

Skyline High School

Family Update 10/8/20

Skyline Family,

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
 - Tuesday - Off (Election Day)
 - Wednesday - Asynchronous
 - Thursday - A
 - Friday - B
- **Week of 1/18**
 - Monday - Off (MLK Day)
 - Tuesday - B
 - Wednesday - Asynchronous
 - Thursday - A
 - Friday - B


Have a great week, Eagles!

Cory McElmeel, Principal

Skyline High School

Things to Come

Our Bell Schedule Next Week

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Block 1 8:30 - 10:15 | Block 2 8:30 - 10:15 |  Independent Work | Block 1 8:30 - 10:15 | Block 2 8:30 - 10:15 |
| Block 3 10:25 - 12:10 | Block 4 10:25 - 12:10 | | Block 3 10:25 - 12:10 | Block 4 10:25 - 12:10 |
| Lunch 12:10 - 12:40 | Lunch 12:10 - 12:40 | | Lunch 12:10 - 12:40 | Lunch 12:10 - 12:40 |
| Skytime 12:45 - 1:25 | Skytime 12:45 - 1:25 | | Skytime 12:45 - 1:25 | Skytime 12:45 - 1:25 |
| Block 5 1:35 - 3:20 | Block 6 1:35 - 3:20 | | Block 5 1:35 - 3:20 | Block 6 1:35 - 3:20 |
| Block 7 3:30 - 4:35 | Block 7 3:30 - 4:35 | | Block 7 3:30 - 4:35 | Block 7 3:30 - 4:35 |

| Asynchronous Wednesday - Remote/Virtual Learning Phase <i>Suggested Course Work Schedule</i> | |
|---|--------------|
| 8:30 - 9:20 | Block 1 (50) |
| 9:25 - 10:15 | Block 2 (50) |
| 10:20 - 11:10 | Block 3 (50) |
| 11:15 - 12:05 | Block 4 (50) |
| 12:05 - 12:35 | Lunch (30) |
| 12:35 - 1:25 | Block 5 (50) |
| 1:40 - 2:20 | Block 6 (50) |

Connecting Together: An AAPS Parent/Guardian Support Group

Twice-a-month Drop-in support groups for parents and guardians of students in AAPS. Groups meet on the 2nd Tuesday (7:30-8:30 PM) and 4th Thursday (1-2PM) of the month. Connect with other parents to find support and get ideas about how to face the challenges of 2020. Please [register here](#). Last year, parents who participated in an AAPS parent support group consistently reported that they found it helpful, and appreciated hearing from and connecting with other parents going through similar struggles.

Textbooks, Supply, Art Kits, and Yearbooks

Students who haven't picked-up books during previous textbook distributions will receive an email and/or phone call to pick up materials on Wednesday October 21, 2020 from 4 pm to 7 pm including Yearbooks. Directions will also be given regarding location of pick-up. If you have any books to return, we will gladly accept them as well.

***If you were waiting for a textbook due to a shortage, you will also receive an email as to whether your book is available on October 21, 2020 from 4 pm to 7 pm.**

Questions regarding textbooks can be directed to Kahtie White "whitecat@aaps.k12.mi.us"

Questions regarding Yearbook pick-up can be directed to Beth Patten
pattene@aaps.k12.mi.us

Who is taking the SAT 12/Essay and When?

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

| Test | Testing Date | Arrival Time | Testing Sessions* |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| SAT12 w/Essay | Tuesday, October 27 | 7:30am | 8:00am-1:30 pm |

***You will receive a letter with specific details with room assignments and other details if your senior is testing".**

We are doing our best to test as many seniors as possible. 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:

<https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/college-admission-status-coronavirus/>

This week in Athletics

| Date | Team | Level | Time | H/A | Opponent |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|
| 10/20/2020 | Girls Volleyball | 9th | 5:30 PM | A | Saline High School |
| 10/20/2020 | Girls Volleyball | JV | 5:30 PM | A | Saline High School |
| 10/20/2020 | Swim and Dive | Varsity | 6:00 PM | H | Farmington High School |
| 10/20/2020 | Girls Volleyball | Varsity | 7:00 PM | A | Saline High School |
| 10/22/2020 | Football | JV | 5:00 PM | A | Lincoln High School |
| 10/22/2020 | Swim and Dive | Varsity | 6:00 PM | H | Monroe High School |
| 10/23/2020 | Swim and Dive | Varsity | 6:00 PM | H | Huron High School |
| 10/23/2020 | Football | Varsity | 7:00 PM | A | Lincoln High School |
| 10/24/2020 | Volleyball | JV | 9:00 AM | H | JV Quad |

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.

Winter Season Fast Approaching

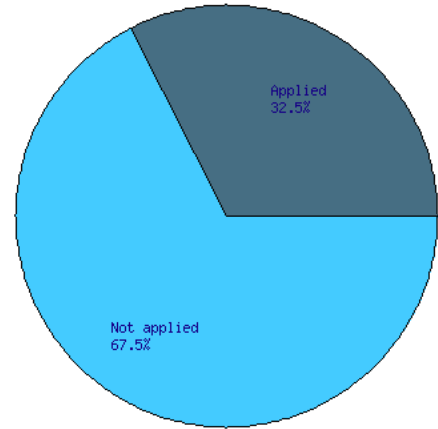
- We are waiting on hearing from the MHSAA and AAPS on winter athletics but we need to prepare as if it will be going on as a normal winter season.
- Registration for winter athletics is open. To start registration go [Here](#)
- For Athletic Physicals, you may upload last year's physical or get a new 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!

Counselor Connection

Senior Section

College Update:

We are in the midst of the college application season and the Skyline school counselors are here to help! To date, over 30% of the Class of 2021 have already submitted college applications!



Please reach out to your school counselor if you have any specific questions about the college application process.

Some upcoming deadlines are:

1) Past due - Friday, Oct. 9th, 2020

- Final day to request materials needed from the school (ie: transcripts, recommendations) for college applications if applying **Early Action** with **November 1st** deadline. (Materials may still be requested but may not meet the Nov. 1 deadline at this point.)

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 - opportunities posted on Sky Senior Schoology Class of 2021 group
- Earn a chance at a \$1,000 scholarship for completing the FAFSA.
 - i) 200 Complete the FAFSA scholarships will be awarded in October, November, and December.
 - ii) <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

3) Sunday, Nov. 1st, 2020

- Early action applications DUE*

4) 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 1st** deadline.

5) Scholarship Applications - Start now!

- Start applying for scholarships at prospective colleges.

- Scholarship search is available on Naviance and can be found within the “Colleges” section under “Scholarships and Money.”

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!

Also, 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.

Freshman and Sophmores, Mark your calendars!

Plan on meeting with your counselor during Skytime on Tuesday, October 20. Links and more info will be shared in your Skytime classes.

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>

Important Information & Announcements

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:

<https://www.yearbooknerds.com/skyline-high-school>

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](tel: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=vA8gl-gTIMI>

District Code for PowerSchool app for iPhone/Android: **GGFF**

Recent Happenings

PTSO General Membership Meeting Recording

Our PTSO hosted our first full general membership meeting of the year this past Tuesday, October 13th. If you weren't able to join us, we invite you to view our recent meeting via the link - [HERE](#)

This meetings topics included:

- an update and Q&A session with Principal McElmeel
- our annual Officer/Board elections
- our annual budget approval

PTSO is a terrific opportunity to connect with other parents, share/learn updates and identify ways of supporting the PTSO in our mission of supporting the academic endeavors and activities of our Skyline faculty and students. We sincerely hope you will join us!

Please look for a message from the PTSO, keep yourself informed, and join us. If you have questions in the meantime, you may contact the PTSO at president@skylineptso.org.

Resources for Students & Families

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.us.

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.



**Ann Arbor
PTO
THRIFT SHOP**

- SHOP**
- DONATE**
- SUPPORT**

2280 S. Industrial Hwy. ♦ a2ptothriftshop.org

Supporting Ann Arbor Public Schools and its Students Since 1993

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!***



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

Eagle Pride

Congratulations National Merit Semifinalists!

Congratulations Skyline National Merit Semi-Finalists!

The semi finalists have an opportunity to compete for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million that will be offered next spring. Our 14 Eagle semi-finalists are:

Efe Y. Akinci
Vimal Alokam
Aaron M. Belman-Wells
Victor S. Bian
Nishant K. Domala
Markey R. Freudenburg-Puricell
Kieran H. Heung

Keshav Jogaratnam
Evan E. Kattapong-Graber
Radhika G. Patel
Emma E. Pettigrew
Ian D. Steele
Susan S. Xi
Michael H. Zhou

Xprize Next-Gen Mask Challenge Finalist

Congratulations to Jason Rich, Skyline sophomore, who has been selected as one of the 25 finalists (beating nearly 1000 teams from 32 countries and universities like Standord and MIT) for the xprize next-gen mask challenge. Jason will be partnering with 3M to create his mask for lab testing. Attached is the video link that was part of the submission package:

 [Lone Ranger Next-Gen Mask Video Submission.mov](#)

Skyline Speech and Debate Team Starts out Strong!

Congratulations Skyline Speech and Debate Team! The season began last week virtually “at” Detroit Country Day School, and Elijah Kaufman and Kenichi Lobbezoo (juniors and captains) slashed their way through a long day of competition to take first in Open Public Forum Debate!

Go Eagles!