PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

December 8, 2023

Event Information

AKF High School Winter Concert

When?

Tuesday, Dec 12, 2023, 06:00 PM

Senior class visit from Senator Robyn Kennedy

The senior class had the opportunity to meet with and discuss local politics with Senator Robyn Kennedy on Monday.

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE:

Grades close today, Friday, December 8th for 2nd quarter Progress Reports. You will receive a message Monday evening telling you to check your student's grades. This is the halfway point of the second quarter and reports **will not** be sent home. You can see your child's grades on PowerSchool. If you need assistance still setting up your PowerSchool account please contact the school and we will get you all set up.

The high school's second annual talent show, *AKF's Got Talent*, will take place on Wednesday, December 20th at 3pm. Directed and produced as an IB CAS Project by Mame Koduah and Afriyie Asante-Addo. Hosted by Ghenwa Elmaola and Alexis Maduakor. Families are welcome to attend.

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. Here is a short video to walk you through the sign-up process https:/ www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mFFMl1cX1k.

College and Career Office

We've gotten some updates about the FAFSA and the rollout coming towards the end of December. This article gives a good summary of where we're at:
https://www.forbes.com/advisor/student-loans/new-fafsa-launch-date-announced/
One thing you can do now is to create an FSA ID. Both the student and the parent filling out the FAFSA need one. If you already have children in college and have filled out the FAFSA before, you will use the same FSA ID you already used, but the student will need to create one. In most cases only one parent needs to fill out the FAFSA.

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

Last week in senior seminar we reviewed how to read a financial aid award letter. While students may not receive these for several months, it is never too early to get in good practice of deciphering these complicated documents. Below are two links we looked at to see some samples and see how colleges use different formats and include different information in their award letters:
https://www.nitrocollege.com/blog/how-to-read-your-financial-aid-award-letter

https://www.mefa.org/sample-financial-aid-offer

Note from the Nurse

Starting on Monday, December 4th the grade 9 students will begin scoliosis screens.
The following week I will start a grade 8 scoliosis screen.

Be well, Sara M Ramirez High School Nurse

Congratulations to girls basketball team who won their opening game against Trivium!

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

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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