



Bluejay News

Seward High School
April-May 2018

Every student, every day, a success!

Mission Statement: The school district of Seward, in cooperation with parents and community, affirms that all students will have the skills to become productive and contributing members of a global community. The district is committed to the development of each student academically, emotionally, socially, and physically.

School Improvement

Our improvement efforts have been organized around the four strategies listed below. Each strategy has an action team that is charged with taking steps to move forward with an action plan corresponding to each strategy. All members of the Seward High School teaching staff are on at least one of these action teams. We continue to move forward aggressively with the action steps in our various strategic plan strategy areas. The staff at Seward High School is working very hard to utilize this process to improve our school in an effort to better serve students. SHS Staff members have contributed time, vision, and perspective. It has been a process greatly enhanced by collaboration. Below you will find a brief update on some of our recent school year activities. To view this action plan go to www.sewardpublicschools.org.



Strategies

1. We will develop and implement plans to offer a developmentally appropriate and **rigorous** curriculum for all students.
2. We will continue to develop our system of academic supports and **interventions** to meet the needs of all students.
3. We will develop and implement plans to promote a positive school **culture**.
4. We will develop and implement plans to actively **engage** students in their own learning.

Each Action Team establishes new short-term action items while continuing to maintain action items already in motion. Below you will find a brief summary of some of the steps we have taken relative to each strategy

Strategy 1 (Rigor):

- Reviewed Laude Program data and finalized graduation speaker selection process
- Compiled best practices for preparing all students for the ACT with a March 28th Station Rotation
- Practiced writing ACT-type prompts in PLCs
- Implemented higher order questioning strategies in the classroom and collected walkthrough data
- Provide guidelines for departmental discussions on vertical alignment, common standards, and grading procedures

The Rigor action team continues to focus on adding more Advanced Placement and Dual Credit course options to our students including AP College Algebra and DC Horticulture.

Strategy 2 (Intervention):

- Math: Examine student data (e.i., math course grades, NWEA math RIT scores, and 8th grade NeSA scores) to determine student math course placement as well as the effectiveness of the math intervention and support.
- Reading: Implement best practice reading and writing strategies aligned with the district instructional model in PLCs.
- Reading: Maintain the LLI reading program for 9th grade
- Updated comprehensive Intervention Framework of Tier I, II, and III supports
- Revamped protocol for After School Study Group with measured success

The Intervention action team continues to focus on student supports for math, reading, and freshmen as well as students needing support outside the school day.

School Improvement (continued)

Strategy 3 (Positive Culture):

- Implemented Leadership course with strong student enrollment numbers
- Maintained quality of P.R.I.D.E. nominations, weekly recognition, and quarterly Recognition Rallies highlighting a wide range of student achievements.
- Highlighted SHS alumni speakers at each of the Recognition Rallies
- Designed and installed record boards, all-state boards, and Bluejays at the Next Level boards
- Designed and installed senior banners recognizing all students in a wide range of academic and extracurricular endeavors
- Completed “Known” survey from teacher and student perspectives and cross-references with activity participation and PRIDE nominations
- Selected to present at the PBIS Conference in Lincoln in June 2018
- Introduced the Bluejay Leadership Team structure
- Attended the #STRIVEU18 Conference with students and began implementation of Class Intercom and Social Media Interns

Strategy 4 (Engagement):

- Led Google training for staff including Drive, Gmail & Peardeck
- Promoted All SHS Reads initiative for increased literacy and social awareness
- Supported NETA presenters: Kristen Upton & Becky Snyder
- Supported NETA Student Award entrants and winners
- Hosted Dr. Sue Gabriel, NWU Professor in October 2017 and Karen Haase, Attorney, KSB School Law--December 2017 for students and February 2018 for community members
- Maintain a google form utilized for communication between teachers and student technology aides
- Maintain a working google document with strategies and teacher experts listed for the specific strategies for collaboration and PD planning
- Developed a list of possible speakers for digital citizenship presentations



Honors Breakfast

The final honors breakfast of the 2017-2018 school year will be held April 13th from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. The purpose of the honors breakfast is to recognize and celebrate those students who have made the Term 3 Honor Roll. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend along with their son and/or daughter. Additional information regarding the Honors Breakfast will be included in the report card mailing for those students who have made honor roll.



Student Leadership Team

We are excited to announce our new Bluejay Leadership Team structure, which has been vetted by our current Student Council, the Teacher Leadership Team, and a school improvement action team. The purpose of this new structure is to empower students as leaders and give students more voice in making Seward High the best it can be. This structure will replace the current student council and class officers system. Here are the basics:

- Bluejay Leadership Team members will apply and be elected by members of their class.
- Each class will have four representatives, except seniors who will have five, creating a 17 member team.
- This Bluejay Leadership Team of 17 will elect a senior member to serve as Leadership Team President and School Board representative.
- Each class will elect a leader to serve as a Leadership Team Council member and School Improvement Team representative.
- Clubs and teams may appoint one at-large member. These are non-voting, fluid members.
- This team will meet monthly or any time student input is needed for topics such as school safety or sportsmanship.
- All 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will received an email with this information and an application form. Applications are due by April 15th.

Drivers Ed

Sign-up begins Tuesday, April 3rd. Call or stop in the high school office to sign up. Requirements: Resident/Taxpayer of Seward School District. All students are required to have their school or learner's permit.



Session 1: Tuesday, May 29th -

Saturday, June 2nd - Classroom time:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Driving Range and Simulators in Kearney on Friday, June 1st from 6:30 am - 9:00 pm. Need to bring a sack lunch.

Session 2: Monday, June 4th - Friday, June 8th.-

Classroom time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Driving Range and Simulators in Kearney on Thursday, June 7th from 6:30 am - 9:00 pm. Need to bring a sack lunch.

Session 3: Monday, June 25th - Friday, June 29th.-

Classroom time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Driving Range and Simulators in Kearney on Thursday, June 28th from 6:30 am - 9:00 pm. Need to bring a sack lunch.

Cost is \$325-Payment can be made at the high school office any time on or before the first day of class. Make checks payable to Seward High School.

Any questions, call the high school at 402-643-2988.

Yearbooks

Students interested in purchasing a 2017-2018 yearbook need to go to the Josten's website (<http://www.jostensyearbooks.com/>). Follow the instructions on the website and you will be able to login and make a purchase.



Last Day of School

Due to cancelled school as a result of weather, the last day of school will now be Monday, May 21st. The last day of school is subject to change if additional days of school are missed. Dismissal time will be 11:30.



Student Fees and Fines/Negative Lunch Balances

Please make sure your student pays all of his or her class fees and fines as soon as possible. This will help expedite the end-of-the-year checkout process. It is also appreciated if you could help your student(s) to maintain a positive lunch account balance. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Spring 2018 AP Exam Information and Registration

It's exam time for students enrolled in Advanced Placement (A.P.) courses at Seward High School. We strongly recommend that students enrolled in these courses complete the A.P. experience by taking the corresponding exam. The exam cost is \$94. Successful performance on an A.P. exam can lead to affordable college credit. To identify specifically what score a student would need to receive in order to obtain college credit at a specific post-secondary institution go to <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>. Research has found that participation in Advanced Placement courses, and even taking the A.P. exam as a component of these courses, is highly correlated with success at the college-level. Students can sign up with Mr. Fields in the counseling office. The \$94 exam fee is due to Lisa Vlasin in the Seward High School main office. Make checks out to Seward High School. The tests will be ordered in March. Students must have the test paid for before April 20.

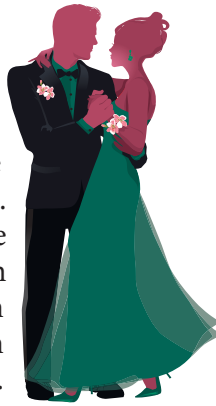
Course	Exam Date	Exam Time
English Lit and Composition	May 9	8:00 am
Environmental Science	May 10	12:00 pm
U.S. History	May 11	8:00 am
Biology	May 14	8:00 am
Calculus AB	May 15	8:00 am
Statistics	May 17	12:00 pm
Human Geography	May 18	8:00 am



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Prom

The junior/senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th in the high school gym. Students must be academically eligible to attend. Any student requesting to have a non-SHS student attend with them needs to complete a required form in advance. The form will be available in the main office two weeks prior to Prom. All community service hours for seniors need to be completed by April 25th.



We encourage you to take the time to talk to your student about making good choices before, during, and after the dance. We want our students to make good decisions, be safe, and have a positive experience. This is a great teachable moment.

After Prom

The Seward After Prom committee has been hard at work planning and organizing the After Prom Party to be held Sunday, April 29th, from 12:15 – 4:00 a.m. A few of the many activities available to students that evening include bubble soccer, inflatables, carnival games, and a hypnotist. Please call Ann Spotanski at 402-417-5026 or email at ann.spotanski@gmail.com to let her know if you would like to help at the event. The After Prom committee is hoping that each junior and senior parent will donate \$10 to help fund this event. Please send your donation to After Prom Treasurer (Jenny Krause), 223 Struthers Place, Seward, NE 68434. The next After Prom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11th at 6:00 pm in the west cafeteria of the high school. All are welcome to attend!

Counseling Department Website

Celebration time in the counseling center! The counseling center website, www.sewardhighcounseling.wordpress.com The statistics show that students, parents/guardians, staff and community members are using the website for scholarships, registration, academic information, post-secondary planning, community resources, summer employment, opportunities such as summer camps and college visits, college athletics, and more. We will keep updating the



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website, pinterest and twitter, so check it out!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The final round of parent/teacher conferences is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Parent/Teacher conferences provide an excellent opportunity for you to meet your son and/or daughter's teachers, get updates on their academic progress, and obtain other information that will help you to support your student in the journey through high school.

Parent/Teacher Conference Parent Sessions - 6:00 p.m. for incoming freshmen (current 8th Graders and 7:00 current freshmen): Special program will be held for the parents of freshman students and Incoming Freshmen students the evening of the April 10th parent/teacher conferences. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. The presentations will be in the new theater and will last approximately 35-40 minutes each. School staff will share information regarding a wide array of topics related to the high school experience and post-secondary planning. Don't miss this valuable opportunity!

Big Deal Day! Tuesday, April 3rd

Help your student prepare for this exciting day!

It's a **Big Deal Day!** April 3rd 2018

Freshmen

Report to SHS New Gym by 8:15 am

Connecting the Dots:
A Career Exploration Day
Harvest Hall
Seward County Fairgrounds
Buses will transport.
Sack lunch provided.
Dismissed at 3:00 pm



Sophomores

Report to SHS Auditorium by 8:15 am

ASVAB Career Exploration Program & CUNE College Visit
Concordia University, Seward
Buses will transport.
Sack lunch provided
Dismissed at 3:00 pm



Juniors

Report to Assigned Testing Room by 8:15 am

ACT Test Day at SHS
ALL Juniors MUST be in ATTENDANCE!
Breakfast & snacks provided.
Students dismissed with a sack lunch upon test completion (beginning at 1:00 pm).



Seniors

Community Scholarship Interviews, Community Service or College Visits
Seniors are NOT required to come to school this day.
Use this as an opportunity to schedule your Community Scholarship interview, finish community service hours or go on a college visit.



Buses will run on the regular school day schedule!

SCHEDULE A CAMPUS VISIT

Juniors: It's Time to Start Thinking About College Campus Visits!

Students are encouraged to start looking at colleges during their junior year so they can narrow choices by the time they are seniors. Below are some tips to consider as you begin this process. Please contact Mr. Fields, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Jill Johnson or Mr. Axt if you have questions or need support as you begin this process.

- **Explore your career interests:** Before you determine which colleges you want to visit, think about your career interests and then research colleges that fit your interests.
- **Check out college websites:** You'll find admission requirements, academic and social information, and campus photos or a virtual tour.
- **Schedule your visits at least two weeks in advance:** Ask for appointments with an admissions representative, financial aid counselor, and a faculty member in your area of interest. Planning these visits early will increase the likelihood that you will be able to meet the individuals you need to see while on campus.
- **Be mindful of your high school responsibilities while planning visits:** Please attempt to schedule college visits on days when school is not in session whenever possible.
- **Visit your top college choices while the schools are in session:** You won't get the true flavor of the school during breaks or finals week.
- Additional Helpful Resources Can Be Found at EducationQuest.org.



www.EducationQuest.org

Basic Post-Secondary Planning Vocabulary:

Grade Point Average (GPA): A system to evaluate students' academic performance based on their grades throughout high school.

PSAT/NMSQT: A standardized test that will prepare you for the SAT college entrance exam. If you take it during your junior year, it may also qualify you for a National Merit Scholarship.

ACT and/or SAT: College entrance exams required for college admission to most schools. You should take the exam(s) in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.

Accuplacer: A testing assessment of the required skills for students entering college. While the ACT/SAT are most commonly associated with four-year post-secondary institutions, the Accuplacer test typically relates to institutions like community colleges and trade schools.

ASVAB: Multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military.

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completing a FAFSA application is often the first step in applying for student financial aid that is available every year, including scholarships, grants, low-interest loans, and work study programs.

Tuition: The amount of money a college charges for courses you will take.

Fees: The amount the college charges for services like computer labs, the fitness center, and career services.

Room and Board: If you live on campus, the college will charge you to live in a residence hall and for the meals you eat in the college cafeteria.



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Class of 2018 Commencement Ceremony

The 133rd annual Seward High School commencement ceremony will be held Sunday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the south gym at Seward High School. Students are to report to the north gym by 1:15 p.m. with cap, gown, and attire appropriate (business casual) for the event. While in the north gym, graduates will receive final instructions regarding graduation procedures. Parents/guardians/friends of the family will be able to take pictures of the Class of 2018 one last time before the ceremony begins. The entire ceremony will last approximately 50 minutes from start to finish. Students who do not plan to participate in the commencement ceremony should report to Mr. Axt as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, April 27th. This information is being provided as early as possible for family planning purposes. Additional information regarding the ceremony will be provided in subsequent newsletters.

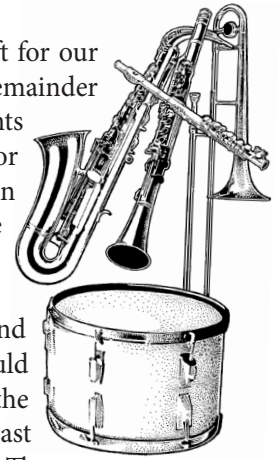


Other Important Dates and Information for the Class of 2018

- Prom: Saturday, April 28
- Honors Night: Tuesday, May 8 (Business Casual Dress – Please no jeans or shorts)
- Last Day for Seniors: Wednesday, May 9
- Graduation Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 9 at 1:17 p.m.
- Yearbooks: Seniors interested in a yearbook must purchase online at www.jostens.com no later than Friday, April 27th.
- Yearbook Parent Page Ad: Senior parents interested in purchasing a parent page ad for their senior student may do so by contacting the yearbook sponsor, Mr. Pallas, at tom.pallas@sewardschools.org or by calling Seward High School at 402-643-2988.
- Senior Skip Day: To eliminate any potential misunderstanding, the school does not approve of any senior skip day while school is in session. Seniors who have participated in a skip day will not be excused and will be assigned a consequence. If parents of seniors call the attendance office, they will be told that the school does not sanction a skip day.
- Fines: Students who owe any fines will not receive their diploma until the fine has been cleared.
- Diplomas: This is a reminder that diplomas are awarded after a senior student has completed all activities associated with the high school. Students who have completed all activities following the graduation ceremony will receive their diploma shortly thereafter. Students still involved in activities such as state track, school trips, etc. will receive their formal diploma after their final school activity following graduation.

Band News

There are several performances left for our instrumental music groups for the remainder of the school year. Seven SHS students were selected for Conference Honor Band on Monday, March 19, in Holdrege. Representing SHS are Brie Dandliker, Sheldon Bale, Jacee Wiesen, Vilynn Decker, Sarah Bujarski, Abby Rood and Kiernan Baker. The Jazz Band would like to invite everyone to attend the Spring Swing held at Lincoln Northeast high school on Saturday, March 24. The event begins at 5:00 p.m., with SHS performing at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for HS students, and \$3 for MS and under. The evening features performances by many jazz bands and optional dancing. We had a great time last year! District Music Contest will be held at Norris high school, with the Jazz Band performing on Thursday, April 19, and the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and solos and small groups performing on Friday, April 20. Our Finale Concert will be on Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m., and will feature all bands and student performances from District Music Contest. The Symphonic Band will also play at graduation.



While we are finishing this school year, we are also preparing for next year's marching band show. Our show will be A New World, featuring music from Dvorak's Symphony 9. There is a listening link on the band website. Color Guard auditions will be held April 3-5. (Tue-Thur) Tuesday-7:00-9:00 p.m., Wednesday 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Thursday 4:00-6:00 p.m. Drum Line auditions will be held Monday, April 9, and Thursday, April 12, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. each day. Both of those auditions are open to any students currently in grades 8-11. Drum Major auditions will be April 9-13 from 3:45-5:00 p.m. each day, and are open to any current band members in grades 9-11. Section leader interviews will be held by appointments during the weeks of April 23 and 30. Look for a Google form or talk to Mrs. Kenney to sign up for an interview time.

We hope you'll join us for these exciting events as we wrap up this school year and prepare for our marching season next year!

After School Study Group

Students have access to tutoring on Monday-Thursday, from 3:45-4:45 p.m. in the Seward High School library. Students have access to Seward High School staff members as well as Concordia University students studying to become future teachers. Tutors are able to assist students in a wide-array of course areas. Students needing computer access are also welcome to attend.

From the Activities Director, Mr. John Moody

It's hard to believe we are talking about the spring sports season already. Let's all hope for continued good weather! Below is a section from the Bluejay Student/Parent Activity Handbook regarding our procedures to promote productive and positive relationships between you as parents and our coaches at Seward High School. This is a critical partnership as we seek to create positive experiences for our students involved in activities and athletics. We look forward to seeing you at Bluejay events throughout the spring!

Relationships Between Parents and Coaches/Sponsors

Both parenting and coaching are very difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding between coaches and parents, both are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide a more positive experience for everyone.

Parents have the right to know the expectations placed on them and their children. Coaches and sponsors have the right to know that if parents have a concern, they will discuss it with the coach at the appropriate time and place.

Communicating with your children

- Make sure that your children know that win or lose, scared or heroic, you love them, appreciate their efforts and are not disappointed in them. This will allow them to do their best without fear of failure. Be the person in their life they can look to for constant positive reinforcement.
- Try your best to be completely honest about your child's athletic ability, competitive attitude, sportsmanship and actual skill level.
- Be helpful but don't coach them. It's tough not to, but it is a lot tougher for the child to be flooded with advice and critical instruction.
- Teach them to enjoy the thrill of competition, to be "out there trying," to be working to improve their skills and attitudes. Help them develop the feeling for competing, for trying hard, for having fun.
- Try not to relive your athletic life through your child in a way that creates pressure. If they are comfortable with you win or lose, then they are on their way to maximum enjoyment.
- Don't compete with the coach. If your child is receiving mixed messages from two different authority figures, he or she will likely become disenchanted.
- Don't compare the skill, courage, or attitude of your child with other members of the team.
- Get to know the coach(es). Then you can be assured that his or her philosophy, attitudes,

ethics, and knowledge are such that you are happy to have your child under his or her leadership.

- Always remember that children can exaggerate, both when praised and when criticized. Temper your reaction and investigate before overreacting.

Communicating with the coach

- Communication you should expect from your child's coach includes:
 - Philosophy of the coach
 - Expectations the coach has for your child
 - Locations and times of all practices and contests
 - Team requirements
 - Procedure should your child be injured
 - Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation
- Communication coaches expect from parents
 - Concerns expressed directly to the coach
 - Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
 - Specific concerns in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations
- Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:
 - The treatment of your child, mentally, and physically
 - Ways to help your child improve
 - Concerns about your child's behavior
 - Injuries or health concerns. Report injuries to the coach immediately!! Tell the coach about any health concerns that may make it necessary to limit your child's participation or require assistance of trainers. Students are sometimes unwilling to tell coaches when they are injured, so please make sure the coach is told.
- Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches:
 - Playing time
 - Team strategy
 - Play calling
 - Other student-athletes
- Appropriate procedures for discussing concerns with the coaches:
 - Call to set up an appointment with the coach
 - Do not confront a coach before or after a contest or practice (these can be emotional times for all parties involved and do not promote resolution)
- What should a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide satisfactory resolution?
 - Call the athletic director to set up a meeting with the athletic director, coach, and parent present.
 - At this meeting, an appropriate next step can be determined, if necessary.

Suicide: Risk Factors and Implications

No school district is immune to the rise in suicidal behaviors seen across the country. The information below is intended to help you understand the risks and what we all can do to help our students to stay safe. The Center for Disease Control reports the following statistics:

- For youth between the ages of 10 and 24, suicide is the third leading cause of death.
- Approximately 4,600 lives are lost each year.
- The top three methods used in suicides of young people include firearm (45%), suffocation (40%), and poisoning (8%).
- More young people survive suicide attempts than actually die.
- Each year, approximately 157,000 youth between the ages of 10 and 24 receive medical care for self-inflicted injuries at Emergency Departments across the U.S.
- Boys are more likely than girls to die from suicide.
- Of the reported suicides in the 10-24 age group, 81% of the deaths were males and 19% were females.
- Girls, however, are more likely to report attempting suicide than boys.

Some of the risk factors for exhibiting suicidal behavior:

- Loss of a significant other
- Problems at school
- Substance abuse
- Previous suicide of a peer or family member
- Access to weapons or other means of harming self

Students who are having suicidal thoughts may exhibit a variety of symptoms including, but not limited to:

- Significant changes in behavior such as a change in appearance, changes in grades, withdrawing from friends, changes in sleeping/eating habits.
- Depression and other mental health issues
- Family and personal stress
- Questions regarding sexual orientation
- Appears sad or hopeless
- Self-inflicted injuries
- Saying goodbye to friends and family
- Making suicidal threats: either direct, "I want to die" or indirect, "Things would be better if I wasn't here."

It is important to remember the signs and risk factors listed above are generalities. Not all students who contemplate or die by suicide will exhibit these kinds of symptoms AND not all students who exhibit these behaviors are suicidal.

What can I do to keep my child safe?

- **Ask.** Talking about suicide does not make a student suicidal. Asking if someone is having suicidal thoughts gives him/her permission to talk about it. Asking sends the message that you are concerned and want to help.
- **Take signs seriously.** Studies have found that more than 75% of people who die by suicide showed some of the warning signs in the weeks or months prior to their death.
- **Get help.** If you have concerns that your child is suicidal, seek immediate help from a mental health practitioner. Suicidal students need to be evaluated by an expert in assessing risk and developing treatment plans. Parents can contact Seward High School counselors for a listing of resources or suggestions. Parents may also want to consult with their insurance company to obtain a list of mental health providers covered by their policy. When you call to make an appointment, tell the person on the phone that your child is suicidal and needs to be seen as soon as possible.
- **Limit access to weapons, prescription drugs, medications and other means.**
- **Reassure your child that life can get better.** Many suicidal people have lost all hope that life can improve. They may have difficulty problem solving even simple issues. Remind your child that no matter how bad things are, the problem can be worked out. Offer your help.
- **Listen.** Avoid making statements such as "I know what it's like" or "I understand." Instead, make statements such as "help me understand what life is like for you right now."
- **Report.** If bullying or cyberbullying is playing a role in your student's feelings of hopelessness, a report need to be made to a Seward High School administrator or counselor so that the school can intervene.

Know and be ready to use emergency resources:

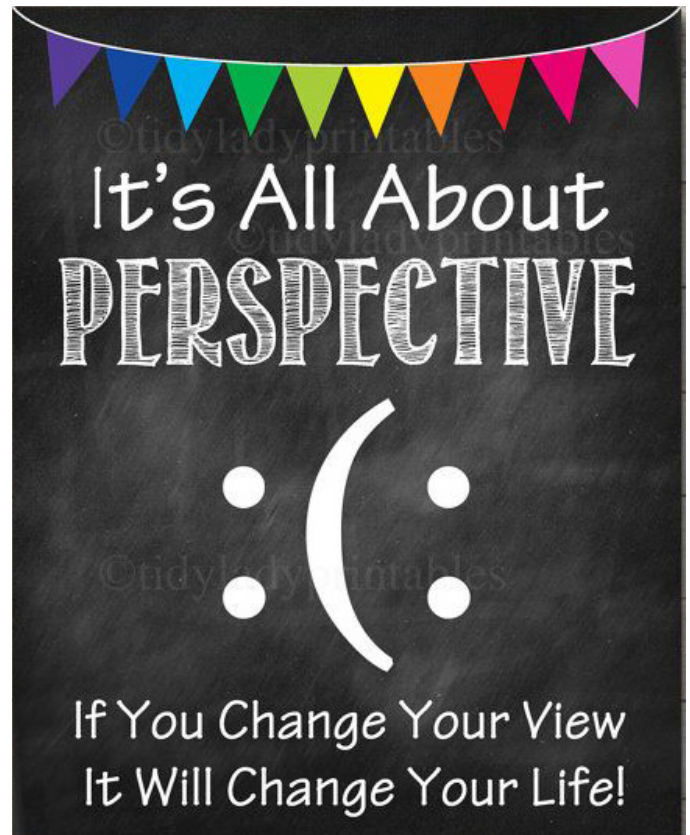
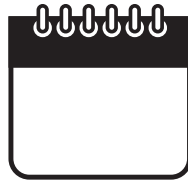
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-Talk (1-800-273-8255)
- Local Police: 402-643-3002 (Dispatch) or 911

For more information about depression and suicide:

- American Foundation of Suicide Prevention: www.afsp.org
- National Mental Health Association: www.nmha.org

Important Dates

- **April 3:** Big Deal Day
- **April 3:** Driver's Education Sign-up begins (Three Sessions available: May 29-June 2, June 4-8, June 25-29)
- **April 10:** Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Special Parent Meeting for parents of current 8th graders, 6:00 p.m. and parents of current Freshmen, 7:00 p.m.)
- **April 13:** Honors Breakfast, 7:30-8:15 am
- **April 20:** Deadline to pay the AP test fee
- **April 28:** Prom
- **May 8:** Honors Night
- **May 9:** Last day for Seniors, Graduation Rehearsal at 1:17 p.m.
- **May 9:** AP English Lit and Composition Test, 8:00 a.m.
- **May 10:** AP Environmental Science Test, 12:00 p.m.
- **May 11:** AP U.S. History Test, 8:00 a.m.
- **May 13:** Graduation, 2:00 p.m.
- **May 14:** AP Biology Test, 8:00 a.m.
- **May 15:** AP Calculus AB Test, 8:00 a.m.
- **May 17:** AP Statistics Test, 12:00 p.m.
- **May 18:** AP Human Geography Test, 8:00 a.m.
- **May 21:** Last Day of School (subject to change), early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.



*For more information, see the activities calendar at :
<http://www.centralconference.org/public/genie/408/school/8/>

Seward High Counseling Center Communication

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Twitter: [SewardHighCounseling@SHCounselors](https://twitter.com/SewardHighCounseling@SHCounselors)
Facebook: Seward High School Counseling Center
eBackpack: Class of 2018, Class of 2019, Class of 2020, Class of 2021

Staying Connected with Seward High School:

Building/District Website: www.sewardpublicschools.org
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/sewardpublicschools>
Twitter Athletic Updates: @SewardBlueJays
Activity Calendar: www.centralconference.org
Staff Email: firstname.lastname@sewardschools.org



March 2018

Note: The actual times, dates and locations of the events listed below are subject to change at any time based upon a wide array of variables. Please continue to check www.centralconference.org on a regular basis for the most up-to-date school calendar and event information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TBD BB-G/Varsity vs. TBA 6:15am-7:45am Soccer practice @ SHS New Gym 6:30pm-9:30pm SHS - Musical Practice @ SHS New Theater	2 Quiz Bowl @ Bellevue University TBD BB-G/Varsity vs. TBD 6:15am-7:45am Soccer practice @ SHS New Gym	3 TBD BB-G/Varsity TBA vs. TBD 8:00am Speech Meet @ Waverly
4	5 Elementary Planning Day - No Elementary Students 4:00pm-8:00pm SES PTC @ SES Seward Elementary School 6:00pm-7:30pm After Prom Meeting @ SHS West Cafeteria 6:30pm-9:30pm SHS - Musical Practice @ SHS New Theater 7:00pm-9:00pm FBLA - Dodgeball tournament @ SHS New Gym	6 4:00pm-8:00pm SES PTC @ SES Seward Elementary School 6:30pm-9:30pm SHS - Musical Practice @ SHS New Theater 7:30pm-1:30pm FFA Career Development Events @ SCC Beatrice	7	8 TBD BB-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBA 6:30pm-9:30pm SHS - Musical Practice @ SHS New Theater	9 NO SCHOOL @ SPS TBD BB-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBA	10 TBD BB-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBA
11	12 Professional Development Day - No Students 7:00pm SHS- Musical-Parents Night @ SHS New Theater	13 District Speech Contest @ Lincoln 6:30pm-9:30pm SHS - Musical Practice @ SHS New Theater 7:00pm Spring Sport Parent Meeting @ SHS Little Theater	14	15 4:00pm TR-Varsity Concordia University 5:00pm SOC-B/JV Waverly 5:00pm SOC-G/JV Waverly 5:00pm BAS-JV Lincoln North Star 6:15pm SOC-G/Varsity Waverly 6:30pm-9:30pm SHS - Musical Practice @ SHS New Theater 7:00pm SOC-B/Varsity Waverly	16 End of 3rd quarter 9:00am-10:00am PRIDE Rally @ SHS New Theater 10:00am-10:30am SIP @ SHS Library BAS-Varsity Rescheduled to 04-14-18 BAS JV (Cancelled) 7:00pm SHS Musical	17 11:00am SOC-B/JV Norris 11:00am SOC-G/Varsity Norris BAS JV (Postponed) 1:00pm SOC-B/Varsity Norris 1:00pm SOC-G/JV Norris 7:00pm SHS Musical
18 2:00pm SHS Musical @ SHS New Theater 6:00pm-7:00pm Wrestling Banquet @ Civic Center	19 10:00am Conference Honor Band @ Holdrege 1:15pm-2:45pm 2nd Grade rehearsal @ SHS New Theater BAS-Varsity (Postponed) BAS JV (Postponed) 7:00pm Girls BB Team meal @ EV Free Church Fellowship Hall	20 1:15pm-2:45pm 2nd Grade rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 5:00pm SOC-B/JV Mount Michael Benedictine 6:45pm SOC-B/Varsity Mount Michael Benedictine	21 9:00am District Music Contest @ Civic Center	22 Crete Music Contest (grades 6-8) 8:00am State Speech Meet @ Kearney 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Wahoo 5:30pm SOC-G/Varsity Auburn 6:30pm BAS-JV Wahoo SOC JV (Cancelled)	23 10:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 6:00pm-8:00pm SMS Musical dress rehearsal @ SMS Cafeteria 6:30pm Boys Basketball Team Banquet @ The Rock Lutheran Church	24 Jazz Band Spring Swing @ Lincoln Northeast High School 9:30am TR-Varsity Fairbury
25	26 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Beatrice 6:00pm-8:00pm SMS Musical dress rehearsal @ SMS Cafeteria 6:30pm BAS-JV Beatrice	27 NWEA Testing 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Yutan 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Lincoln Lutheran 5:00pm SOC-B/Varsity Lincoln Lutheran 6:30pm BAS-JV Yutan 6:45pm SOC-B/JV Lincoln Lutheran 7:00pm SMS Musical @ SMS Cafeteria	28 FFA Lunch Meeting @ Seward High School 8:00am ESU 6 HS Quiz Bowl @ Civic Center 8:30am-3:00pm NWEA Testing Plus ACT prep for Juniors @ Seward High School	29 10:00am TR-Varsity Norris 4:00pm GOLF-B/Varsity Crete vs. Multiple Schools 4:30pm SOC-B/JV Crete 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Platteview 4:30pm SOC-G/Varsity Crete 6:30pm BAS-JV Platteview 6:30pm SOC-G/JV Crete 6:30pm SOC-B/Varsity Crete	30 No School - Spring Break	31 8:00am-4:00pm Alumni BB Tournament @ Multiple locations

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1 No School - Spring Break 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Lincoln Pius X vs. Multiple Schools 9:30am SOC-B/Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 11:30am SOC-G/Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 1:00pm BAS-Varsity Nebraska City 3:00pm BAS-JV Nebraska City	2 8:15am-12:00pm ACT Test Date @ Seward High School 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Hastings 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Conestoga Jr. / Sr. 6:30pm BAS-JV Hastings 7:00pm-9:00pm Color Guard Auditions @ Seward High School	3 FFA State Convention @ Lincoln 8:00am Sophomore Pilgrimage @ Lincoln 8:00am-3:30pm Quiz Bowl- MS 8:00am Quiz Bowl @ Civic Center 8:30am-10:00am KG Program Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 10:00am TR-Varsity Aurora vs. Multiple Schools 4:30pm-5:30pm Color Guard Auditions @ Seward High School	4 FFA State Convention @ Lincoln 8:00am Sophomore Pilgrimage @ Lincoln 8:00am-3:30pm Quiz Bowl- MS 8:00am Quiz Bowl @ Civic Center 8:30am-10:00am KG Program Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 10:00am TR-Varsity Aurora vs. Multiple Schools 4:30pm-5:30pm Color Guard Auditions @ Seward High School	5 FFA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE @ Omaha FFA State Convention @ Lincoln 8:30am-10:00am KG Program Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 4:00pm-6:00pm Color Guard Auditions @ Seward High School 4:30pm SOC-G/JV Schuyler Community 4:30pm SOC-B/Varsity Schuyler Community 5:00pm BAS-Varsity Lincoln Northeast 6:30pm SOC-B/JV Schuyler Community 6:30pm SOC-G/Varsity Schuyler Community 7:00pm Kindergarten Program @ SHS New Theater 7:00pm BAS-JV Lincoln Northeast	6 FFA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE @ Omaha FFA State Convention @ Lincoln Meridian Honor Band	7 FFA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE @ Omaha 10:00am BAS-JV Norris 12:00pm BAS-Varsity Columbus 2:00pm-8:30pm Swing Choir Camp @ Multiple locations
8 12:30pm-2:00pm 4th Grade Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 3:45pm-5:00pm Drum Major Auditions @ Seward High School 5:00pm BAS-Varsity Lincoln Pius X 6:00pm-7:00pm Drumline/Pit Auditions @ Seward High School 7:00pm BAS-JV Lincoln Pius X	9 12:30pm-2:00pm 4th Grade Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 2:00pm TR-Varsity Columbus Scotus 3:45pm-5:00pm Drum Major Auditions @ Seward High School 4:00pm TR-Coed Middle School York Middle School vs. Multiple Schools 4:30pm SOC-B/JV Northwest 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Guardian Angels Central Catholic 4:30pm SOC-G/Varsity Northwest 5:30pm-7:30pm SHS PTC 6:30pm SOC-B/Varsity Northwest 6:30pm BAS-JV Guardian Angels Central Catholic 6:30pm SOC-G/JV Northwest 7:00pm 4th Grade Concert @ SHS New Theater	10 FFA Lunch Meeting @ Seward High School 8:00am Quiz Bowl @ Civic Center 3:45pm-5:00pm Drum Major Auditions @ Seward High School 7:00pm-8:30pm Post Prom Meeting @ SHS West Cafeteria	11 Skills USA State Leadership & Skills Conference - Grand Island @ Grand Island TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity York 12:30pm-3:00pm 5th Grade Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 3:45pm-5:00pm Drum Major Auditions @ Seward High School 4:30pm BAS-JV Beatrice 6:00pm-7:00pm Drumline/Pit Auditions @ Seward High School 7:00pm 5th grade vocal concert @ SHS New Theater	12 Skills USA State Leadership & Skills Conference - Grand Island @ Grand Island 3:45pm-5:00pm Drum Major Auditions @ Seward High School 4:00pm-8:00pm Smetter Dance Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater	13 Skills USA State Leadership & Skills Conference - Grand Island @ Grand Island ACT @ SHS TBD SOC-G/Varsity Crete TBD SOC-B/Varsity Crete 8:00am-12:00pm ACT @ SHS @ Seward High School 10:00am-2:00pm Smetter Dance Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 4:00pm BAS-Varsity (Rescheduled from 03-16-18) Columbus 6:30pm-8:30pm FFA Banquet @ SMS Cafeteria	14 Skills USA State Leadership & Skills Conference - Grand Island @ Grand Island ACT @ SHS TBD SOC-G/Varsity Crete TBD SOC-B/Varsity Crete 8:00am-12:00pm ACT @ SHS @ Seward High School 10:00am-2:00pm Smetter Dance Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 4:00pm BAS-Varsity (Rescheduled from 03-16-18) Columbus 6:30pm-8:30pm FFA Banquet @ SMS Cafeteria
15 2:00pm-4:00pm Smetter Dance Recital @ SHS New Theater 7:00pm-9:00pm Smetter Dance Recital @ SHS New Theater	16 10:30am 5th grade orientation @ SMS 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Crete 6:30pm BAS-JV Crete	17 10:00am TR-JV Friend 4:30pm GOLF-B/Varsity Bishop Neumann vs. Multiple Schools 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Mount Michael Benedictine 4:30pm SOC-G/JV Aurora 4:30pm SOC-B/Varsity Aurora 6:30pm SOC-B/JV Aurora 6:30pm BAS-JV Mount Michael Benedictine 6:30pm SOC-G/Varsity Aurora	18	19 District Music Contest @ Norris HS 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Fairbury 3:30pm TR-Coed Middle School Seward Middle School vs. Multiple Schools 5:00pm SOC-B/JV Lincoln North Star 5:00pm SOC-G/JV Lincoln North Star	20 District Music Contest @ Norris HS 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Omaha Skutt Catholic 6:30pm BAS-JV Omaha Skutt Catholic	21 9:00am TR-Coed Middle School Aurora vs. Seward Middle School 9:00am SOC-B/JV Beatrice 9:30am BAS-Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 10:00am TR-Varsity York 10:45am SOC-B/Varsity Beatrice
22 Choir Trip @ Kansas City, MO	23 Band Leadership team interviews - by appt only 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Beatrice 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Blair 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity York 5:00pm SOC-B/Varsity York 6:30pm SOC-G/JV York 6:30pm SOC-B/JV York 6:30pm BAS-JV Blair 7:00pm 5th/6th Spring Band Concert @ Bandshell	24 Band Leadership team interviews - by appt only 4:30pm SOC-B/JV Columbus Lakeview 4:30pm SOC-G/Varsity Columbus Lakeview 6:30pm-8:30pm Images of Greatness Main Event @ SMS Cafeteria 6:30pm SOC-G/JV Columbus Lakeview 6:30pm SOC-B/Varsity Columbus Lakeview	25 ESU State Quiz Bowl @ Holdrege Band Leadership team interviews - by appt only 10:00am 8th grade college visit @ UNL @ UNL	26 Band Leadership team interviews - by appt only 3:30pm TR-Coed Middle School York Middle School vs. Multiple Schools 4:00pm JV Boys Golf @ Waco Golf Course 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Waverly 6:30pm BAS-JV Waverly	27 Elementary Planning Day - No Elementary Students Band Leadership team interviews - by appt only 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Crete 1:30pm TR-Varsity Blair 3:45pm-10:00pm Post Prom @ SMS	28 Quiz Bowl- MS @ Lincoln Northeast High School 8:00am-5:00pm Post Prom @ SMS 10:00am BAS-JV Lincoln East 9:00pm-11:59pm Prom @ Seward High School
29 12:01am-4:00am Post Prom @ SMS	30 TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD Band Leadership team interviews - by appt only TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 4:00pm GOLF-B/Varsity Crete 4:00pm TR-JV Seward vs. Multiple Schools 7:00pm MS/HS Jazz and 8th grade band concert @ SHS New Theater 7:00pm Jazz Band & 7/8 Concert Band Concert @ Bandshell					

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6	7 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD 7:00pm SHS Vocal Music Spring Concert @ SHS New Theater	8 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD 7:00pm SHS Honors Night @ SHS New Theater	9 TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 8:00am-12:00pm AP Literature Test @ Seward High School 9:00am-10:00am PRIDE Rally @ SHS New Theater 3:30pm GOLF-B/Varsity Milford 3:45pm-6:00pm Show Choir @ SHS New Theater	10 TBD TR-Varsity TBA vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 12:00pm-4:00pm AP Environmental Science Test @ Seward High School	11 TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 8:00am-12:00pm AP U.S.History Exam @ Seward High School 8:30am-3:00pm 5th and 6th grade track & field day @ SHS Track	12 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD
13 2:00pm Graduation @ SHS New Gym	14 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 8:00am-12:00pm AP Biology Test @ Seward High School 8:30am-3:00pm 5th and 6th grade track & field day @ SHS Track 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity York vs. Multiple Schools 9:30am-11:00am 7/8th vocal rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 7:00pm 7/8 vocal concert @ SHS New Theater	15 TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 8:00am-12:00pm AP Calculus Test @ Seward High School	16 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD	17 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD 12:00pm-4:00pm AP Statistics Test @ Seward High School	18 Professional Development Day - No Students Last Day Scheduled (subject to change) - 11:30 Dismissal 8:00am-12:00pm AP Human Geography Test @ Seward High School 9:00am TR-Varsity Burke	19 9:00am TR-Varsity Burke
20	21 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity TBD	22 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity TBD	23 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity TBD	24	25	26
27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31		