



Bluejay News

Seward High School
March-April 2017

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 and school year activities. To view this action plan go to www.sewardpublicschools.org.

Strategies

We will develop and implement plans to offer a developmentally appropriate and rigorous curriculum for all students.

We will continue to develop our system of academic supports and interventions to meet the needs of all students.

We will develop and implement plans to promote a positive school culture.

We will develop and implement plans to actively engage students in their own learning.

Following the mid-year cycle review in January at the 2 ½ year mark of our five-year school improvement cycle, each Action Team established 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 in the last two months.



Strategy 1 (Rigor):

Current action items include:

- Research best practices for preparing all students for the ACT.
- 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 in 2016-17.

Strategy 2 (Intervention):

Current action items include:

- 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: Research the possibilities of expanding the reading program into a full year for 9th grade or one term of 10th grade.

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.

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Strategy 3 (Positive Culture):

Current action items include:

- Examine leadership class opportunities and curricula
- Create a comprehensive list of ways we currently recognize SHS students in a positive manner
- Establish and publish guidelines for P.R.I.D.E. nominations with expectations and examples for staff
- Create a proposal for an Extracurricular Wall of Distinction to recognize individual students who achieve All State level in athletics or extracurricular activities

The Positive Culture action team continues to highlight positive student behavior and achievements through weekly recognition and quarterly P.R.I.D.E. Recognition Rallies featuring Seward High School alumni as speakers.

Strategy 4 (Engagement):

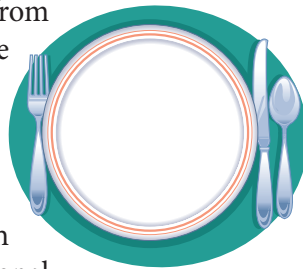
Current action items include:

- Create a google form to be utilized for communication between teachers and student technology aides
- Develop and publish a working google document with strategies and teacher experts listed for the specific strategies and utilize for PD planning
- Develop a list of possible speakers for digital citizenship presentations

The Engagement action team continues to drive digital citizenship and professional development for increased student engagement strategies and tools such as Peardeck.

Honors Breakfast

The final honors breakfast of the 2016-2017 school year will be held March 31st 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 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.



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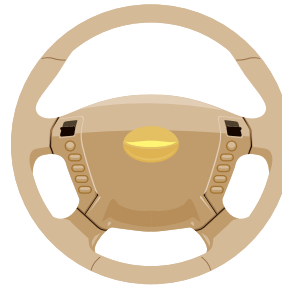
Seward High School Student Board Member

Applications are now available for any junior student interested in becoming the student Board of Education member for the 2017-2018 school year. The application is available in the counseling center and the due date is April 3rd. In order to be eligible for this opportunity a student must be on track to graduate with at least an 86% or greater GPA. A brief explanation of the role has been provided below.

1. To increase leadership opportunities for all students.
2. To provide student input and share common concerns and ideas.
3. To advise the Superintendent and/or the Board of Education on matters of concern related to student rights and responsibilities and/or decisions on Board policies that may be of interest to students.

A special thank you to Evan Mettenbrink who has done an exceptional job of representing the Seward High School student body while serving in this role during the 2016-2017 school year.

Drivers Education



Sign-up begins Monday, 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 23rd - Saturday, May 27th - Classroom

time: 8:00 am- 1:00 pm. Driving Range and Simulators in Kearney on Thursday, May 25th from 6:30 am - 9:00 pm. Need to bring a sack lunch.

Session 2: Tuesday, May 30th - Saturday, June 3rd. - Classroom time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Driving Range and Simulators in Kearney on Thursday, June 1st from 6:30 am - 9:00 pm. Need to bring a sack lunch.

Session 3: Monday, June 5th - Friday, June 9th. - Classroom time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Driving Range and Simulators in Kearney on Friday, June 9th from 6:30 am - 9:00 pm. Need to bring a sack lunch.

Cost is \$270-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.

Spring 2017 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 \$93. 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 \$93 exam fee is due to Lisa Vlasin in the Seward High School main office. The exam fee must be paid before a test can be ordered.



Course	Exam Date	Exam Time
Environmental Science	May 1	8:00 a.m.
English Literature and Composition	May 3	8:00 a.m.
U.S. History	May 5	8:00 a.m.
Biology	May 8	8:00 a.m.
Calculus AB	May 9	8:00 a.m.
Statistics	May 11	12:00 p.m.
Human Geography	May 12	8:00 a.m.

Yearbooks

Students interested in purchasing a 2016-2017 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.



jostensyearbooks.com

Microsoft Academy

Seward's Microsoft Academy was featured on 10/11 News Thursday, February 24th, in an effort by the State Department of Education to persuade lawmakers to continue the state funded grant for a fourth year. Seward has been a part of the academy all three years, and students have earned over 375 Microsoft Certifications in that time.

So far this year students have earned 137 certifications in Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint. Eric Forney won the Excel 2013 division of the Nebraska Fall Competition. He will represent Nebraska at the National Competition in Orlando, Florida, this summer. In addition, Zack Cordonier and Tyler Schrad became the first two students to earn their MOUS Master Certifications.

Prom

The junior/senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th 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.

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 30th, from 12:30 – 3:30 a.m. A few of the many activities available to students that evening include bubble soccer, inflatables, carnival games, and a hypnotist. Please call Jennifer Ruth at 402-540-2970 or email at rjruth93@windstream.net 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 (Theresa Urkoski), 1614 253rd Dr, Seward, NE 68434. The next After Prom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00 pm at the middle school. All are welcome to attend!

Last Day of School

Due to cancelled school as a result of weather, the last day of school will now be Friday, May 19th. 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.

**PLEASE REMIT
BALANCE DUE**

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 4-year post-secondary institutions, the Compass 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.

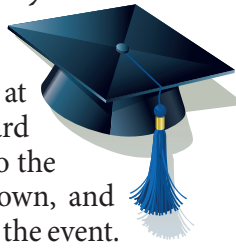
Parent/Teacher Conferences

The final round of parent/teacher conferences is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th 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 for incoming freshmen (current 8th Graders and 7:00 current freshmen: A special program will be held for the parents of freshman students and Incoming Freshmen students the evening of the April 4 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!

Class of 2017 Commencement Ceremony

The Seward High School commencement ceremony will be held Sunday, May 14th 2017, 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 2017 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 28th. 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 2017:

- **Prom:** Saturday, April 29th
- **Honors Night:** Tuesday, May 9th (Business Casual Dress – No jeans or shorts please)
- **Last Day for Seniors:** Wednesday, May 10th.
- **Graduation Rehearsal:** Wednesday, May 10th at 10:00AM
- **Yearbooks:** Seniors interested in a yearbook must purchase online at www.jostens.com no later than April 28th.
- **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 any senior skip day while school is in session. Seniors who participate 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.

Musical

Seward High School is presenting “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying” March 17, 18 at 7:00 p.m. and March 19 at 2:00 p.m.

There are 55 students involved in the production from cast to crew. The musical theater class built and painted the set.

“How to Succeed” is the story of a lowly window washer making his way to the top of the World Wide Wicket Company through whatever means possible.

Join us for great evening. Tickets are available at the SHS office and will also be available at the door. \$8 adults 13 & older, \$6 children 12 & under.



Big Deal Day!

It's a Big Deal Day! April 19th 2017

Freshmen

Report to SHS New Gym by 8:15 am

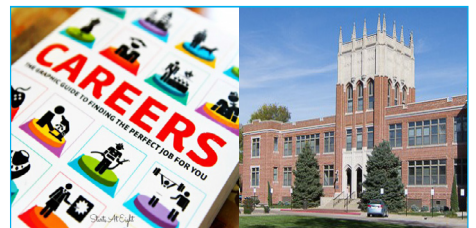
Connecting the Dots:
A Career Exploration Day
Harvest Hall
Seward County Fairgrounds
Buses will transport.
Sack lunch provided.



Sophomores

Report to SHS Auditorium by 8:15 am

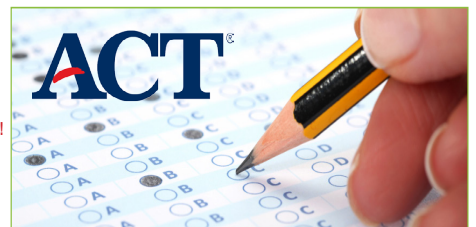
ASVAB Career Exploration Program & CUNE College Visit
Concordia University, Seward
Buses will transport.
Sack lunch provided



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 Service or College Visits

Seniors are NOT required to come to school this day.

Use this as an opportunity to finish community service hours or go on a college visit.



Buses will run on the regular school day schedule!

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!

Section 6: 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

Counseling Department Website

Celebration time in the counseling center! Visit the counseling center website online at 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 website, pinterst and twitter, so check it out!

After School Study Group

Students have access to tutoring on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday night of each week from 6:30 to 8:30 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, but specific support for Spanish will be available for students on Mondays and math on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students needing computer access are also welcome to attend.

SHS Study Abroad Tour

Coming up on May 25th Seward High School will have 15 students leaving for their summer Study Abroad Tour. Students will spend 12 days in Germany and Italy visiting famous sites like Pompeii, The Vatican, Dauchau Concentration Camp, and Nueschweinstein castle. Chaperoning the trip is Mrs. Thomsen, Mr. Wignall, and Mrs. Petersen.

News From the Band Room

There have been many activities going on in the high school band department. Thank you to all the students who played at pep band for the girl's district and state basketball games. It was great to have such a large band! Conference Honor Band will be held Monday, March 20 at Aurora High School. 14 SHS students were selected to participate. The Jazz Band will be performing at the Lincoln Northeast Spring Swing on Saturday, March 25. The event starts at 3:00, with SHS performing at 5:15. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$3 for middle school and younger. District Music Contest will be held at Norris High School April 20 and 21. The Jazz Band will perform on Thursday, with the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and several soloists and small groups on Friday. Our final concert will be Thursday, May 4, at 7:00.



It's also time to begin thinking about Marching Band for next year! Our show will be music from the musical "Wicked". Color Guard auditions are April 4-6, Drum Major auditions are April 10-13, Drumline/Pit auditions are April 10 and 13, and Leadership Team interviews are by appointment during the weeks of April 24 and May 1. Let's get ready for the Pride of Seward High Marching Band to be back on the field!



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Mark Your Calendar!

Important Dates

- **March 17-19:** SHS Musical “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying”
- **March 17:** P.R.I.D.E. Recognition Rally, 9:00 a.m.
- **March 30-April 1:** Skills USA State Leadership & Skills Conference, Grand Island
- **April 4:** Parent-Teacher Conferences, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **April 4-6:** Color Guard Auditions
- **April 6-8:** FBLA State Leadership Conference
- **April 8:** ACT Test Date
- **April 10-13:** Drum Major and Drumline/Pit Auditions
- **April 14-17:** No School
- **April 20-21:** District Music Contest
- **April 24-May 1:** Band Leadership Team Interviews
- **May 1-12:** AP Exam Testing
- **May 4:** SHS Band Spring Finale Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- **May 7:** National Honor Society Induction, 7:00 p.m.
- **May 8:** SHS Vocal Music Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- **May 9:** Honors Night, 7:00 p.m.
- **May 10:** Graduation Rehearsal, 1:30 p.m.
- **May 14:** SHS Graduation, 2:00 p.m.
- **May 19:** Last Day of School, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal



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 2017, Class of 2018, Class of 2019, Class of 2020

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 2017

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	2	3	4
				TBD BB-G/Varsity TBA vs. 6:00pm-8:00pm SHS Musical Rehearsal 6:30pm-9:30pm Play Production @ SHS New Theater	Elementary Planning Day - No Elementary Students TBD BB-G/Varsity TBD vs.	TBD BB-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBA 8:00am Speech Meet @ Waverly HS
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
6:30pm-9:30pm Play Production @ SHS New Theater 6:30pm-8:30pm FBIA - Dodgeball tournament @ SHS New Gym 7:30pm Friends of Choral Music mtg @ Seward High School	6:30pm-9:30pm Play Production (Cancelled) @ SHS New Theater 6:30pm-7:30pm Spring Sport Parent Meeting @ SHS Little Theater 6:30pm-9:30pm SHS Musical Rehearsal	3:45pm Booster Button Pictures @ SHS New Gym	End of 3rd quarter TBD BB-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBA 6:00pm-8:00pm SHS Musical Rehearsal 6:30pm-9:30pm Play Production (Cancelled) @ SHS New Theater	No School - Spring Break TBD BB-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBA	TBD BB-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBA 7:00am-6:00pm Club Volleyball Tournament @ Multiple locations	
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7:00am-6:00pm Club Volleyball Tournament @ Multiple locations	Professional Development Day - No Students SHS Musical Week 8:00am District Speech Contest @ Lakeview 7:00pm Booster Club mtg @ SHS West Cafeteria	SHS Musical Week	SHS Musical Week	SHS Musical Week 4:00pm TR-Varsity Concordia University 5:00pm BAS-JV Lincoln North Star 5:00pm SOC-B/JV Waverly 6:00pm SOC-G/JV Waverly 7:00pm SOC-B/Varsity Waverly 8:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Waverly	4:30pm BAS-Varsity Columbus 7:00pm BAS-JV Columbus 7:00pm SHS Musical @ SHS New Theater 9:00pm-10:00pm Recognition Rally @ SHS New Theater	11:00am SOC-G/Varsity Norris 11:00am SOC-B/JV Norris 1:00pm SOC-B/Varsity Norris 1:00pm SOC-G/JV Norris 7:00pm SHS Musical @ SHS New Theater
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
2:00pm SHS Musical @ SHS New Theater 6:30pm-8:00pm Wrestling Banquet @ Seward Civic Center	Central Conference Honor Band 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Norris 6:30pm BAS-JV Norris	4:30pm BAS-Varsity Douglas County West 5:00pm SOC-B/JV Mount Michael Benedictine 6:30pm BAS-JV Douglas County West 6:45pm SOC-B/Varsity Mount Michael Benedictine	1:00pm-3:00pm 2nd Grade rehearsal @ SHS New Theater	NSAA State Speech Contest 8:00am State Speech Meet @ Kearney 1:00pm-3:00pm 2nd Grade rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 3:30pm Crete Music Contest @ Crete MS 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Wahoo 5:30pm SOC-G/Varsity Auburn 6:30pm BAS-JV Wahoo 7:00pm 2nd Grade Concert @ SHS New Theater 7:30pm SOC-G/JV Auburn	10:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 5:00pm SOC-B/JV Lincoln North Star 5:00pm SOC-G/JV Lincoln North Star	7:00am-6:00pm Club VB Tourney (Tom Pallas) @ Multiple locations 9:30am TR-Varsity Fairbury 10:00am BAS-JV Waverly 12:00pm BAS-Varsity Waverly 5:00pm Jazz Band Spring Swing @ Lincoln Northeast High School
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7:00am-6:00pm Club VB Tourney (Tom Pallas) @ Multiple locations	4:30pm BAS-Varsity Beatrice 6:30pm BAS-JV Beatrice	4:00pm SOC-G/JV Lincoln Lutheran 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Yutan 5:30pm SOC-B/JV Lincoln Lutheran 6:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Lincoln Lutheran 6:30pm BAS-JV Yutan 8:00pm SOC-B/Varsity Lincoln Lutheran	ESU 6 HS Quiz Bowl @ Seward Civic Center	Skills USA State Leadership & Skills Conference - Grand Island 10:00am TR-Varsity Norris 4:00pm SOC-G/JV Crete 4:00pm GOLF-B/Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Platteview 4:45pm SOC-B/Varsity Crete 6:30pm BAS-JV Platteview 6:30pm SOC-B/JV Crete 6:30pm SOC-G/Varsity Crete	Skills USA State Leadership & Skills Conference - Grand Island	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Skills USA State Leadership & Skills Conference - Grand Island 9:30am SOC-G/Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 10:00am BAS-Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 11:30am SOC-B/Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 3:00pm-8:30pm Swing Choir Camp @ Multiple Locations
2	3 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Lincoln Plus X vs. Multiple Schools 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Nebraska City 6:30pm Band Booster Mtg @ Seward High School 6:30pm BAS-JV Nebraska City 7:30pm Friends of Choral Music mtg @ Seward High School	4 SHS PTC 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Hastings 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Conestoga Jr. / Sr. 6:00pm 8th Grade Parent/Guardian Meeting @ Seward High School 6:30pm BAS-JV Hastings 7:00pm 9th Parent/Guardian Meeting @ Seward High School 7:00pm SOC-G/JV Conestoga Jr. / Sr.	5 8:00am-3:30pm ESU 6 JH/MS Quiz Bowl @ Seward Civic Center 9:00am TR-Varsity Aurora vs. Multiple Schools 9:00am-11:00am KG Program Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater	6 FBLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 9:00am-11:00am KG Program Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 5:00pm BAS-Varsity Lincoln Northeast 5:00pm SOC-B/Varsity Schuyler 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Schuyler 6:30pm SOC-B/JV Schuyler 6:30pm SOC-G/JV Schuyler 7:00pm BAS-JV Lincoln Northeast 7:00pm Kindergarten Program @ SHS New Theater	7 Autism Awareness Day FBLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 4:00pm-10:00pm Smetter Dance Recital @ SHS New Theater 7:00pm Meridian MS Honor Band	8 ACT Test Date FBLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 10:00am BAS-JV Norris Columbus 9:00pm-3:00pm Smetter Dance Recital @ SHS New Theater
9 2:00pm-10:00pm Smetter Dance Recital @ SHS New Theater	10 12:30pm-2:00pm 4th Grade Rehearsal 5:00pm BAS-Varsity Lincoln Plus X 6:30pm Images of Greatness Main Event @ SMS Cafeteria 7:00pm BAS-JV Lincoln Plus X	11 12:30pm-2:00pm 4th Grade Rehearsal 2:00pm TR-Varsity Columbus Scotus 4:00pm TR-Middle School Seward vs. Multiple Schools 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Guardian Angels Central Catholic 5:00pm SOC-B/Varsity Northwest 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Northwest 6:30pm BAS-JV Guardian Angels Central Catholic 6:30pm SOC-B/JV Northwest 6:30pm SOC-G/JV Northwest 7:00pm 4th Grade Concert @ SHS New Theater	12 Central Conference Quiz Bowl @ Seward Civic Center	13 TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity York 1:00pm-3:00pm 5th Grade Rehearsal @ SHS New Theater 4:30pm BAS-JV Beatrice 7:00pm 5th grade vocal concert @ SHS New Theater	14 No School - Spring Break	15
16 Easter Sunday	17 TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD No School - Spring Break 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Crete 6:30pm BAS-JV Crete	18 10:00am TR-JV Friend B/Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Mount Michael Benedictine 6:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Nebraska Lutheran 6:30pm BAS-JV Mount Michael Benedictine 7:00pm 5th/6th Spring Band Concert @ SHS New Theater 7:30pm SOC-B/Varsity Nebraska Lutheran	19 8th grade college visit @ UNL 8:15am ACT Test Date @ Seward High School 7:00pm Booster Club mtg @ SHS West Cafeteria	20 District Music Contest 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Fairbury 3:30pm TR-Middle School Milford vs. Multiple Schools 5:00pm SOC-B/JV Lincoln North Star 5:30pm SOC-G/JV Lincoln North Star	21 District Music Contest 4:30pm BAS-JV Omaha Skutt Catholic 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Omaha Skutt Catholic	22 9:00am SOC-B/JV Beatrice 9:00am TR-Middle School Aurora 10:00am TR-Varsity York 10:45am SOC-B/Varsity Beatrice 11:00am BAS-Varsity Wayne 1:00pm BAS-JV Wayne
23	24 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Beatrice 4:00pm SOC-G/JV York 4:30pm BAS-Varsity Blair 5:30pm SOC-B/JV York 6:00pm SOC-G/Varsity York 6:30pm BAS-JV Blair 7:00pm SMS Jazz Band & Grades 7-8 Band Concert @ SHS New Theater 8:00pm SOC-B/Varsity York	25 4:00pm SOC-G/JV Columbus Lakeview 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Columbus Lakeview 5:15pm SOC-B/JV Columbus Lakeview 7:00pm-9:00pm SMS Musical @ SMS Cafeteria 7:30pm SOC-B/Varsity Columbus Lakeview	26 8:00am ESU State Quiz Bowl @ Holdrege Museum of the Prairie	27 3:30pm TR-Middle School Seward vs. Multiple Schools 6:30pm-8:00pm FCCLA Banquet @ SHS West Cafeteria	28 Elementary Planning Day - No Elementary Students 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Crete 1:00pm TR-Varsity Beatrice 6:00pm-9:00pm Post Prom @ SMS	29 8:30am-2:00pm Post Prom @ SMS 8:00pm-11:30pm Prom @ Seward High School 10:00pm BAS-JV Seward vs. Multiple Schools
30 12:00am-4:00am Post Prom @ SMS						

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7 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD 8:00am-12:00pm AP Biology Test 7:00pm SHS Vocal Music Spring Concert @ SHS New Theater	8 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD 8:00am-12:00pm AP Calculus Test 7:00pm SHS Honors Night @ SHS New Theater	9 TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 9:00am-10:00am Recognition Rally @ SHS New Theater 1:30pm Graduation Rehearsal @ SHS New Gym 3:30pm GOLF-B/Varsity Milford	10 TBD TR-Varsity Fairbury vs. Multiple Schools TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 12:00pm-4:00pm AP Statistics Test	11 TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 8:00am-3:00pm 5th and 6th grade track & field day 8:00am-12:00pm AP Human Geography Test	12 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD	13 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD
14 Graduation 2:00pm Graduation @ SHS New Gym	15 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity TBD TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 7:00pm 7/8 vocal concert @ SHS New Theater	16 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD End of 4th quarter TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD	17 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD	18 TBD BAS-Varsity TBD vs. TBD	19 Last Day Scheduled (subject to change) - 11:30 Dismissal 9:00am TR-Varsity Burke	20 9:00am TR-Varsity Burke
21 Professional Development Days	22 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity TBD	23 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity TBD	24 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity TBD	25	26	27
28 Memorial Day	29	30	31			