



Old Steller Yeller

August 2011

Esteemed Steller Community:

It is with great pride I welcome all of our new and returning students and families to Steller Secondary for the 2011-2012 school year. We are at full capacity to start the year, and it is always our intention to retain all students for the entire year. We can only do this by acting as a team and working together as students, parents and staff.

Our staff has changed significantly from last year. Next month's newsletter will detail all staff changes and have brief bios for you to read. This promises to be exciting. You will see new staff members from everywhere to include Florida and Texas. I can't wait for you to meet them.

Registration:

Registration will be from **8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on August 2 and 3** in the Multi-Purpose Room. Late registration will be on August 9th in the Main Office. If you know in advance that you can't make any of the registration/activation dates, please call either Elizabeth or Michelle at 742-4950 to let them know when to expect you.

Parking:

It is school board policy that all students that park in the school district parking lots must have a parking permit and that permit will cost \$55.00 per semester. Students must pick up a Vehicle Registration and Parking form from the office. Please pay for the permit in the office.

There will be spot checks of the vehicles in the parking lot to make sure you have an updated car permit. If you do not have a permit a warning is issued for the first offense, a fine is issued for the second offense, and you will be towed at your expense if there is a third offense. Also if you drive to another school for activities or for classes and park in their parking area you must have a permit. Please be aware that each school has their own fine system for their parking areas.

Permits from our school will be ok in other school lots, but it is a good idea to let the other school know you are parking in their lot.

Vehicle safety is important. Please do not speed in the driveway or parking lot. Do not overload your car with passengers, as this is very dangerous for all concerned. Please make sure you drive responsibly. Our school is about responsible freedom, which means just that, freedom to be responsible in all things you do and making proper choices. If proper choices are not made, those freedoms that we all cherish may be taken away.

We encourage all visitors to please check in at the office. This allows us to know who is in the building for security and fire purposes and helps alleviate confusion about non-permitted cars in Steller's parking lot.

Fire Lane:

The front access drive is a Fire Lane. Dropping off and picking students up is fine, but we cannot have anyone parking there. Any car parked in the Fire Lane (without a driver in the auto) may be fined or towed at the owner's expense. There will be no warnings given out for this.

When we are having an emergency and/or drill and you are parked in the front access drive be aware of students coming out of the doors and PLEASE move your car to the parking area of the school as soon as you are able. We, as a staff, do not have the time to locate the owner of a car in the event of a real emergency. Our first concern is the safety of the students. Your car can also block an emergency vehicle trying to get to the school in a timely manner. Please do not try to pick up your child at the time of the emergency or drill. It causes too much confusion and increases risks for our students. The students will be released at the proper time after the event.

Steller Safety:

Safety at Steller is of high importance to the staff. A safe environment is essential to students. I would like to address a few of the safety issues.

- Stay in a group when leaving the school for lunch or walking to a bus. Do not walk or wander down back alleys just because it is a short cut. These areas are danger zones and should be avoided at all costs. If anyone approaches you that you do not know, do not talk to them, run to the nearest safe place and report it at once.
- If there is a person or a student in our building you know does not belong to the school, please let any staff member know right away. Do not confront them, let the staff member ask who they are and their business.
- Riding bikes to and from school: Please do not ride bikes on the school sidewalks or parking lots – WALK THEM. Many other things are going on at the same time and an accident can happen. Remember to wear helmets at all times when riding a bike on school property.
- Skateboards may not be ridden on school property

Thank you for your help in these matters.



Dale Evern,
Principal

Steller Staff Corner

Parent Volunteer News:

Hello parents, students and members of the Steller Community! The Staff Corner returns again this year and is dedicated to communication between the teaching staff and you, the families of our community. Ideas for this column are generated as a result of issues before us at our weekly staff meetings which we feel merit further explanation or exploration within the Steller community.

This month, we would like to focus on the 10 Hour/Family Volunteer Commitment. Many events at Steller are made possible or significantly enhanced, through parental participation. It is our hope that each family might be able to find time throughout the school year to volunteer in the classroom, in the library, as drivers, chaperones, seminar coaches or even as experts in their field co-teaching a course.

How do you volunteer?

Step one is to contact your student's advisor and see if s/he has suggestions for you; each Advisory group needs a Parent Liaison or Advisory Group Coordinator. Duties vary, but an organized, energetic person to serve as liaison between the Advisory group and the parents of the group via email or phone provides a necessary link in the chain of communication.

Since advisors are all classroom teachers, they may ask for your help in the classroom. Many have "Parent Volunteer Opportunities" notebooks on hand from which you may select a job that appeals to you. These range in responsibility and time commitment.

Step Two is to check with the office to see if you have filled out the Parent Volunteer form that is available at Fall Registration and Open House. These forms are kept in a binder for teachers to access on an as-needed basis. We can fax you a copy or you can ask your student to bring one home for you.

We welcome your input, expertise, and participation in your child's education. Let us know how we can help you help us!

Nurse's Notes



Fall Intensive and Travel

If your student is participating in travel or an overnight intensive, the health office will need updated medical and medication information. Please check with your student as he/she will have paperwork for you to review and return to the health office prior to intensives.

Immunizations Due

Many students will need immunization boosters prior to school starting and during the school year. The immunization must be received and documentation provided to the school prior to attending classes. The State of Alaska has a strict "NO SHOT, NO SCHOOL" policy. Reminder letters are mailed out monthly and several months prior to your students immunization due date. Free immunizations are available at a variety of locations.

Please contact the nurse with any questions or concerns.

Allergy/Anaphylaxis

Steller Secondary is a LATEX-FREE environment. Do not bring latex gloves, balloons, or other items made of latex into the building.

Parents of children with a known anaphylactic reaction especially to food, animals, or bee/wasp sting must provide the school with an Allergy/Anaphylaxis Plan completed by a physician. The nurse reviews the plan and gives a copy to the student's teachers. Teachers are trained to administer the epinephrine auto-injector and it will go with the child on field trips. If you need a copy of the Allergy/Anaphylaxis Plan to take to your doctor please contact the school nurse.

Asthma

If your student is prescribed an inhaler we must have an Asthma Action Plan on file. If you need a copy of the Asthma Action Plan to take to your doctor please contact the school nurse.

PE Excuses

If a student will need to be out of PE for more than three days a written request from a physician is necessary. The excuse must specify the length of the absence (including the return date,) and the reason for it.

Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day please contact the nurse for the required paperwork. All medication must be provided in the original container. The nurse cannot give out any loose medication that is sent to school in a baggie. Students are prohibited by ASD policy from carrying controlled substance medications, such as those prescribed for ADD/ADHD, to school to give to the nurse. An adult must bring in this medication. All controlled medications must be counted by the nurse in view of the parent/guardian. For questions regarding medication administration at school please call the nurse.

2011-2012 ASAA Calendar of Events
ADOPTED 12-15-10, REVISED 5-10-11

FALL ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Activity	Classification	Weeks	Regular Season			State Championships
			1st Practice	1st Contest	Last Contest	Date & Site
CC Running	All	5 - 13	Aug. 1.....	Aug. 12.....	Sept. 24.....	Oct. 1 @ Bartlett High Trails
Tennis	All	5 - 15	Aug. 1.....	Aug. 12.....	Oct. 1.....	Oct. 14-15 @ Alaska Club
Football	Small/Medium	5 - 15	Aug. 1.....	Aug. 12.....	Oct. 1.....	Oct. 7-8: Semi's @ High Seed Oct. 15: Finals at Chugiak
Football	Large	5 - 16	Aug. 1.....	Aug. 12.....	Oct. 1.....	Oct. 14-15: Semi's @ Chugiak Oct. 22: Final @ Chugiak
FB Cheerleading	Small/Medium	5 - 15	Aug. 1.....	Aug. 12.....	Oct. 15.....	None
	Large	5 - 16	Aug. 1.....	Aug. 12.....	Oct. 22.....	None
Girls Flag FB	All	5 - 15	Aug. 1.....	Aug. 12.....	Oct. 15.....	None
Coed Soccer	Borealis	5 - 15	Aug. 1.....	Aug. 12.....	Oct. 15.....	None
Girls Gymnastics	All	6 - 18	Aug. 8.....	Aug. 19.....	Nov. 5.....	None
Swim/Dive	All	6 - 18	Aug. 8.....	Aug. 19.....	Oct. 29.....	Nov. 4-5 @ Bartlett High
Girls Volleyball	3A/4A	6 - 19	Aug. 8.....	Aug. 19.....	Nov. 5.....	Nov. 10-12 @ Menard (Wasilla)
Rifle (Fall)	Chosen	11 - 23	Sept. 12.....	Sept. 23.....	Dec. 10.....	None
Girls Volleyball	1A-2A	13 - 23	Sept. 26.....	Oct. 7.....	Dec. 3.....	Dec. 8-9-10 @ Dimond H.S.
Coed Volleyball	Mixed Six	13 - 23	Sept. 26.....	Oct. 7.....	Dec. 3.....	Dec. 8-9-10 @ Dimond H.S.
Wrestling	1A-2A-3A	13 - 23	Sept. 26.....	Oct. 7.....	Dec. 3.....	Dec. 9-10 @ Nikiski H.S.

WINTER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Activity	Classification	Weeks	Regular Season			State Championships
			1st Practice	1st Contest	Last Contest	Date & Site
Bowling	All	14 - 34	Oct. 3.....	Oct. 14.....	Feb. 25.....	None
Hockey	All	16 - 32	Oct. 17.....	Oct. 28.....	Feb. 4.....	Feb. 9-11 @ Menard (Wasilla)
Girls Hockey	All	16 - 32	Oct. 17.....	Oct. 28.....	Feb. 11.....	None
HK Cheerleading	All	16 - 32	Oct. 17.....	Oct. 28.....	Feb. 11.....	None
Rifle (Winter)	Chosen	18 - 32	Oct. 31.....	Nov. 11.....	Feb. 11.....	None
Wrestling	4A	18 - 31	Oct. 31.....	Nov. 11.....	Jan. 28.....	Feb. 3-4 @ Bartlett High
Nordic Skiing	All	18 - 34	Oct. 31.....	Nov. 11.....	Feb. 18.....	Feb. 23-24-25 @ Anchorage
Basketball	1A-2A	22 - 37	Nov. 28.....	Dec. 9.....	Mar. 3.....	Mar. 12-14 @ Sullivan Arena
Basketball	3A-4A	22 - 37	Nov. 28.....	Dec. 9.....	Mar. 3.....	Mar. 15-17 @ Sullivan Arena
BB Cheerleading	ALL	22 - 37	Nov. 28.....	Dec. 9.....	Mar. 3.....	Mar. 13 @ South Anchorage
Competitive Cheerleading		Open				Mar. 13 @ South Anchorage

SPRING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Activity	Classification	Weeks	Regular Season			State Championships
			1st Practice	1st Contest	Last Contest	Date & Site
Track & Field	All	36 - 46	Mar. 5.....	Mar. 16.....	May 12.....	May 18-19 @ Lathrop
Soccer	All	36 - 47	Mar. 5.....	Mar. 16.....	May 19.....	May 24-26 @ Anchorage
Baseball	All	36 - 48	Mar. 5.....	Mar. 16.....	May 26.....	May 31, June 1-2 @ Anchorage
Softball	All	36 - 48	Mar. 5.....	Mar. 16.....	May 26.....	June 1-2 @ Anchorage

ACADEMIC & FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES

Activity	State Event Date and Site
Student Government Fall Conference	Oct. 13-14-15 @ Service High School
All-State Music Festival	Nov. 17-18-19 @ Anchorage/East High
World Language Declamation	Feb. 18 @ East High School
All-State Art Competition	April TBD @ Bethel High School
Debate, Drama, Forensics Competition	Feb. 16-17-18 @ UAA/East High
Student Government Spring Conference	April 12-13-14 @ Kodiak High School
Solo & Ensemble Festival	May 11-12 @ UAA

State Wide Scheduling: Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 2012 - TBD

ASAA Board Meetings		
Fall Meeting	October 2-3	Anchorage
Early Winter Meeting	December 12-13	Anchorage
Late Winter Meeting	February 20-21	Anchorage
Spring Meeting	April 22-23	Bethel

Important Dates

HSGQE DATES
October 4-5-6, 2011
April 3-4-5, 2012

SAT DATES
September 10, 2011
October 22, 2011
December 10, 2011
February 11, 2012
April 14, 2012
June 9, 2012

Sports Medicine Advising Committee Meetings

Oct. 12-13, 2011 - Anchorage
 Jan. 18-19, 2012 - Anchorage



Anchorage School District

2011-12 School Year Calendar*

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* subject to change

** students do not attend school



Anchorage School District Release of Student Directory Information

5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99504-3135 (907) 742-4607

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a parent (or a student 18 or over), you have the right to prohibit the Release of Student Directory Information about your student.

What is Student Directory Information?

“Student Directory Information” is information about students that may be disclosed by the Anchorage School District (ASD) to identify enrollment and to publicize student accomplishments and activities. Examples of publication include:

- A playbill showing your student’s role in a drama production
- The annual yearbook
- Honor roll or other recognition lists
- Graduation programs
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members

Directory information may also be requested from ASD by education-related vendors, colleges, or military recruiters who want contact information for ASD high school students. Disclosure to outside organizations includes, but is not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks.

What Categories of Information Are Included?

The District has identified the following information as directory information. (See School Board Policy 368.4 for more details)

- Student’s Name
- Address
- Phone Numbers
- E-mail Address
- Year of Birth
- Enrollment
- Dates of Attendance
- Grade Level
- Degrees/Awards/Honors
- Scholarship eligibility
- Date of Graduation
- Name of secondary school most recently attended
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Height and weight of members of interscholastic athletic teams

What Are Your Rights as a Parent (or Student 18 or Over)?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that ASD, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your student’s education records. However, ASD may disclose appropriately designated “directory information” without written consent, ***unless you decline by completing this form.***

In addition, federal law requires ASD to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three pieces of directory information – names, addresses and telephone listings, ***unless you decline by completing this form.***

State law requires ASD to provide information about student eligibility for University of Alaska scholarship programs, for Alaska Performance Scholarships Programs, and for the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy, a program for students who have dropped out of school to finish their education and obtain a high school diploma or GED. ***You can decline to have eligibility information disclosed to these programs by completing this form.*** In addition to contact information, eligibility criteria that will be disclosed include grade point average, standardized test scores, course completion, and current enrollment status.

School officials may release directory information, as set forth above, about a student without first obtaining parental consent, unless you decline by signing and returning this Release of Student Directory Information form.

Anchorage School District

Release of Student Directory Information

All Students K-12

YES NO Grant Directory Release information for the following types of publications:

- A playbill showing your student's role in a drama production
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members and athletic programs
- For awards recognition, achievements, certificates or Honor Roll from outside agencies

All High School Students

YES NO Grant Directory Release Information (Graduation List-Publications) for the following:

- All Publicized Graduation lists, Vendors for Class Rings and Photos. Request from outside agencies acknowledging Graduates with letters or certificates.

YES NO Grant Directory Release information to **any** College/University, including:

- Eligibility Release information to State of Alaska or University of Alaska Scholarship Programs

YES NO Grant Directory Release information to **Alaska Challenge Youth Academy**

YES NO Grant Directory Release information to **Military Recruiters**

Student Information: Required fields (*)

*Student Name (Please Print) _____

*Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) _____

*Parent/Guardian Signature _____

*Signature Date _____

Mark your Calendar!

Tuesday, August 16th

First Day of classes – Fall Intensives

Wednesday, August 24th

6:00 – 7:30 pm – Parent Group Meeting

Friday, August 26th

5:00 - 6:00 pm – Back to School Family BBQ

6:30 – 7:30 pm – Orientation & All-Community Meeting

Monday, August 29th

Register for 1st Semester classes

Thursday, September 8th

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Ad Board Meeting

Friday, September 9th

Picture Day

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2508 BLUEBERRY ROAD
ANCHORAGE, AK 99503**

