

Skyline High School

Family Update 1/26/24

Skyline Families,

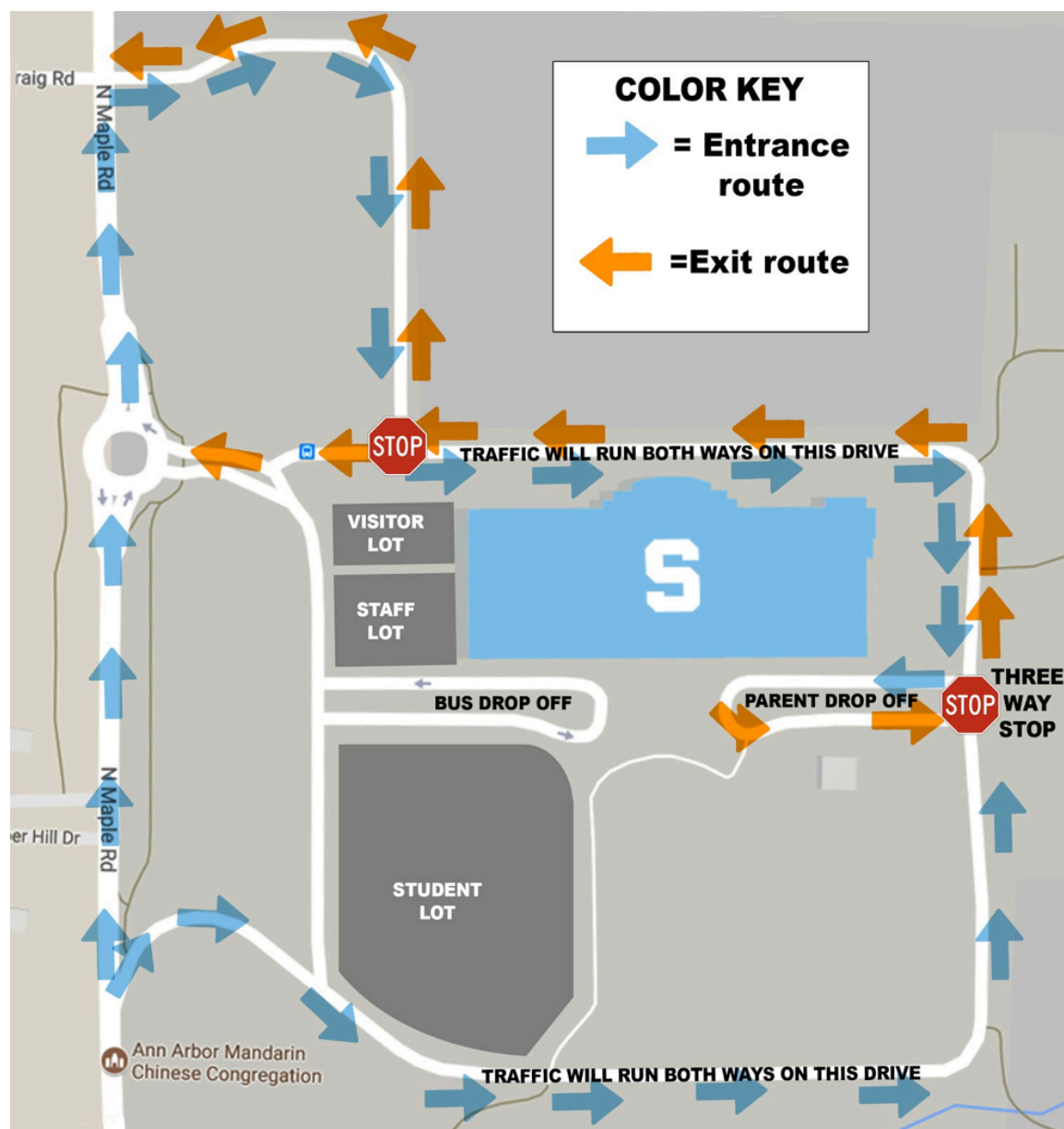
We hope you are well amidst the changing weather patterns and multiple no-school days we've experienced in the past few weeks. We want to express our sincere appreciation for your patience and flexibility during this time. Your understanding has truly been invaluable, and it makes our school community stronger.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences last night. Your presence and engagement are crucial to your child's academic success, and we appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with you to support your child's growth and development.

On another note, I'd like to address some concerns we've received regarding traffic flow on campus. We understand that navigating through the school premises during peak hours can be challenging, and we have conducted several formal traffic studies to optimize the flow. The current traffic routes, when followed by all, have been proven to be the most effective in ensuring the safety of our students and a smooth flow of traffic.

We recognize that concerns have been raised, and we appreciate your feedback. However, based on the studies conducted, the existing traffic flow routes are the best option for our school. To enhance the overall safety and efficiency, we kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to the designated traffic flow routes. By doing so, we can collectively create a safer environment for everyone.

As we move forward, please remember to follow the outlined traffic patterns and be mindful of the safety protocols in place. We value your commitment to the well-being of our school community and appreciate your efforts in making our campus a secure and positive place for all.



Thank you once again for your understanding, patience, and active participation in our school community. Your support is crucial in creating an environment where our students can thrive.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

The Skyline Administrative Team

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

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Week at a Glance: January 29-February 2

Monday

- GAP Year Fair @ Huron, 6-8:30pm

Tuesday

Wednesday

- [Early Release Skytime Day](#)
- Financial Aid Night- Cube- 6:00

Thursday

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Friday

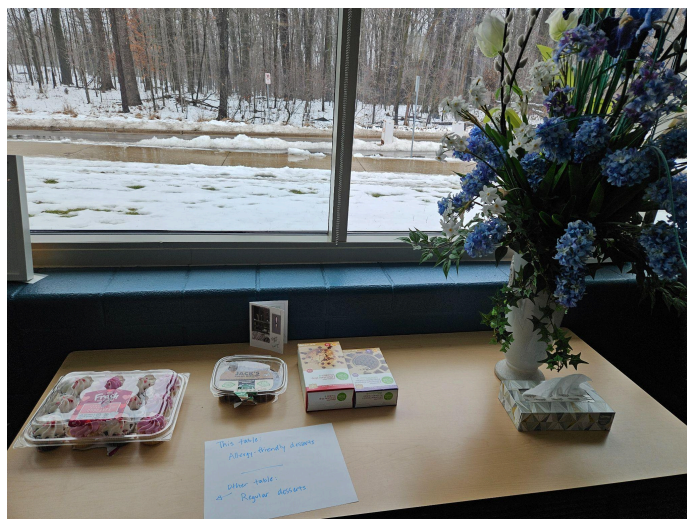
- Magnet Applications Due

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Athletic Eligibility Grade Check- Feb. 9
- NAAPID- Mon. Feb. 12
- Coffee with the Principals- Mon. Feb. 12
- Curriculum Night- Tues. Feb. 13
- Count Day- Wed. Feb. 14
- Mid Winter Break- Fri. Feb. 16- Tues. Feb. 20- No School

Thank you PTSO!

Thank you to all the who donate to PTSO and or brought items for the teacher's Parent Teacher Conference dinner yesterday! The teachers who have 13 hours days on these nights greatly appreciated the meal and the love and appreciation that came with it.



What's new in the CUBE! Week of 1/29/24

Did you know that Skyline will be hosting a district **FAFSA** event on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**? Join us for pizza, financial aid information, and so much more! For additional information, click [HERE](#). If you have questions, please feel free to email Mr. Lacy at lacyn@aaps.k12.mi.us

Magnet Info for Current 9th Graders

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. Linked [HERE](#), you will find more information about our Magnet programs that may aid in speaking with your students. **If your

child is **only** interested in taking their first choice, please choose that magnet **ONLY**. We encourage students to choose a second option if they would be okay with being placed in their second option, should their first choice be full.**

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!

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!

AAPS Scholarships

Attention Skyline Seniors:

Ann Arbor Public Schools is excited to announce several scholarship opportunities [for Skyline Seniors](#) looking to further their education at a credentialed college, university or trade school. The AAPS College Scholarship application deadline is March 15, 2024 at 10pm. Apply for AAPS scholarships at a2schools.submittable.com/submit

More scholarships available!

In addition to these scholarships, there are many more scholarships available. To view and apply for additional scholarships visit a2schools.org/scholarships, go to aaacf.org and click on Grants and Scholarships or view scholarships in your Xello account.

EBT/EBF Applications Due

Attention AAPS Families

This summer, eligible families will be able to receive money for select food items through the new Summer EBT program. To receive the Summer EBT benefit, every family must have an approved student eligibility benefit (free or reduced) through their school.

Many families have already done this, but this is one last request for families who have not yet filled out an EBT or EBF application form. Turning in the application form to your school or online will ensure those who qualify will receive summer benefits.

What students are eligible?

Below are the annual income requirements along with the number of total people in the household (1-8). The household income must be equal to or under the amounts to qualify for summer benefits.

	Free	Reduced
1:	\$18,954.00	\$26,973.00
2:	\$25,636.00	\$36,482.00
3:	\$32,318.00	\$45,991.00
4:	\$39,000.00	\$55,500.00
5:	\$45,682.00	\$65,009.00
6:	\$52,364.00	\$74,518.00
7:	\$59,046.00	\$84,027.00
8:	\$65,728.00	\$93,536.00

Applications and Education Benefit Forms must be received by February 1 2024. The BEST way to apply is online: <https://annarbor.familyportal.cloud/> From there, choose "Apply for Benefits" then "Application" (non-CEP schools) or "Education Benefit Form" (CEP schools). AAPS CEP schools include:

Allen - Abbot - Bryant - Carpenter - Lakewood - Mitchell - Pattengill - Pittsfield - Scarlett - Pathways

If paper forms are needed, you can print one out at this link [here](#) along with instructions and available in multiple languages. Please send the hard copy to your school by February 1.

Families can inquire about their benefit status or check if they have an application on file, by contacting AAPS Chartwells Food Service at (734) 994-2265 or email bollingere@aaps.k12.mi.us.

[For translations of this information in other languages, click HERE!](#)

Senior Section - Class of 2024

You can access Xello for career and college resources. To explore Xello, please visit: 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](#).

Looking ahead, there is a [GAP Year Fair](#) at Huron High School in January.

[2023.2024 Senior Packet](#)

[2023.2024 Senior Presentation](#)

Wacker STEAM Scholarship in Chemistry:

Deadline to Apply: Friday, March 22nd

\$1000 scholarship will be awarded to one Skyline student

Applicants should be a current graduating senior, who is pursuing or interested in pursuing a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) Major at a College or University after they graduate from Skyline High School, with a minimum GPA of 3.5. They also must have taken an additional chemistry course (beyond Chem 1- so Chem 2 or AP Chem).

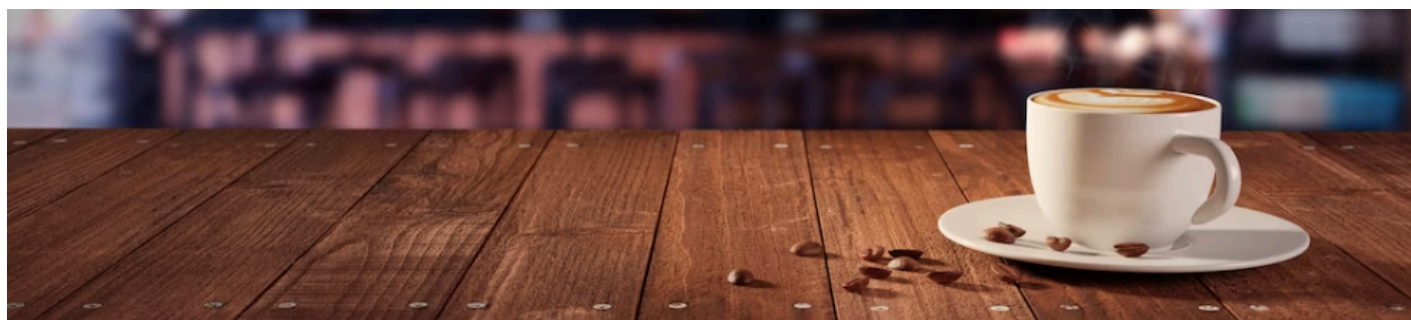
The link to apply is: <https://forms.gle/meYckHMnWr6UwT2XA>

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

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.

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

English Language Learner Update

Starting the week of February 5th, English learner students will start taking the WIDA ACCESS test. It is an English language proficiency test that measures students' academic English language skills in the areas of Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking. ACCESS is an annual test that is mandated by the Michigan Department of Education. We encourage our students to try their very best to accurately represent their levels!

For more information about WIDA ACCESS, and for opportunities to practice sample test items, please click on the links below:

[2024 WIDA Family Letter](#)

[WIDA ACCESS Test Practice](#)

Yours in education,

Jennifer Brose

ELL Teacher

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[AAPS: ELL Homepage](#)

Spanish Translation:

A partir de la semana del 5 de febrero, los estudiantes de inglés comenzarán a tomar el examen WIDA ACCESS. Es una prueba de dominio del idioma inglés que mide las habilidades académicas del idioma inglés de los estudiantes en las áreas de lectura, escritura, comprensión auditiva y expresión oral. ACCESS es una prueba anual exigida por el Departamento de Educación de Michigan. ¡Animamos a nuestros estudiantes a hacer todo lo posible para representar con precisión sus niveles!

Para obtener más información sobre WIDA ACCESS y oportunidades para practicar elementos de prueba de muestra, haga clic en los enlaces a continuación:

[Carta familiar de WIDA 2024](#)
[Práctica de prueba de WIDA ACCESS](#)

Tuyo en educación,
Jennifer Brose
Maestro ELL
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[AAPS: Página de inicio de ELL](#)

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](#).

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:

- **1/27, Saturday:** Girls V Ice Hockey @ University Liggett
- **1/28, Sunday:** Girls JV Ice Hockey @ Yost Ice Arena
- **1/29, Monday:** Girls JV/V Basketball vs Dexter, CoEd Bowling @ Lincoln (Belleville)
- **1/30, Tuesday:** Boys Fr/JV/V Basketball vs Saline, Girls JV/V Basketball @ Saline, Boys Swim & Dive @ Birmingham Groves
- **1/31, Wednesday:** Girls JV/V Ice Hockey vs Pioneer, Boys V Ice Hockey vs Huron, CoEd V Bowling vs Monroe
- **2/01, Thursday:** Boys Swim & Dive vs Bedford
- **2/02, Friday:** Boys Fr/JV/V Basketball vs Bedford, Girls JV/V Basketball @ Bedford, Girls V Ice Hockey @ Cranbrook
- **2/03, Saturday:** Boys Swim & Dive @ Brighton, Boys V Ice Hockey vs Pioneer

***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 10th~~ *Feb 9th * Mar 1st

GO EAGLES!

Skyline Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts

Skyline Friends of the Arts Benefit Concert:

Mark your calendars for the Skyline Friends of the Arts Benefit Concert on February 1st!



Skyline Student Artwork on Display at WCC:

Ceramics, photography, and other artwork from Skyline students will be on display at WCC through February 23rd. For a preview of the pieces in the gallery, including directions to the event, click below:

[PREVIEW & DIRECTIONS](#)

January 2024 Community Resources Update

In this issue:

- FREE after school writing programs from 826michigan
- FREE social support groups for Refugee Families, students with sibs with disabilities, young moms and more.
- Resources for discounted radon tests, basic needs, roof replacement, warming shelters and more
- Upcoming events and opportunities for High School students

[Click HERE for January 2024 Issue](#)

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 or follow them on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

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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

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

- securly.com/tip
- QR Code



Tips can be made for any reason:

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

Go Eagles!