted your

student out of the survey during a previous school year, you will need to opt them out again for this school year.

[Consent for Opt Out Google Form](#)

[Additional info for families linked here](#)

Sincerely,

Casey Elmore  
Principal  
Skyline High School

## Magnet Info for Current 9th Graders

Due to an adjusted schedule, the Skytime Magnet Assembly was held today! During this special Magnet assembly, students were presented with valuable insights into the unique opportunities each Magnet program offers. Linked [HERE](#), you will find more information about our Magnet programs that may aid in speaking with your students. The application process kicks off on the today, with Magnet Applications becoming available online.

As a reminder, mark **Friday, February 2 at 3:00 pm on your calendar as the deadline for submitting Magnet Applications**. On **Tuesday, February 6th**, the eagerly anticipated Magnet Lottery will take place. Please encourage your 9th graders to actively engage in exploring their Magnet options and to seek guidance from counselors or Magnet leads for more information.

## Skyline Curriculum Night for Current 8th Grade Students

**On Tuesday, February 13, 2024**, Skyline High School will be hosting current 8th grade students and parents at our annual **Curriculum Night**. This event is for any students who will, or may, attend Skyline HS next year as 9th grade students. We invite all 8th grade students from Ann Arbor area middle schools - public, private, and charter.

If you know any local 8th grade families, feel free to share this as a "save the date" of sorts. We will send out more information in the new year, but we want folks to be able to mark this on their calendars now, so they can plan accordingly.

[This year's flyer](#) contains a QR code that if scanned, directs parents to a Google form where they can sign up to receive important updates from Skyline about Curriculum Night. While this isn't required, it is encouraged.

Thank you for helping pass this information along to our area families!

## English Language Learner Update

Hello families of English learners,

Parent-Teacher conferences are on Thursday, January 25th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. They are a great opportunity to talk with teachers about your child's progress. The conferences will be **in-person** and I can request an **interpreter to assist you with communication**. Please send me an email if you would like to request an interpreter or get more information regarding the conferences:

[brosej@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:brosej@aaps.k12.mi.us)

All the best,

Jennifer Brose

ELL Teacher

[AAPS: ELL Homepage](#)

### Spanish Translation:

Hola familias de estudiantes de inglés,

Las conferencias de padres y maestros serán en persona el jueves 25 de enero de 5:00 a 8:00 p. m. Son una gran oportunidad para hablar con los maestros sobre el progreso de su hijo. Las conferencias serán **en personay** puedo solicitar un **intérprete para ayudarle con la comunicación**. Por favor envíeme un correo electrónico si desea solicitar un intérprete u obtener más información sobre las conferencias:

[brosej@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:brosej@aaps.k12.mi.us)

Mis mejores deseos,

Jennifer Brose

Maestro ELL

[AAPS: Página de inicio de ELL](#)

## ARC (Academic Resource Center) - After School Tutoring/Support Available

The ARC (Academic Resource Center) is open! The new ARC days will be Mondays and Thursdays from 3pm - 5pm in the library on the third floor. Students will be able to study, complete homework, and receive tutorial services provided by Skyline staff and students. Please take advantage of this great opportunity and resource. We look forward to assisting and supporting our Skyline students.

## Counselor Connection

Seniors, we are in the midst of scholarship season! We have many local scholarships that can be [found on our counselor website](#). **Pay attention to deadlines, they are quickly approaching!**

Additionally, the Detroit News Outstanding Scholar program is accepting scholarship applications for students that have excelled in the following areas: Athletics, Health Education, Journalism, Language Arts, Math, Performing and Visual Arts, Science, and Vocational Tech. If you have participated in any of these areas, see your counselor and we can provide next steps to apply!

## Senior Section - Class of 2024

You can access Xello for career and college resources. To explore Xello, please visit: [bit.ly/skyyxello](https://bit.ly/skyyxello)  
If you would like information about financial aid for college, you may want to check out the [virtual presentations about financial aid](#).

The next financial aid presentation is on January 18 at 6:30. Looking ahead, there is a [GAP Year Fair](#) at Huron High School in January.

Skyline Families and Seniors please complete the Senior Diploma Verification Form:

[Senior Diploma Verification Form](#)

[2023.2024 Senior Packet](#)

[2023.2024 Senior Presentation](#)

Senior Cap and Gown orders have begun. Deadline for Senior Cap & Gown order is Friday, December 22, 2023. [Here are instructions](#) on how to find and order the basic package with only cap, gown and tassel.

**Please look through the Senior Packet as it has a lot of information, important dates and deadlines!**

## AAPS AP Exam Late Payment & Registration

If your student is interested in taking an AP Exam but missed our regular payment and registration deadline, don't worry! **AAPS students can still order an AP exam for May of 2024 by completing these two steps:**

1. **Complete** late-fee payment in [MyPaymentsPlus](#) and
2. **Complete** the **registration request form** linked [HERE](#) to have your test indicator changed to "Yes".  
(Payment must be completed before test indicators will be updated)

**Late-fee registration ends 3/8/24. No additional exams may be requested after 3/8/24.**

More information about 2023-24 AP testing payment and registration can be found [HERE](#).

## Coffee with the Principals for 2023 - 2024



Monthly, we will hold informal opportunities for parents/guardians to come in and meet with the administrative team in a main office conference room. There is no set agenda and we discuss the topics you bring while we sip some coffee and have a few treats. All are welcome!

### Upcoming Dates:

**Monday, Feb. 12th: 8:15 - 9:15 am**

**Tuesday, Feb. 27th @ Peace Neighborhood Center- evening time TBD**

**Wednesday, March 20th: 1:45 - 2:45 pm**

**Friday, April 19th: 8:15 - 9:15 am**

**Monday, May 13th: 1:45 - 2:45 pm**

## What's new in the CUBE! Week of 1/22/24

Our CUBE serves as a valuable resource hub for students, offering a wide range of support and guidance to help them navigate the transition from high school to college or the workforce. Our goal is to empower students with the information and tools they need to make informed decisions about their educational and career paths, fostering a successful and fulfilling future. For more information about what is new this week in the CUBE, you can find more information linked [HERE](#). If you have additional questions, please feel free to email Mr. Lacy at [lacyn@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:lacyn@aaps.k12.mi.us)

## UofM's Brain Bee!

Ever find yourself pondering the intricacies of the human brain? Curious about what makes you, well, you? We've got an opportunity that not only quenches your curiosity but also puts your knowledge to the test in an exciting and interactive setting!



## **Participate in the Michigan Brain Bee!**

Mark your calendar for **March 9th, 2024** as we invite you to embark on a thrilling journey into the world of neuroscience. The Michigan Brain Bee, hosted by the University of Michigan, is not your ordinary competition – it's a live Q & A showdown designed to spark your interest in the incredible field of neuroscience.

### **What's the Brain Bee?**

Picture this: High school students engaged in a battle of wits, exploring topics like intelligence, memory, emotions, sensations, and more. The competition dives deep into the realms of stress, aging, sleep, and disorders such as addiction, Alzheimer's, and other neurological diseases. Get ready to be captivated!

### **Why Participate?**

Aside from the thrill of competition, the rewards are nothing short of impressive. The champion of the Michigan Brain Bee walks away with \$250 and a \$1600 travel stipend to represent the state at the National Brain Bee in April 2023. But that's not all – second and third-place winners snag cash prizes of \$150 and \$50, respectively. Even if you don't snag the top spots, every second and third-round competitor receives an honorable mention, a certificate of participation, a cool sticker, and a standout addition to your college applications!

### **Prepare for Victory**

Success begins with preparation. Dive into the "Brain Facts" (available for free at <https://www.brainfacts.org/> ) to equip yourself with the knowledge needed to conquer the competition. Additional resources and information are conveniently provided on the [Michigan Brain Bee Website](#).

### **How to Register**

Ready to take the plunge into the fascinating world of neuroscience? Registration is easy and FREE for all Michigan high school students. Ensure your spot by signing up before the registration deadline on **March 1st, 2024!** Have questions or need guidance? Shoot us an email at [michiganbrainbee@umich.edu](mailto:michiganbrainbee@umich.edu) – we're here to help!

Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Join us in unraveling the mysteries of the brain and showcase your brilliance at the Michigan Brain Bee!

Sign up here:

<https://sites.google.com/umich.edu/brainbee/registration?authuser=0>



**ATTENTION MICHIGAN  
STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12**

Do you have neuroscience knowledge to  
showcase? Register for the

**2024 MICHIGAN  
BRAIN BEE**

March 9th, 2024  
Michigan Union  
530 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI  
48109



**CASH PRIZES**



1st Place: \$250+ medal + trophy  
+\$1600 travel stipend for the National  
Brain Bee Invitation  
2nd Place: \$150 + medal  
3rd Place: \$50 + medal

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/  
UMICH.EDU/BRAINBEE/](https://sites.google.com/umich.edu/brainbee/)**

## Soup for Spain

*Soup for Spain*  
A SKYLINE STUDENT FUNDRAISER  
SPONSORED BY  
**Zingerman's**  
DELICATESSEN

*Art students are inviting you to a fundraiser event to help supplement their trip to Spain. Come purchase a handmade ceramic bowl and receive a bowl of Zingerman's soup!*

JANUARY 23 5-6:30PM  
SKYLINE COMMONS

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## Athletics Update

Dear Skyline Families,

High school games are about competition, building community, and fostering sportsmanship from the start to the end! To ensure that everyone has a great time, we kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to the following spectator expectations:

***Respect All Individuals:*** Treat all players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators with respect and courtesy. Remember that everyone is here to enjoy the game.

***Positive Sportsmanship:*** Cheer for your team enthusiastically, but avoid negative comments or behavior that may incite conflict. We support good sportsmanship, both on and off the field.

***Stay in Designated Areas:*** Spectators are required to watch the game from designated areas, such as the bleachers or designated standing areas. Please avoid entering the playing area at any time.

***Follow Game Rules:*** Familiarize yourself with the rules of the game and respect the decisions made by the officials. Keep in mind that officials are an essential part of the game.

***Alcohol and Substance-Free:*** High school games are alcohol and substance-free events. Please refrain from bringing or consuming alcoholic beverages or any illegal substances on school property.

***Encourage Positive Behavior:*** Please notify the event staff or security personnel if you witness inappropriate behavior or conflicts in the stands. Let's work together to address any issues promptly.

***Support Our School:*** Show your support for our school by wearing school colors (Columbia and Navy Blue, & White) or apparel and displaying team spirit in a positive and respectful manner.

***Be Patient & Cooperative:*** Expect crowd congestion, especially during high-attendance games. Be patient and cooperative with event staff and fellow spectators to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all. Students should not enter basketball games this winter with book bags. Student-athletes competing are asked to place their book bags in their designated team space.

High school **athletic events/games** provide an excellent opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate. Your cooperation in following these expectations will help create a positive atmosphere and make our games a source of pride for our school community.

Parents, please ensure you arrive to pick up students on time. Students who are not picked up in a timely manner could have their spectator privileges suspended. Please make a plan for drop-off and pick-up for your student/student-athlete.

Cursing or refusing to follow the directions of event staff, administration, or a helping adult could result in being removed from the game and having spectator privileges suspended.

We appreciate community support and want all of our spectators to feel welcomed and comfortable as we model our commitment. Parents, please speak with your students about general expectations for attending sporting events (i.e., following the directions of adults, using appropriate language, not throwing items, remaining in their seats focused on the game/event, and cheering our Skyline Eagles on to victory).

These expectations are in place to maintain a positive and secure environment for everyone present at our games. While we hope that such situations rarely occur, we must take necessary precautions to protect the well-being and experience of our spectators, players, and staff.

Thank you and GO EAGLES!

Mr. Andre Criswell and Skyline Athletics Office

Click to view sports by season &/or contact a Coach: >> [Skyline 23-24 Head Coaches Contacts](#)

**Upcoming Athletic Home Events:**

- **1/20, Saturday:** **Boys Swim & Dive vs U of D Jesuit, Figure Skating Competition @ Hartland Ice Arena, Boys Ice Hockey @ Lenawee United, Girls Ice Hockey @ Traverse City Tournament Day 2**
- **1/21, Sunday:** **Girls Ice Hockey @ Traverse City Tournament Day 3**
- **1/22, Monday:** **JV/V Girls Basketball @ Greenhills**
- **1/23, Tuesday:** **Boys Fr/JV/V Basketball vs Monroe, Girls JV/V Basketball @ Monroe, Girls JV Ice Hockey vs Northville, Boys V Ice Hockey vs Dexter**
- **1/24, Wednesday:** **CoEd Bowling vs Bedford**
- **1/25, Thursday:** **CoEd Wrestling @ Monroe, Boys Swim & Dive vs Monroe**
- **1/26, Friday:** **Girls V Basketball vs Lincoln, Boys Fr/JV/V Basketball @ Lincoln, Girls Ice Hockey @ Grosse Pointe South**
- **1/27, Saturday:** **Girls Ice Hockey @ University Liggett**

\***Bold** = Home Event, @ = Away Event - **Levels** : FR = Freshman, JV = Junior Varsity, V = Varsity

\*Athletic Eligibility: Grade Check Dates for the 2nd Trimester\*

**\*Dec. 15th** **\*Jan 19th** **\*Feb 9th** **\* Mar 1st**

GO EAGLES!

**Skyline Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts**



## Gap Year Fair

**USA GAP YEAR FAIRS HOSTED BY  
HURON HIGH SCHOOL, ANN ARBOR**

**Monday, January 29, 2024**

**6:00-8:30 PM**

Why take a gap year? The best way to learn about gap year options and connect with gap year program providers is to connect face-to-face at a USA Gap Year Fair virtual or in-person event. With more and more students choosing to take gap time this year, there is a growing need for students, parents, and educational professionals to become aware of the advantages of taking “time out” from traditional education and “time on” for experiential learning.

USA Gap Year Fairs is an annual circuit of 30-40 events that bring together reputable gap year organizations, interested students and parents, educational professionals, and gap year experts. For the past 16 years, the circuit has crossed North America each winter and expanded to offer virtual events the last several years. As the premiere event series of its kind, the fairs have provided students with broad exposure to gap year programs that encourage active learning through travel, cultural immersion, service, work experience, and mentorship. Opportunities for face-to-face conversations with gap year program providers, trip leaders, advisors, and alumni offer attendees a personal and individualized experience. Each event begins with a presentation by gap year advisors and alumni. These gap year experts provide attendees with a rich overview of the gap year option, share relevant data, highlight authentic student experiences, and offer tips and resources to help guide families through gap year research.

**To register for the FREE USA Gap Year Fair:** <https://www.gooverseas.com/gap-year/usa-fairs/schedule>

For more information on USA Gap Year Fairs, visit [www.USAGapYearFairs.org](http://www.USAGapYearFairs.org) or follow them on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ojnh\\_0MnrQZZEGpaSvJT4vnJGXdx2f2OU/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ojnh_0MnrQZZEGpaSvJT4vnJGXdx2f2OU/view)



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# ARE YOU CONSIDERING A GAP YEAR?



## Gap Year Scholarships

Learn about our newest scholarships & tips for funding your gap year. Plus, connect with gap year experts, programs, & alumni.



## Gain Bonus Points

Seniors attending a fair can earn a bonus point towards a \$5,000 gap year scholarship entry!

## ANN ARBOR USA GAP YEAR FAIR

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024**  
**6:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST**

Public event hosted by:

**Huron High School**

**2727 Fuller Rd**

**Ann Arbor, MI 48105**



## Register today!

Don't wait to reserve your spot, as space is limited at the event.

[Learn more at usagapyearfairs.org](https://usagapyearfairs.org)



## Attendance Procedures

If your student will be absent from school for any reason please report the absence. Families can report an absence using our attendance line or email.

Attendance Phone Number: (734) 994-7842

Attendance Email: [sky\\_attendance@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:sky_attendance@aaps.k12.mi.us)

### ABSENCE PROCEDURE

When calling or emailing in an absence, leave the following information:

1. Student's name
2. I.D. Number
3. Grade Level
4. Date(s) and time(s) of absence
5. Reason for absence
6. Your name and relationship to the student

## Family Resources

[Click here for information regarding...](#)

Racism, Bias or Bigotry Complaints or Concerns

Academic Resources for Families

Schoology and PowerSchool Parent Information

Schoology for Parents

Powerschool for Parents

Students & Families - Technology Virtual Help Desk

Social Emotional & Mental Health Supports

Other Resources for Families in Need

## AAPS - 24/7 Securely Tip Line 1-833-300-STOP

In conjunction with Securly's email and web search monitoring, we are pleased to introduce the **Securely Tip Line**. *Note that OK2Say is also still available via the Michigan State Police.*

The Securely Tip Line is specific to AAPS and will follow the same notification process used for email and web searches. The Securely Tip Line app can be downloaded from the AppStore or Google Play

Students, staff and parents can initiate an anonymous tip outside of the app via:

- 1-833-300STOP
- [tipline@securly.com](mailto:tipline@securly.com)



- [securly.com/tip](https://securly.com/tip)
- QR Code



Tips can be made for any reason:

- Bullying
- Harm to self or others
- Mental health concerns

**Go Eagles!**