

Seward Middle School  
 "HOME OF THE SILVERS"

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September Newsletter

September 1, 2018

## GENERAL NEWS

### Parents/Visitors Sign In:

Parents and visitors are required to sign in at the office and wear a badge while present. In the building. Thank you!

### Want to know what is going on at Seward Middle School?

Checkout our school blog: [Seward Middle School Blog](#)

### Parent Packets:

Parents packets were sent home with your child or mailed home. Please take time to look through them and return the following forms:

- Student registration form with corrections if needed and sign the bottom.
- Parent/Student handbook form signed and return to school.
- Climate and Mindset Survey
- School injuries insurance form signed and return to school.

### Bus Pass:

Parents if your child is going to ride a different bus after school please call in before Noon or send a note with your child. No bus passes will be issued after lunch unless it is an emergency.

### School Hours:

Building doors open at 7:30 am for students to enter. School doors lock at 3 pm.

Office hours are Monday-Friday 7:30-3:00

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- \*Monday, September 2– No School (Labor Day)
- \*Wednesday, September 18—Early Release time at 12:50pm
- \*October, 2—Picture day!
- \*Check out our sports activities on page 4.



## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Notes from the Principal

I couldn't be more pleased with how hard the staff worked to create a new schedule, with new opportunities for the students they serve. We'll be able to provide accelerated and intervention services without having to pull students from core instruction. Mr. Cee Jay will be teaching students how to play band instruments for the first time in my 12-year tenure in Seward. Students are learning foreign languages, keyboarding, financial and digital literacy, and have regular access to a school counselor. It wasn't easy building this schedule, and I'm aware that there was some confusion as we worked the bugs out of the system, but I'm hopeful that you'll be as pleased as me with the results.

### Eligibility Reminder

Seward Middle will pull grades every Monday morning at 8:00 AM. Any student-athlete who has a failing grade in any class will lose their athletic eligibility. Students will be allowed to practice, but they will not be able to compete. This applies to both home and away events. Students will not have the opportunity to regain their eligibility until the following Monday morning at 8:00 AM. This policy will go into effect on Monday, September 9, 2019.

### Important Dates Coming Up:

Seward Soccer will host Homer on Saturday, September 21 at 12:00 PM

The Seward Cross-Country Invitational will be on Friday, September 27 at 3:00 PM

Picture Day October 2

### Volunteer Reminder

Individuals wishing to volunteer in the schools shall complete a District designed application process which includes a background check.

Seward Schools have been very fortunate to benefit from a wealth of experience and support from our community. If you have volunteered in the past and/or are interested in volunteering this year, please log on to:

<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/jobs.aspx?category=Volunteer+Screening+Process>

This process needs to be renewed each year. Thanks in advance for your volunteerism.

As Seward High's principal I have always endeavored to establish an open-door policy with all stakeholders of our larger learning community. I am committed to continuing that philosophy Seward Middle, as well. I genuinely look forward to hearing your questions, comments, and/or concerns and will always make time to accommodate them. I can be reached at [twalker@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:twalker@kpbsd.k12.ak.us) or by phone at (907) 224-9066.

Sincerely,

Trevan Walker, Principal



## ASSIGNMENTS/POWERSCHOOL



 **Canvas:** <https://kpbsd.instructure.com/>

 **PowerSchool:** <https://ps.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/public/home.html>

**Parents if you have not signed up with PowerSchool please do so today!**

**PowerSchool is a place to check for grades, lunch balance, pay student fees, communicate with teachers and receive our monthly newsletter. If you haven't signed up please call the office at 224-9000 or check the parent packet that was sent home. PowerSchool**

[PowerSchool navigation tips](#)

## BAND

Hello everyone!

In case you haven't heard yet, we have re-started the band program at Seward Middle! YAY! One of the biggest challenges has been and continues to be getting instruments in the kids' hands. I've been through the music rooms at both the middle and high schools and have contacted other district music teachers, but still don't have nearly enough. Some families will be able to purchase or rent their own, but we all know there are some that can't afford the time and/or money associated with that process.

*If you or someone you know has a **flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or percussion practice pad & sticks, in playable condition, and is willing to donate it to our students, we would greatly appreciate it.** Thanks in advance!*

CJ Levine

Music Educator- Seward Elementary and Middle Schools

Elementary: 7566 Middle School: 9007



## LUNCH ROOM

### News from the Lunchroom:

Parents if you have not already done so please fill out and send in the lunch application that was included in your parent packet. **If your child was approved for free or reduced meals at the close of last school year, benefits will continue up to October 1st.** Please allow 10 working days for processing of applications.

If your child does not qualify breakfast is \$2.00 and lunch is \$3.50. Please make sure that your child has lunch money.

**Students if you bring lunch money please pay the money on your account in the morning to free up the lunch line.**



## COUNSELORS CORNER

To the Seward Middle School Community,

I am honored to serve as the new Secondary Counselor, supporting both high school and middle school students, staff, and families. Since the middle school portion of the position is new, we will be defining my role together based on the needs, interests, and goals of the greater school community. I look forward to learning from and with you as I develop a comprehensive middle school counseling program.

Though my main office is at the high school I will eventually have set hours at the middle school and be available other times as scheduled or needed to support students individually, in small groups and to deliver guidance lessons in the classrooms.

Though I am new to the position of Secondary Counselor, I spent the last three years as a parent of a Seward middle school student and the previous eight years as an Elementary School Counselor in Anchorage. I have also worked in the field of education as a teacher at two private schools, a hospital, a prison, a senior center, and a violence prevention organization.

I moved to Seward three years ago after dreaming about living here for over ten years. I fell in love with the beauty of the place, but what has really held my heart since moving here is the community of people that call this town home. I am fully invested in working together to support the social, emotional, and academic needs of our children.

Please feel free to reach out to me with your ideas, questions, and concerns. I can be reached at [cjordan@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:cjordan@kpbsd.k12.ak.us), or 907-224-9070.



### Bell Schedule

#### Monday/Wednesday:

Period 1: 7:50-9:15  
 Period 2: 9:25-10:50  
 Period 3: 10:55-12:20  
 Lunch: 12:20-12:50  
 Period 4: 12:55-2:20

#### Tuesday/Thursday:

Period 5: 7:50-9:15  
 Period 6: 9:25-10:50  
 Period 7: 10:55-12:20  
 Lunch: 12:20-12:50  
 Period 8: 12:55-2:20

#### Friday:

Period 1: 7:50-8:30  
 Period 2: 8:35-9:15  
 Period 3: 9:20-10:00  
 Period 4: 10:05-10:45  
 Period 5: 10:50-11:30  
 Lunch: 11:30-12:10  
 Period 6: 12:10-12:50  
 Period 7: 12:55-1:35  
 Period 8: 1:40-2:20

## SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

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## SOCCER

### August 20-Sept. 28

- ◆ Thursday, September 5 vs. Skyview @ Skyview 3pm
- ◆ Friday, September 13 vs. Kenai @ Kenai 3pm
- ◆ Friday, September 20 vs. Nikiski @ Nikiski 3pm
- ◆ Saturday, Sept. 21 vs. Homer @ Seward 12pm
- ◆ Tuesday, Sept. 24—First round of borough tournament @ TBA
- ◆ Saturday, Sept. 28—Finals borough tournament @ Nikiski 10am



**ALL FEES AND PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS.**

## CROSS COUNTRY

### August 21-October 5

- ◆ Friday, Sept., 6—Homer 4pm
- ◆ Friday, Sept. 13—Skyview 3pm
- ◆ Friday, Sept. 20—Kenai 3pm
- ◆ Friday, Sept. 27—Seward 3pm
- ◆ Friday, Oct. 4-Boroughs @ Skyview 3pm



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# Welcome to the Seward Middle School Library



Welcome back to another fantastic year at Seward Middle School! My name is Laura Haskins and I am returning for my 3rd year as the middle school librarian. The library is here to support each student's academic learning. It includes the physical books in the library as well as the online resources the district provides. Please let me know if you have any questions about any of our resources. I'm here to help! (lhaskins@kpbsd.org)

## Important things to know:

### Checking out books:



The middle school library has a "flexible schedule" which means there are no regularly scheduled library classes. Students may come to the library as needed (with permission from their teacher). If the doors are open, come on in!

3 books may be borrowed from the library at a time (this does not include textbooks or ebooks)

You may keep your books 3 weeks, but please return them sooner if you are done so others may enjoy them. If you need them longer, just let me know and I'll renew them

### Online Resources:

Go to the district website (kpbsd.org) and click on the STUDENT/PARENT tab to find the online resources and databases provided by the district. You'll find the World Book Encyclopedia, Discovery Education and the SLED website, which is a portal to the State Library collection of research sites and databases. Take some time to explore each and let me know if you have any trouble or questions.



### OverDrive:

**Have you checked out KPBSD OVERDRIVE yet?!** It's our Digital Library and it's available to all KPBSD middle and high schoolers! (Note, this is a different collection than what the public library offers.)

Our Overdrive collection includes over 2000 eBooks and Audiobooks that you can read from your computer, eReader, Smart Phone or Tablet. You can access this digital collection 24/7 and the titles can be downloaded to your device for reading offline.

Log in using your school ID# and password to search the collection and checkout up to 2 items at a time. Download, renew or return your items from the Accounts page. At the end of the lending period, titles automatically expire so there are never any late fees.



From your computer, visit our digital collection through the OverDrive link at the district web page under "Students & Parents", or go to <http://kpbsdhs.lib.overdrive.com>



From your smart phone or tablet, download the free **SORA app** from the Apple Store or Google Play Store and add the **KPBSD (Main Collection)** to start reading.

**Happy Reading!**

**Mrs. Haskins, SWMS Librarian**

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Did You Know...

When you join your local PTA, you are also joining your state PTA and National PTA.

<https://www.sewardakpta.com/membership>

[Membership | seward-pta](#)



Picture day is coming up next month on October 2nd! More info. to come later.

## DISTRICT

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