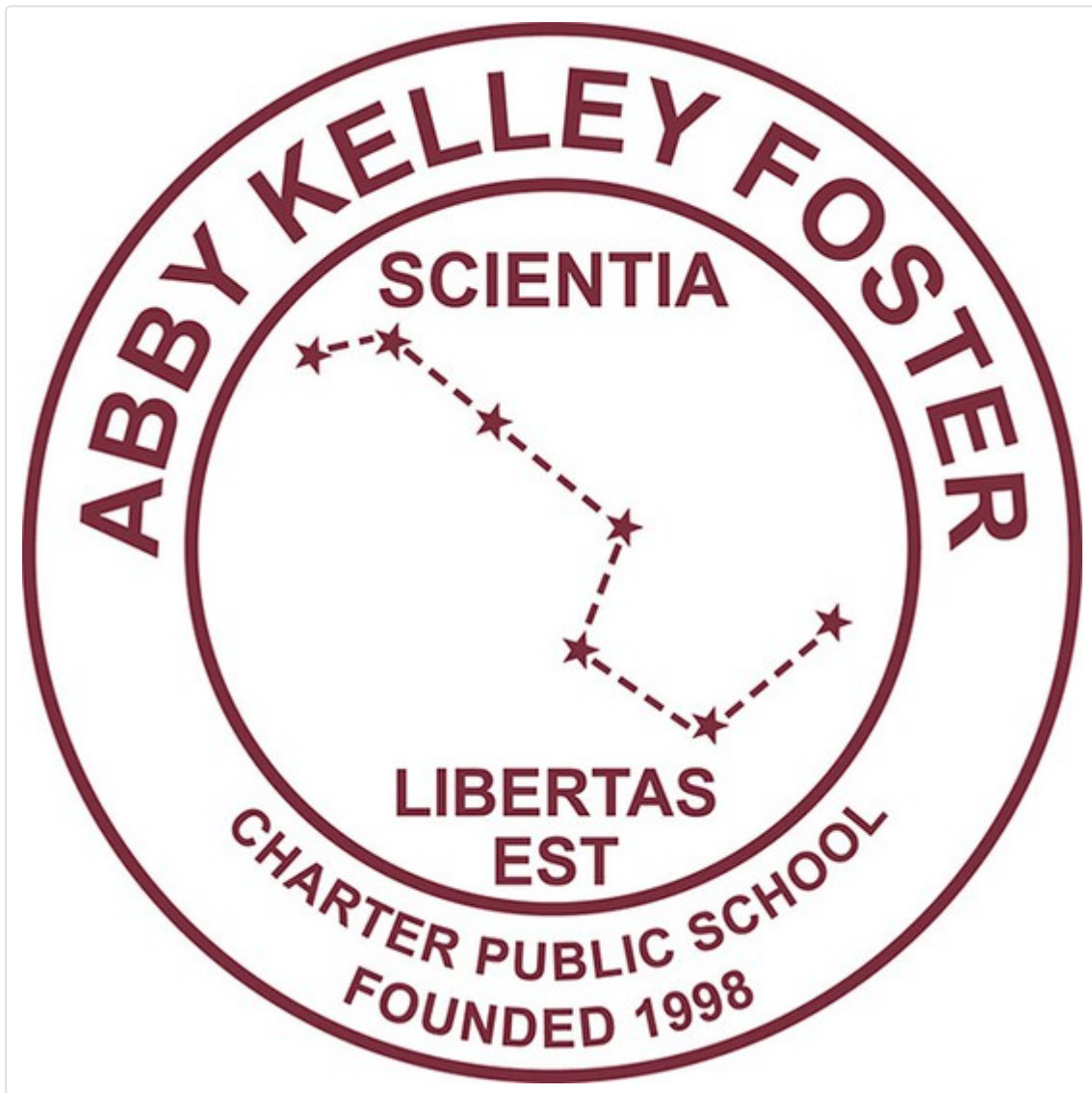


Principal's Update

September 22, 2023



Hi Everyone,

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE:

Computer Insurance

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are proud to once again provide state-of-the-art laptops for our students to use throughout the school year. These laptops help support classroom instruction and technological proficiency both at school and at home.

*Because these laptops are expected to last for several years, we need to ensure that each device remains functional for as long as possible. As an option, if you as a parent are concerned that your child may accidentally lose or damage the laptop, you may choose to purchase a device protection plan. **This plan is completely optional.***

We understand that accidents happen which is why we offer this optional protection plan for district-issued laptops through the company, School Device Coverage. This coverage is one payment of \$24.00 per school year, per laptop.

Their coverage includes replacement or repair in the event of theft, loss, or accidental damage of an insured district-issued laptop. The protection plan will NOT cover intentional damages, in which case the student and parent/guardian can be held responsible for the full replacement or the cost of repairs, up to the value of the district-issued laptop (about \$300).

The deadline for current students to enroll in this optional protection plan for district-issued laptops is 9/30/23.

To sign-up for the district-issued device protection plan, please go to www.schooldevicecoverage.com/signup.

Here is a short video to walk you through the sign-up process <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mFFMI1cX1k>.

The district-issued device protection plan will be effective from the date your submitted application AND payment are received by School Device Coverage.

If your child's laptop is accidentally damaged, lost or stolen, then your child will be issued a replacement laptop at their school site. Any damaged laptop will first be examined by site administration and then sent to the IT department at the District Office for further review. If coverage was purchased, you can file a claim with School Device Coverage. If coverage was not purchased, Abby Kelley will work with families to ensure students continue to have access to a learning device.

A parent/guardian must file a police report within five days if the laptop is stolen. For additional clarification, please call our District Office at (508)854-8400 to be directed to the appropriate department.

College and Career Office

Every Friday, Mr. Penney meets with all seniors during their study hall. We go over topics related to the college application process (primarily for four year colleges).

So far in September we have covered the following topics:

The Common Application and applying through SCOIR

Updating SCOIR Profiles and completing the self-recommendation

Building College Lists

The College Essay
FAFSA and CSS Profile preliminary information
College Visits
College Scorecard and Navigator
College Fair at Worcester State: October 1st 11-1PM
Fee Waivers
SAT and ACT Registration

Next week the following colleges will be visiting AKF:
UVM, Rivier, BU, UMass Dartmouth, University of New England, Notre Dame, Nichols College, Mt. Holyoke, Springfield College and Clark.

Students need to sign up for visits in SCOIR. Seniors are allowed to attend three visits and juniors are allowed to attend two visits.

Resource of the week: MEFA.

MEFA is an incredible resource and they offer many parent webinars, articles and direct help for families, especially in the area of paying for college. Visit mefa.org and check it out!

Note from the Nurse

Hello students and families!

I hope everything is going well as we roll into the fall season. Just a few friendly reminders from the nurses office. Please have your child bring their water bottles to school with them, hydration is important for overall health. I will be starting my state mandated BMI screens (GRADE 10 ONLY) the week of 9/25/2023. The week of 10/2/2023 I will start hearing and vision screens for grades 8 & 10 only. Please reach out to me via email or phone call if you would NOT like your student to participate in these screenings by 9/22/2023.

Be well,

Sara M Ramirez
High School Nurse

Athletics

All sports schedules are located on our website at
<https://www.akfcs.org/schools/high/departments/athletics/>

Any parents that may be interested helping with the Booster Club this year should email Mr. Morse at bmorse@akfcs.org

Food Services

Message from our food services department

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back students and families! We are excited to update you with the news that Massachusetts students will receive FREE school meals in School Year 2023-2024 and in all future years! Last month, Massachusetts became the 8th state to make Free School Meals for All permanent which means that breakfast and lunch will continue to be served at no cost to all students for years to come. Since your child attends a school that participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), you are not required to complete the Household Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals. If you are interested, please consider applying for SNAP, the federal nutrition program that provides eligible residents with monthly financial assistance to purchase groceries. More SNAP information can be found at gettingsnap.org or by calling Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

It is our privilege to provide breakfast and lunch to your children, supporting them with nourishing and healthy meals to power through the school day! We can't wait to see them in the coming weeks. Please reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Best,

Stephanie Collins

AKFCS Director of Food & Nutrition Services

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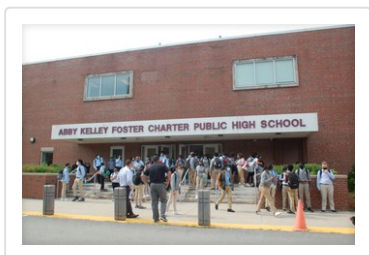
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If you have any questions or concerns please contact the front desk and Mrs. Fitzpatrick will direct your call accordingly. #GoBears

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Wellness Workshop

Our SEL teacher, Ms. Hendricks, is running a Wellness Workshop for AKF parents Monday, October 2nd from 5-6 pm.

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