

October 2007 Parent Newsletter

Class Schedule For Friday, October 5 (Homecoming Week – Go Bluejays!)

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| 1 st Period | 8:15 – 8:45 | |
| Assembly | 8:55 – 9:45 | Pippa White w/ Plum Creek Literary Festival |
| 2 nd Period | 9:55 – 10:40 | |
| 4 th Period | 10:45 – 11:30 | |
| 3 rd Period | 11:35 – 1:35 | |

Parade and Pep Rally Downtown

Football Game vs York @ 7pm

Dance @ 9:30pm until 12:30am (Doors Close @ 10:30pm)

Health Screening

Student health screening is scheduled for Thursday, October 11.

Fall Break

There will be no school for students or staff on Friday, October 12.

Professional Development Day

Due to teacher in-service there will be no school on Monday, October 15.

Testing Day

Students will be busy with various testing the morning of Wednesday, October 17.

Testing Day Schedule

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| Testing | 8:15 – 11:15 |
| 3 rd Period | 11:20 – 1:20 |
| 1 st Period | 1:25 – 1:55 |
| 2 nd Period | 2:00 – 2:30 |
| 4 th Period | 2:35 – 3:05 |
| Access | 3:10 – 3:25 |

End of First Term

The end of the term is Friday, October 19. Can you believe it?

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

The following dates have been scheduled for parent/teacher conferences at the high school.

Teachers will be available from 6:30-8:30pm each evening.

Thursday, November 15

Monday, February 4

Monday, April 7

In September, we tried a format for conferences that was different from previous years. Parents were asked to pick up a current progress report and then meet with individual teachers that were located in the old gym and cafeteria areas. The feedback we received was mostly positive.

People indicated that they did not have to waste time finding classrooms and wondering if there was a line. However, the few concerns we heard were that it was too noisy in the cafeteria and

there was less privacy. If you have any input, please email or call the school and let us know your feelings.

School Website

The district website is www.sewardpublicschools.org. Important information, such as the lunch menu and activities calendar can be located at this site.

Course Offerings

In the near future, there will be a completed analysis of what other area schools are currently offering their students compared to Seward High School. It is a compilation of 15 schools including all of the central conference. The results will help us make curricular decisions as we continue to look at ways to make a good school even better.

Campus Security

The new security system has been installed. We have received initial training on using the camera and buzzer entrance system. However, we are developing our policies and procedures surrounding its use. The cameras currently record 24 hours a day.

Students of the Month

Grace Smetter, John Cahoon, Alyssa Kamphaus, Andrew Sorsen, Rebecca Mohnike, J.T. Cattle, Anna Meyer, and Nathan Buss were selected as the September Students of the Month. A male and female were chosen from each class based on academics, school involvement, and character.

National Merit Semi-Finalists

Kevin Jerger, Ciara McCormack, and Jake Weber have been selected as National Merit Semi-finalists for Seward High School.

On behalf of our students and staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school. We appreciate your caring and involvement in our high school activities. Our young people truly do represent their school, community, and families very well.

Professionally,

Chad Denker

Go Bluejays!