

# Skyline High School

## Family Update 3/15/24

Skyline Families,

As we navigate through challenging times, we want to take a moment to address recent developments regarding our district's budget. The announcement of a \$25 million budget cut for the upcoming year has undoubtedly sparked concern and uncertainty among our community members.

First and foremost, we want to assure you that we understand the gravity of this situation. The decision to implement such measures is never easy, but it is essential for the long-term stability and sustainability of our district. Our commitment to providing quality education remains unwavering, even amidst financial constraints.

It is important to note that these budget adjustments will necessitate organizational changes, including staff reductions. While this is undoubtedly a difficult reality to confront, please know that we are dedicated to upholding our core values throughout this process. Equity, student and staff success, academic excellence, and responsible fiscal stewardship will continue to guide our decisions and actions.

We recognize that you may have many questions and concerns during this time of uncertainty. Please remember that we are here to support you every step of the way. Whether you need assistance, have questions that need answers, or simply seek reassurance, our doors are always open for you. We are committed to keeping you informed as we receive updates and information from the district. Here's what you can expect from us:

**Support Available:** We are here if you need us. Don't hesitate to reach out if you require support or assistance.

**Questions Answered:** We will do our best to address any questions or concerns you may have. Your understanding is important to us, and we want to ensure that you are well-informed.

**Timely Updates:** We will keep you informed as soon as we receive any new information. Transparency is key, and we are committed to keeping you updated throughout this process.

**Accessible Communication:** Our doors are always open for you. Whether you prefer to communicate in person, via email, or over the phone, we are here to listen and assist you.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, it is crucial that we ensure accuracy in course requests. **Due to anticipated limitations in schedule changes for the fall semester, it is imperative that students review and finalize their course selections promptly.** Our counselors are available to assist with any necessary adjustments to ensure that students are enrolled in the appropriate classes.

We want to emphasize the importance of relying on verified information and avoiding the spread of rumors or speculation. Misinformation only serves to create unnecessary panic and confusion within our community. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out for clarification.

In closing, we want to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to providing the best possible education for our students. Your well-being and success remain our top priorities, and we will continue to work tirelessly to support you through these challenging times.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and resilience as we navigate this journey together.

The Skyline Administrative Team

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

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## Week at a Glance: March 18 - March 22

### Monday

- Wear Rainbow, Inclusion Awareness Day

### Tuesday

- Wear Red, Learning Disability Awareness Day

### Wednesday

- Skytime
- Coffee with the Principals, 1:45pm
- Wear Blue, Down Syndrome and Autism Awareness

### Thursday

- Wear Orange, ADHD and Sensory Processing Awareness Day

### Friday

- Wear Green, Cerebral Palsy and Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day

### Upcoming Important Dates:

- March 25-29- Spring Break, No School
- April 10- Early Release Day
- April 11- Late start for 10th & 12th Grade, 9th and 10th Grade testing

## Senior Yard Signs

Each 2024 Graduate will receive one complimentary yard sign courtesy of our Student Action Senate, this form is only to ***purchase additional*** signs. Signs are \$15 each paid with Cash or Check (Checks payable to Skyline High School - Memo: Graduation Signs). Money is to be turned in to Maya Fields Jacobs in the Skyline Finance Office located inside of the Main Office no later than April 5, 2024.



Complete the form, [linked here](#), to purchase an additional yard sign!

## Good News

Mock Trial Team - is headed to the State Championship!

Congratulations to Skyline's Mock Trial Team, led by co-captains Amelia Repp and Ava DeBenedet, for winning third place at regionals in Monroe and qualifying to compete in the State Championship in Lansing on March 23rd. Let's Go Eagles!



## Attendance and Tardy Notifications

Skyline High School and the Ann Arbor Public Schools encourage regular attendance in school by all of our students. Absences and tardies disrupt a student's learning process, and much of what happens in the classroom environment cannot be replicated for a student who misses time in class.

Teachers will continue to reach out to families when students accumulate 4 or more tardies in each class. Administration is also tracking tardies from a building level. Below is information from our [Skyline Handbook](#):



**Excused Absences** – parent/guardian has notified the school within the required timeframe as to the reason and length of time the student will not be attending.

- a. **Parent(s) / guardian must call the specific attendance line at (734) 994-7842 within 48 hours to excuse all absences and tardies.**
- b. Parents(s) / guardian must provide one of the valid reasons (*as listed above*) for their student's absence or tardy.
- c. Students have the responsibility to notify and make the appropriate arrangements with his/her teachers due to any absences.

**Late arrival or Tardy (excused/unexcused)**

When a student arrives to class after the final class bell has rung:

- a. An excused tardy is when a student arrives to class after a schedule bell with an acceptable written excused pass from a teacher and/or support staff member.
- b. Students have a responsibility to arrive on time.
  - Unexcused tardies will be addressed by the teacher and school administration.
  - Letters will be mailed to families informing both the parent/guardian and the student of the accumulated tardies. School consequences will be administered for excessive tardiness.

**Skyline's Tiered Response for Tardiness**

As an incentive, students with no tardies for each week will have their name placed in a weekly raffle drawing for prizes. Five names will be drawn each week.

**Tier 1**

10 cumulative tardies

Teachers are communicating with families when a student has been tardy 4 or more times to their classroom. Skyline will mail a warning letter home when a student has accumulated 10 tardies.

**Tier 2**

20 cumulative tardies

Skyline will mail a second letter home and a discipline log entry is documented.

**Tier 3**

30 cumulative tardies

Skyline will mail a third letter home, a second discipline log entry is documented, and the student will be responsible for creating an informative essay, apology letter, and/or serving community service.

**Tier 4**

45 cumulative tardies

Skyline will mail a fourth letter home, third discipline log entry is documented, and the student will serve an after school detention. Administration will schedule a parent/guardian meeting.

**"Truant"** means a child who has ten (10) or more unexcused absences per school year. A child should be counted as truant only once in a given school year. Once a student is deemed truant, a child shall be monitored by a counselor or by a building level administrator.

## Respect Inclusion & Kindness Week

Next week Skyline will celebrate Respect For All and Inclusion Week. This celebration is derived from the Spread the Word Campaign that originally worked to promote the end of using derogatory terms to describe people with disabilities. This campaign now focuses on inclusion for people with

disabilities and we celebrate Respect for All – no matter the disability, gender, race, etc. – each year to promote respect. So please be colorful and show your inclusive spirit.

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## Parent Volunteers from All Grades Needed for Senior Events

As we approach the end of the school year, we are gearing up for the much-anticipated senior activities that will create lasting memories for our graduating class. To ensure these events are truly special, we are seeking enthusiastic parent volunteers to join our planning committee.

Our aim is to make the senior year experience exceptional for our 12th graders and their families. We believe that by working together, we can create moments that will be cherished for a lifetime. We invite parents from grades 9, 10, and 11 to step forward and contribute their time and ideas to make this happen (12th grade parents are welcome too).

By coming together as a community, we can share the responsibilities and alleviate the workload on our 12th grade parents, allowing them to fully enjoy and savor these precious moments with their graduating seniors. Your involvement will not only enhance the experience for all students but also strengthen the sense of community within our school.

Whether you have previous event planning experience or are a first-time volunteer, your unique perspective and skills are valuable. We welcome fresh ideas and diverse input to ensure that our senior activities reflect the richness of our school community.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting planning committee, please complete the google form [linked here](#) and plan to attend our upcoming zoom meeting on Friday, April 5 at 8:00am. Your commitment, no matter how big or small, will contribute to making our senior year celebrations truly unforgettable.

Let's come together to pay it forward and create magical moments for our seniors. Thank you in advance for your support and dedication to making this a memorable year for all!

## Skyline Spring Testing Updates

Families & Students,

Please note there has been a date change for the PSAT9 and PSAT10, all calendars have been updated to reflect this change:

Wed 4/3: Digital Readiness Check all grades 9, 10, & 11. Make sure your chromebook is ready to go and has been updated!

Thurs 4/11: 11th WorkKeys & PSAT 10 - Late start for 9th & 12th

Wed 4/17: SAT 11th, PSAT 9 - Late start for 10th & 12th

Wed 5/1: MStep Science & Social Studies 11th  
9th, 10th, & 12th Grade begin in Skytime

Linked below is an important testing update page. We will continually update this as testing dates quickly approach. Please pay attention to the **Action Needed** sections.

### [Skyline Testing Update](#)

## What's new in the CUBE! Week of 3/18/24

**FREE SAT Prep on Fridays during lunches!** Please click [HERE](#) for more information! If you have questions, please feel free to email Mr. Lacy at [lacyn@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:lacyn@aaps.k12.mi.us)

## Senior Section - Class of 2024

### Graduation Information

Families if you are interested in purchasing a suite from EMU for the graduation ceremony they go on sale Thursday, April 11th. All suite inquiries can be directed to 734-487-3669. The suite cost \$400 and can hold 20 people, the suite sales begin April 11th on a first come first serve basis.

### EMU George Gervin GameAbove Graduation Ceremony Security Measures:

Please allow for a few extra minutes before the start of your ceremony to participate in the screening process. All guests should be prepared to place their wallets, cell phone, and keys into a bin during the screening process.

The security measures include:

- All individuals will be subject to a metal detector screening upon entry into the Center.
- The following items are prohibited:
  - Weapons including handguns, tasers and chemical sprays
  - Fireworks
  - Knives, box cutters and scissors
  - Laser pointers
  - Book bags, purses, briefcases, backpacks, paper bags, luggage, duffel bags, camera bags, wrapped gifts or gift bags
  - Balloons
  - Selfie sticks

- Beachballs or other projectiles
- Banners with poles/sticks
- Umbrellas with pointed tips
- Skateboards/rollerblades
- Noise making devices
- The following items may be allowed after inspection:
  - Diaper bags
  - Necessary medical items
  - Child carriers
  - Small clutch purses 4.5" x 6.5"
  - Clear bags (must be no larger than 12" x 6" x 12" or a gallon Ziploc -- one side of the bag has to be completely free from décor)

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

[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!

## **UofM Korean Food Workshop**

The Korean Language Program at the University of Michigan is holding a Korean food workshop (free of charge) open to high school students in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area on Saturday, April 13, from 11:00 to 1:30 (priority is given to seniors).

They are promoting the Korean language and culture (and also their program) through this event, which will involve some cooking, a lot of eating, and learning about Korea. Registration

requires caregiver consent, and once those who are interested sign up through the Google form, their caregivers will have to complete a consent form.

[Click HERE for More Info](#)

## Counselor Connection

Counselors will be attending middle schools beginning Monday, March 18th to start the scheduling process for incoming freshmen for the 24-25 school year.

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!**

[Going Merry](#), [Scholly](#), [Fast Web](#) : These are some scholarship search sites (try saying that five times fast) that can help find some nation-wide 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.

### 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](https://a2schools.org/scholarships), go to [aaacf.org](https://aaacf.org) and click on Grants and Scholarships or view scholarships in your Xello account.

## Nominate a Skyline Teacher of the Year by March 21st!

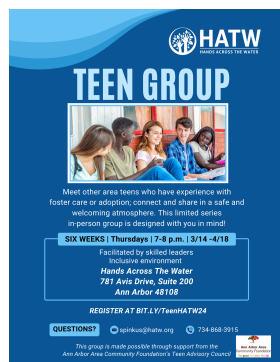
Is there a Skyline Teacher who has inspired your child to learn or explore? Is there a Teacher who has profoundly affected your child's high school experience through their dedication or commitment? Is there a Teacher you feel fortunate for your child to have had here at Skyline?

Now is your chance to nominate this educator for Teacher of the Year! Your greatest challenge will be selecting *only one* to nominate from among the Skyline faculty. For information about how to nominate a Skyline Teacher for this prestigious honor, click on the link below...

[Teacher of the Year Info & Nomination Guide](#)

## Hands Across The Water (HATW)

Hands Across the Water (HATW) is a local non-profit that works with foster care and adoption and is supported by well-known local organizations such as the AAA Community Foundation. They are running a free 6-week group session for teens who have experience with adoption or foster care, providing an opportunity for teens to gather with others who have been through similar life experiences.



## Theme Thursday - March 21, 2024

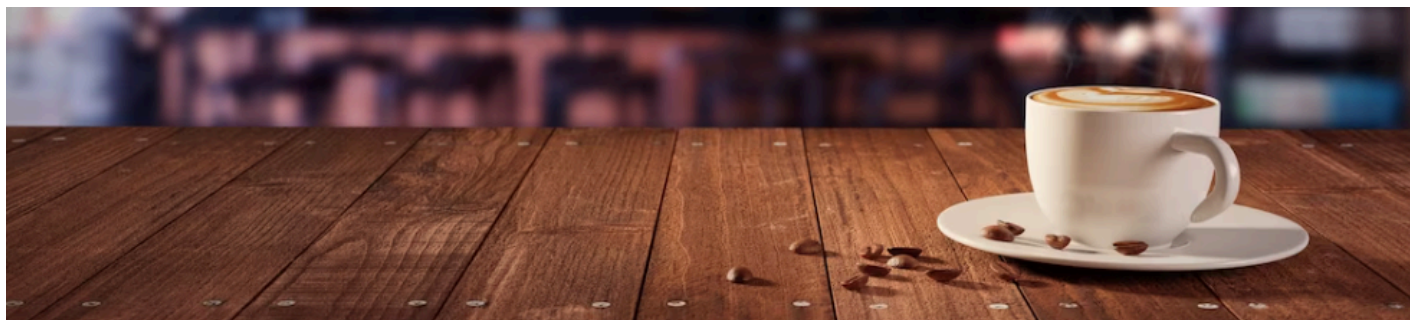
Students and staff please remember to participate in Skyline's Theme Thursday - the third Thursday of each month. March's theme is "Crazy Sock Day." Let's have some fun and continue to build a positive culture in our school building.



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

The ARC (Academic Resource Center) will resume on Monday, March 18, 2024! The 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:

**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

Hello, ELL community! As we begin a new trimester on Monday, please remember to access PowerSchool to see a student's schedule of classes and to stay informed about grades. It also shows absences and tardies. If you are not sure how to access PowerSchool, please contact me. I can provide directions in various languages.

I encourage students to talk with teachers and share what is most helpful for their learning, such as extended time, or the use of a dictionary. When teachers know more about their students, they can provide more support.

Please let me know if I can support you or students in any way. I am available to answer any questions.

Best,

Jennifer Brose

ELL Teacher

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[AAPS: ELL Homepage](#)

[Community Resources](#)

### Spanish Translation:

¡Hola comunidad ELL! Al comenzar un nuevo trimestre el lunes, recuerde acceder a PowerSchool para ver el horario de clases de un estudiante y mantenerse informado sobre las calificaciones.



También muestra ausencias y tardanzas. Si no está seguro de cómo acceder a PowerSchool, comuníquese conmigo. Puedo proporcionar direcciones en varios idiomas.

Animo a los estudiantes a hablar con los profesores y compartir lo que es más útil para su aprendizaje, como tiempo adicional o el uso de un diccionario. Cuando los profesores saben más sobre sus alumnos, pueden brindar más apoyo.

Por favor, avíseme si puedo apoyarlo a usted o a los estudiantes de alguna manera. Estoy disponible para responder cualquier pregunta.

Mejor,

Jennifer Brose

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[AAPS: Página de inicio de ELL](#)

[Recursos de la comunidad](#)

## 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](#).

## Students Needed to Join Washtenaw Youth Commission

The Washtenaw County Youth Commissioners are accepting applications for 2024-2025.

**The deadline is March 29th.** The youth commissioners represent each district and discuss and analyze youth issues in the community, educate other youth about important issues, and make recommendations to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. Skyline young leaders should apply at: <https://forms.gle/CrC18rM4K2yo5ZNw8>

The Washtenaw County Youth Commission also has an Instagram (@washcountyyouthcommission) and would appreciate any follows!

One of the current Youth Commissioners, Vaish Attili, provided the following feedback on her experience this year:

*"I love being on the youth commission because it's an excellent platform to make your voice heard in the community. We do so much amazing advocacy work through taskforce groups, and being around and collaborating with like-minded people to work towards something you all believe in is really fulfilling."*



## Athletics Update

March 11th kicked off the Spring Sports Season concurrently with Trimester 3! If you have specific questions please contact our coaches (link below) or our Athletic Office.

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

### Spring Sports Offerings :

- Boys + Girls Track & Field
- Boys + Girls Lacrosse
- Boys + Girls Crew
- Girls Soccer
- Softball
- Baseball
- Boys Golf
- Girls Tennis
- Girls Water Polo

### Upcoming Athletic Home Events:

- **3/16, Saturday: Girls Lacrosse City Scrimmage**
- **3/17, Sunday: Practices**
- **3/18, Monday: Practices**
- **3/19, Tuesday: Practices**
- **3/20, Wednesday: JV/V Girls Lacrosse vs Salem**
- **3/21, Thursday: JV Baseball vs Howell**
- **3/22, Friday: Practices**
- **3/23, Saturday: Practices**

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

\*Athletic Eligibility: Grade Check Dates for the 3rd Trimester\*

\*Apr. 5th \*Apr. 16th \*May 17th \*June 7th

**GO EAGLES!** 🦅

## Skyline Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts

### Skyline Artwork at Raymond James:

There will be an Art Show Reception next **Thursday, March 21st**, from 4:30pm-6:30pm at:

**Raymond James  
350 S Main St #100,  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

Over 100 pieces of work by Skyline students!



### Skyline Musicians Performing this Saturday:

Good Luck to all orchestra students participating in State Solo and Ensemble this Saturday, March 16th at Huron High School. Students will be performing for adjudication and receiving written and verbal feedback from the judges.

## 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!**