Principal's Update

March 17, 2023

Hi Everyone,

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE:
As we head into spring, I want to keep you up to date with everything the High School has coming up. We are excited to announce our first ***AKF's Got Talent.*** This is an opportunity for our students to showcase their incredible talents. This talent competition will take place in April, with more updates to come.

Senior grades will close next Friday and they will begin their last quarter at AKF! The senior schedule, with all the senior activities, will be sent out soon. These activities include the

Junior/Senior Prom, Senior Awards Night, Senior Class Trip and Graduation. Please see below for important information about the class of 2023.

We are also heading into MCAS season so please see the MCAS Dates below, as our first date is in two weeks. Next week's update will provide some tips to help prepare your student for the exams.

As you can see, we are working hard to finish the year on a positive note. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

Mr. Kerr

MCAS Dates:

· Here are the dates for MCAS in March. Please make sure your student is in school on these particular dates as the MCAS test is a state requirement.

o 3/28-3/29 - 10th ELA
o 4/11-4/12 - 8 ELA
o 5/2-5/3 - 8 Math
o 5/16 - 5/17 - 10th Math and 8th Science
o 6/6-6/7 - HS Bio (9th Grade)

Updates to School Calendar previously changed this year.

· Wednesday, March 22 is a 1/2 day of school for Staff Professional Development
· Wednesday, March 29 is a full day of school due to state required MCAS testing.

Class of 2023 (Seniors)

· Planning is underway for all Senior Events. Seniors have been notified of the date changes for their quarter grades to close as they get out of school earlier than other students. Information will be coming soon about dates for Graduation, Prom, Class Trip, Exams, Last day of classes and a few other things.
· Please make sure you are speaking with your senior about their grades, attendance and finishing the year strong.
· They also need to stay on track with their attendance. Any student who misses more than 7 days of classes that they have for the semester or more than 14 days for classes they have for the year will lose credit.
· There is no guarantee of Credit Recovery or Attendance Buy Back happening before graduation.
· Any senior who does not meet academic and/or attendance requirements will not walk at graduation.
· The Class Advisor is Mrs. McDonald. Any questions about Dues or Community Service, please contact her directly. rmcdonald@akfcs.org

Athletics

· Spring Sports tryouts begin next Monday, March 20th. Student physicals must be up to date in order for students to try out for all sports.

MassHealth Information

"Families with MassHealth Need to Renew Coverage: Families with MassHealth need to renew their coverage this year in order to maintain coverage. Coverage protections put in place during the pandemic will end soon, and MassHealth will return to standard annual eligibility renewal processes. Please help inform MassHealth families that they need to take the following steps:

· Update contact information – make sure MassHealth has their most up-to-date address, phone number, and email so that they do not miss important information and notices about what else is needed.

· Report household changes to make sure MassHealth knows about any changes in their household, like a new job, address, changes to income, disability status, or pregnancy.

More information is available on the **MassHealth's Redetermination website**, and school leaders can help spread the word with this **Redetermination flyer**, **poster**, and **toolkit**."

Have a great weekend! #GoBears

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