

# Skyline High School

## Family Update 10/29/20

Skyline Family,

### **Updates to SkyTime(12)/Advisory Program**

In response to input from students and staff, and also as part of an effort to reduce screen time, we are making adjustments to the SkyTime/12 or Advisory period. The synchronous Advisory period will continue each Monday and Friday, and will focus on the social emotional learning curriculum developed by our district. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, students will now have the option to check-in with their SkyTime/12 teachers who will be holding office hours during the Advisory period. A synchronous Advisory period may be scheduled (always announced in advance) on Tuesdays or Thursdays when it is necessary to provide students with synchronous advisory instruction and/or connection to school staff.

We will begin this new Advisory period this coming week, beginning with our first asynchronous/office hours SkyTime/12 on Thursday, November 5 (Tuesday is a No School Day for election).

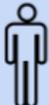
Please be sure to vote if you haven't already. Your voice is important.

Cory McElmeel, Principal  
Skyline High School

## Things to Come

# Our Bell Schedule Next Week

## Skyline Schedule: Week of Nov. 2nd

Monday (Enrichment)	Tuesday (No School)	Wednesday (Asynchronous)	Thursday	Friday
Block 1 8:30 - 10:15	 No School	 Independent Work	Block 1 8:30 - 10:15	Block 2 8:30 - 10:15
Block 3 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
Skytime 12:45 - 1:25			Asynchronous Skytime (Teacher Ofc. Hrs) 12:45 - 1:25	Skytime 12:45 - 1:25
Block 5 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

### Asynchronous Wednesday - Remote/Virtual Learning Phase *Suggested Course Work Schedule*

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)

## 2020 Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 5th and Tuesday, November 10th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. These dates and times are individual ten-minute conference opportunities. Please note that a few teachers have scheduled an alternate date if they are unavailable on either the 5th or 10th so make sure to pay attention to dates.

Teachers will be hosting their conferences virtually and you will receive their ZOOM link with your appointment confirmation. It might not be necessary to speak with all of your child's teachers. You may wish to conference with teachers where your student is experiencing some difficulties, or where you have a particular question or concern. If you feel that you will need more than ten minutes to conference with a teacher please schedule a separate meeting with them. Please do not sign up for more than one-time slot per teacher (duplicate conference spaces with an individual teacher taken by one family will be deleted to create space for additional families). The deadline to sign up is the night before each conference.

Our teachers are always available to conference in with you via email if that is preferable. Email is abundant these days, so please allow our teachers a little longer than usual to compose a response to an email conference. Our teachers want to be sure to give you the time, attention, and accurate information you and your child deserve.

Here is a [youtube](#) video showing how to schedule conferences in PTCfast. If you need assistance please contact Holly Weller at [weller@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:weller@aaps.k12.mi.us).

## Conference Link [Here](#)

Or enter this web address in browser:

[https://ptcfast.com/schools/Skyline\\_High\\_School\\_1](https://ptcfast.com/schools/Skyline_High_School_1)

## This week in Athletics

Date	Team	Level	Time	H/A	Opponent
11/4/2020	Girls Volleyball	Varsity	7:00 PM	A	MHSAA Districts at Dexter
11/6/2020	Boys / Girls XCC	Varsity	9:00 AM	A	MHSAA Finals at Brooklyn
11/6/2020	Girls Volleyball	Varsity	6:00 PM	A	MHSAA Districts at Dexter with Win on 10/4

Below are continued reminders from AAPS! Go Eagles!

### Additional Information:

- 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

## Tips for Making the Most of Parent-Teacher Conferences:

- Prioritize meeting with teachers of classes that your student is struggling with
- Come prepared
  - Check your student's grades and attendance beforehand
  - Look back at previous communication that you've had with the teacher
- Keep a list of questions/topics you want to discuss
  - Ask about strategies that have helped other students with similar challenges
  - Ask if there's anything you can do at home to help
- Bring a positive attitude. Know that we are on your team and happy to work with you and your student.

## Seniors

College Update:

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

Some upcoming deadlines are:

- 1) Sunday, Nov. 1st, 2020
  - Early action applications DUE\*
  - Your school materials (ie: transcripts, letters of recommendation) should have already been requested in Naviance
- 2) FAFSA is now available
  - Information about the [FAFSA](#) has been posted on the Sky Senior Schoology Class of 2021 group
  - [Article](#) on steps for preparing to submit the FAFSA.
  - Help with the FAFSA - there are several workshop opportunities posted on Sky Senior Schoology Class of 2021 group
  - Earn a chance at a \$1,000 scholarship for completing the FAFSA.
    - i) 200 Complete the FAFSA scholarships will be awarded in October, November, and December.
    - ii) <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>
- 3) Friday, Nov. 20th, 2020
  - Final day to request materials needed from the school (ie: transcripts, recommendations) for college applications if applying ***Regular Action*** with **January 1<sup>st</sup>** deadline.
- 4) Scholarship Applications - Start now!
  - Start applying for scholarships at prospective colleges.
  - Scholarship search is available on Naviance and can be found within the "Colleges" 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!**

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.

## **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**

### **Overall Grade Calculation - Quarter, Semester, and Final**

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

immediate between PowerSchool and Schoology.

## Winter Season Fast Approaching Winter Athletics Update

*Participation in athletics practices and competitions comes with a risk to the health and safety of those involved. This fall, we carefully deliberated established health and safety guidelines that aligned to and enhanced those provided by the MHSAA. Last week, the MHSAA announced that the winter sports season will start on time. This decision raises concerns given the current rise in positive cases within the county and state. Reports show a 98% increase in COVID cases in Michigan over the previous 14 days. During an MDHHS webinar on Monday, Dr. Khaldun shared that all regions and counties in Michigan are impacted at a 'magnitude unlike anything that has been seen prior during this COVID crisis.' The risks to health and safety are inherently higher for winter sports than fall sports because winter sports are all indoors where mitigation strategies are more challenging to implement and control. Thus, we have not yet approved the start of winter sports.*

*In the meantime, we want to reinforce the importance of consistently following all COVID-19 mitigation strategies; consistent use of face coverings, maintaining social distance, hand sanitization, etc. Any athlete experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 - even mild symptoms - should consider a self-quarantine. If your athlete is experiencing any symptoms, please consider getting a COVID-19 test. The WCHD has information about testing locations [here](#).*

## Student Attendance Reporting

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

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

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

**Skyline Attendance Line: 734-994-7842**

## Yearbook Distributions and Sales

YEARBOOK SALES AND PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

**SENIOR PHOTOS AND YEARBOOK SALES:** You can purchase the 2020-21 yearbook and upload your senior photos (deadline is **Friday, November 6**) using the link:

<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](mailto: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/UEWSNbR7Qzq>

Limited technical support for parents having difficulty setting up their accounts is available by emailing [psparent@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto: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**

## Resources for Students & Families

### RAHS Clinic

### **Michigan Medicine's Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools**

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

## **Academic Resources for Families**

### **Connections+ Guidelines and Tips**

AAPS has created a Guide to support families who have created learning groups for AAPS students. The Guide includes hints and tips, safety information and free community resources. [View the Connections+ Guide here.](#)

### **Free Academic Support Resources**

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

## **Food Distribution**

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

## **AAPS Technology Distribution**

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

\*For [internet access support](#), please complete the [20-21 Student Mobile Hotspot Request Form](#)\*

### **Device distribution will continue.**

- Please read the instructions and complete the following steps below to be assigned a time to pick up your device.

- All remaining tech deployment will be taking place at Balas (2555 South State St.) on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m., by kiosk pick-up, and/or by mailing.
- The [Technology Distribution - Fall 2020](#) webpage has all of the pertinent information for distribution dates, pick-up location, Internet support, Schoology support etc.

### **District Device Issuance Instructions:**

#### Returning Students:

1. In advance of picking up any district technology, please complete the AAPS 1:1 Form - Linked [HERE](#)
  - a. If you cannot complete this form online, please call 734-997-1222 or email [family\\_techsupport@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.michigan.gov/mibridges) or call 888-544-8773.



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