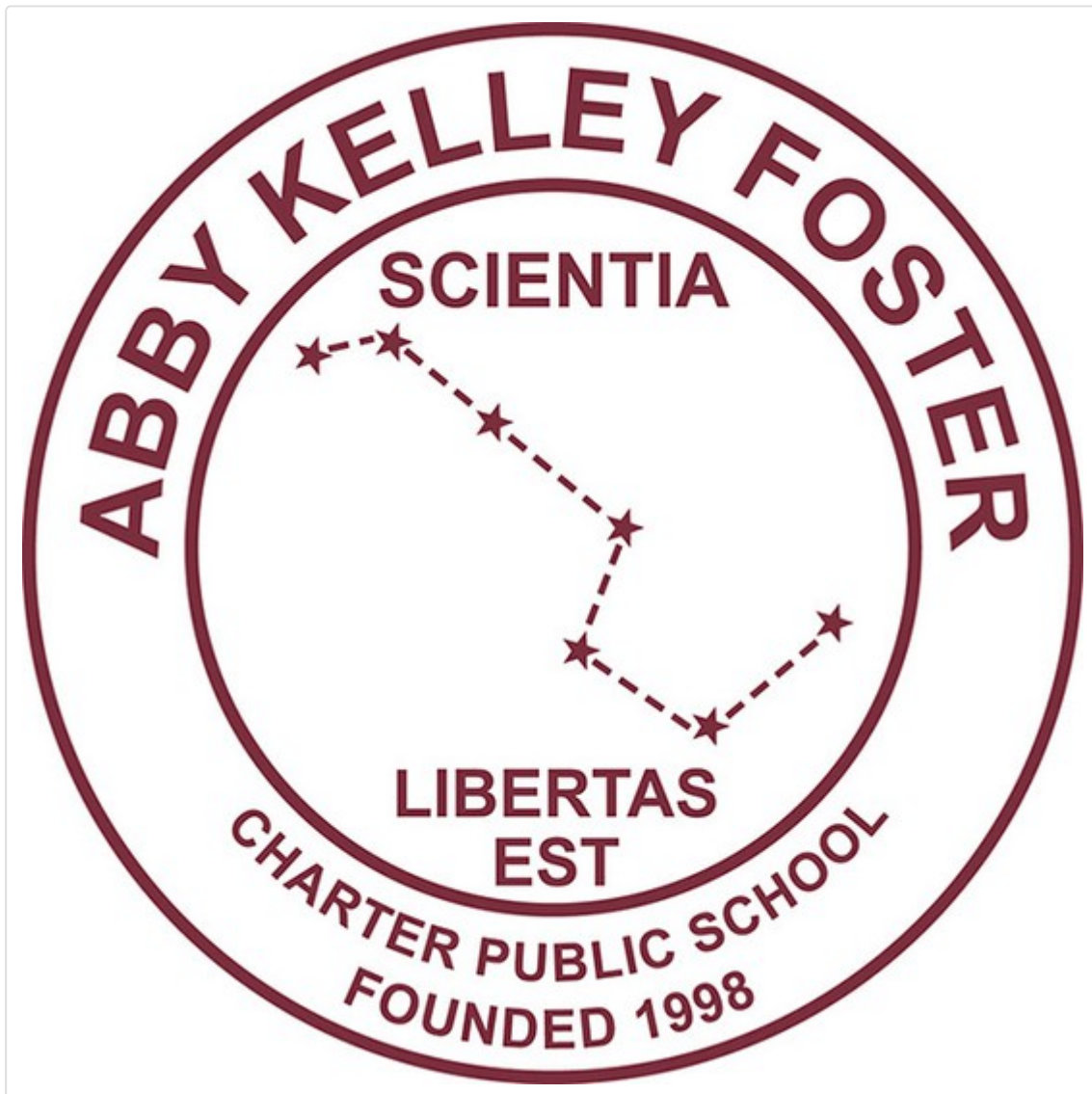


# Principal's Update

October 20, 2023



Hi Everyone,

## **HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE:**

As we approach the end of the first quarter I am once again asking that all parents set up their PowerSchool accounts. I apologize for sounding like a broken record but it is important that we have 100% of families able to access their student's information and communicate with their child's teachers. With report cards coming out soon, and PowerSchool being the only way you will be able to view them, it is imperative that you set up your account.

If you have set up your account, please make sure you go into the "forms" section and update or confirm the information we have on file.

**Parent/Teacher conferences** will be held on:

November 20th at 12-2:45 via Zoom and 5-7 - in person

November 21st at 12-2:30 via zoom

More information about how to schedule your meetings will follow as we get closer to the date.

### **ALICE training and scenarios held with students today**

On Friday, October 20, we ran through three scenarios with the students throughout the day. These scenarios dealt with how students and staff should respond in the case of an armed intruder entering the building. The students were mature and engaged in the conversations and while it is sad that we have to run these types of trainings, I feel that everyone in the building is now safer because of them.

If you are looking for more information about ALICE here is the website.

<https://www.alicetraining.com/our-program/alice-training/>

Should you or your student have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to reach out to the school.

### **Chromebook Insurance Extended**

We are excited to announce that the insurance company we use to insure student Chromebooks has extended their window in which parents can purchase insurance for their student's Chromebook. The high school has about 20% of parents that took advantage of the insurance, which is a great start. We HIGHLY recommend every parent look into the insurance, which is around \$24 and covers almost all damages to Chromebook. Below is the information about the insurance program.

*To sign-up for the district-issued device protection plan, please go to*

[www.schooldevicecoverage.com/signup](http://www.schooldevicecoverage.com/signup).

*Here is a short video to walk you through the sign-up process*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mFFM1cX1k>.

I would like to remind students and parents that grades for First Quarter close on November 3rd. That is only three weeks away! In order to access your students grades you need to register for your PowerSchool account. We are at 50% of parents registered at this point so thank you to all the people who have set up their account. If you need assistance setting up your account please contact us and we can resend your access details.

**College and Career Office**

Parents of seniors: Financial Aid Preview. We will have an information session in November to go over financial aid and how it works, but here are some basics to get started.

All colleges and universities use the FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) as a starting point for financial aid. One parent and the student need to fill it out. Before filling it out, both the parent and the student need an FSA ID which you'll use as a login and to sign the document. FSA ID's can be found here:

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

The good news! The FAFSA is being simplified and will take less time than previous years. The bad news. This means the FAFSA will be delayed and won't be available until December.

Some private colleges (and typically the ones with the most to give out in aid) require a second form called the CSS Profile. This is a more in depth look at a family's financial situation, which helps colleges make sure aid is given to students who need it the most.

If your student is applying early action or early decision to a private college, and they require the CSS Profile, it may be due at the same time as the application, so, be sure to check dates on the financial aid page on the college website. The CSS Profile, including a list of colleges that require it, can be found here:

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

### **Message from Guidance**

#### **SEL Parent Workshop Discussion Series with Jim Dunn and Dr. Carrie Cole**

Topic: Anxiety in Children and Adolescents

When: Thursday October 26th, 2023 at 7 PM

Where: Zoom: <https://akfcs-org.zoom.us/j/99749965964?pwd=MXYvYnhoaklYK2J6cktLQXV2Vnl1dz09>

### **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.

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](mailto:bmorse@akfcs.org)

## Food Services

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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