

Skyline Eagle News

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Principal's Message

Dear Patrons,

There is an old Chinese proverb that goes something like this: *"It takes a whole community to raise a child."* I believe this is the case with schools, and more specifically Skyline. It takes everyone working together to help young people reach their potential. As principal I am appreciative of the efforts of the members of the school community who come together to impact students positively.

I would like to thank an individual that donates his time to Skyline High students and faculty. His name is **Hugh Rodman**, and you may have heard him referred to as the math coach. Hugh is a retired teacher from Philadelphia. After his retirement from teaching, Hugh moved to Utah to be closer to family. He has enjoyed retirement but still enjoys helping students light the flame of understanding as it relates to math.

Hugh has become a great resource for students in the Math Department at Skyline. At the beginning of this past quarter, Mr. Rodman could be found in the math department every other day. By quarter's end, it was nearly every day before school and at lunch, providing students with additional opportunities to receive tutoring and improve their understanding of math concepts they were struggling to learn. Students have been very appreciative of his efforts, saying that he has helped them grasp difficult concepts.

Occasionally math teachers are either ill or out of the building for professional development opportunities, and review assignments are developed for the substitute teacher that will cover the class. However, Hugh is able to step in and actually teach the lesson that would have been taught by the classroom teacher and do a masterful

job. This is a huge advantage for our math students at Skyline.

Hugh loves students and really enjoys helping them succeed mathematically. Many weeks he spends 20 hours at Skyline providing donated time to students, teachers and the community at large. Thank you, Mr. Rodman, for your efforts - you are making a difference at Skyline High School!

Doug Bingham, Principal

Open Enrollment for 2014-2015 School Year

Granite School District provides school choice enrollment in all schools where space is available. Parents are responsible for transportation when exercising school choice.

Skyline will begin accepting Early Enrollment applications for the 2014/2015 school year beginning Monday, Dec. 2nd, and they will be accepted until the end of the school day on Tuesday, February 21st.

Applications are available in the Main Office. Requests do not require a release from the home school or district. A one-time, non-refundable \$5.00 processing fee is payable at the time the application is submitted.

When a permit student moves from junior high to high school, there is no automatic feeder system – students on permits in the 9th grade, who wish to attend a high school outside of their home school boundary, must reapply on the Open Enrollment Application to request the preferred high school.

Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting



The next town hall meeting with Superintendent Bates will be held at Skyline High on Tuesday, December 10, in the Media Center at 7:00 p.m.

Need a Transcript?

There is now a new way to request and send your transcript to colleges! Go to www.parchment.com, sign up for the service, pay a fee of \$4.65, and your transcript will be electronically transmitted to the college of your choice. You can track online when the transcript request was submitted and when the college received it – usually the same day! It couldn't be easier, and there's no more wondering and worrying whether your transcript was received or not.

NOTE: The quick turnaround time only applies on regular work days. If you order a transcript on a non-work day (on a weekend or over winter recess, for example), it will not be sent until the next regular work day.

If you prefer, Skyline's Registrar, Mrs. Jex, will still send a hard-copy transcript through U.S. Mail for a fee of \$1.00/transcript. Just fill out the transcript order form (available in the Counseling Center), and leave the dollar with Mrs. Jex.

ACT Test Review Classes

for the December 14th test

- Classes begin on Monday, Dec. 2 and run every school day until Dec 13.
- Both English and Math classes will be offered.
- Classes are \$30 per subject. Please pay registration fees in advance at the bookstore. Make checks payable to Skyline High School.
- Math will be taught at 6:30 a.m. in Room 110 (Mr. Norris).
- English will be taught right after school in Room 124 (Mr. Brown).

for the February 8th test

- Classes begin on Monday, Jan. 27 and run every school day until Feb. 7.
- All other instructions remain the same.

For an up-to-the-minute Skyline activity calendar, go to:

www.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh/

Bands & Percussion



Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 p.m. in Auditorium

Orchestra & Choirs

Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 12

7:00 p.m. in Auditorium

Free of charge.



Skyline High School Dance Department Presents:

“QUOTE ME”

December 18 & 19, 2013 at 7:00pm

SHS Auditorium

Tickets: \$3 for students and \$5 for adults

Granite District Student Art Night

The Granite Education foundation will host the 9th Annual Student Art Night on Monday, January 27th at Taylorville High School. Students from every high school in Granite District will create art live on-site and also display 3-5 pieces of their own work. Students will be painting, drawing, throwing pots on the wheel, and making sculptures. Everyone is welcome to this free family event and there will be food and live music. **AI Rounds** and other nationally renowned artists are the judges and they will present prizes at the end of the evening for the best work.



Anyone who has attended this event in the past will tell you that it is an amazing experience for both the students and the public. **Madison Bigford, Hannah Moffat, Frida Moses, Laura Burchell, Adele Reynolds, Kaul Lee, and Rebekah Moon** will represent Skyline High School. They were chosen for their skill and for their diverse styles and techniques.

Join us **Monday, January 27th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.** at Taylorville High School and cheer on Skyline artists!

Skyline Theatre Department announces auditions for:



The Crucible

by Arthur Miller

Auditions: December 2 & 3
Callbacks: December 4
Performances: Feb. 26-27-28

Be prepared to cold read from the script. Please read the script before auditioning – this will help you know what characters to read for. Check out the script from any library close to you.

Winner of the 1953 Tony Award for Best Play, this exciting drama about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem is both a gripping historical play and a timely parable of our contemporary society.

Community of Caring Activities

- Mon. 12/2 Food Bank, CoC Room 112 @ 2:15
Fri. 12/6 Service Scholar Seniors Meeting, R.112 @ Lunch
Wed. 12/11 Road Home Playroom, East Circle @ 5:20
Thurs. 12/12 Club Meeting, R. 112 @ Lunch
Wed. 1/8 Road Home Playroom, East Circle @ 5:20
Fri. 1/10 Service Scholar Seniors Meeting, R. 112 @ Lunch
Thurs. 1/16 Club Meeting, R. 112 @ Lunch
Thurs. 1/30 **SERVICE SCHOLAR OPEN HOUSE**, Media Center, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Visitors welcome.
Tues. 4/15 **SERVICE SCHOLAR BANQUET**, Old Meeting House, 6:00 p.m.

Calendar Notes

- Dec. 6 Midterm
- Dec. 10 Bands & Percussion Holiday Concert
- Dec. 12 Choirs & Orchestra Holiday Concert
- Dec. 14 Winter Formal @ State Fairgrounds
- Dec. 18 & 19 Dance Company Winter Concert
- Dec. 20 No school, winter recess begins. School reconvenes Monday, Jan.6
- Jan. 16 End of 2nd term & 1st semester
- Jan. 17 No school for students
- Jan. 20 No school, Martin Luther King Day
- Feb. 8 Sweethearts Dance
- Feb. 11 & 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Academy of Finance Program

Soon registration will be upon us for next year's classes. We want students and parents to know about our concurrent college enrollment program, Academy of Finance, one of many great programs offered at Skyline. Students can earn 20 college credit hours at Skyline in this program for an initial admission fee of \$40, a charge of \$5 per credit hour tuition each semester to Salt Lake Community, and an \$80 annual academy fee to Skyline High (mainly a college textbook rental fee – students don't have to buy all the college textbooks). It is a great high school opportunity. This is actual college transcript credit with college courses taught here at Skyline.

This program is primarily for students interested in any of the business or financial careers, or for entrepreneurial students who would like to own and operate a business someday. However, many of the courses have a great deal of general value for any college-bound student.



We will have a parent meeting for those interested in learning more about Academy of Finance (students are also invited):

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014
6:00 p.m. (will be about an hour)
Skyline High Library

Students begin this program as juniors and take two college credit courses during Periods 1A/2A or Periods 1B/2B each semester as juniors and seniors; they finish the program with 20 college credit hours in accounting, finance, banking, economics, marketing, and business management courses.

Visit the following websites for information about scholarships connected with concurrent enrollment college credit:

http://www.higheredutah.org/scholarship_info/new-century-scholarship/

<http://www.slcc.edu/concurrentenrollment/workshops-descriptions.asp>

If you would like more information about Academy of Finance, please contact:

Julie Allred or Ashley Merrill
Academy of Finance Instructors

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Registration already???

Sophomores:

Sophomore College & Career Planning Meetings (CCR Meetings) will occur in December and January. Caregivers, please call the Counseling Center between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to make an appointment with your counselor, 385-646-5421.

Career Center

What do I want to do and how do I get there? Sixty percent of our sophomore students say that they think about their future career a lot. We recently met with each of the sophomore classes and spoke with them about these and other career questions. Even though college and career are still a couple years away for sophomores, it is important to begin preparing now.

As students prepare for the future, one of the most important things they can do is explore. It is difficult to make career choices when one does not know what the options are or whether or not it will work for them. Combined, Skyline and the GTI offer over 100 career exploration and preparation classes (CTE classes). Through our work-based learning program we also offer a number of career exploration experiences such as Job Shadows, Internships, Career Seminars, and Professional Speakers. Never in the history of public education have there been so many options and opportunities.

Learning about oneself is also an important part of career choice. What do I like? What are my skills? What do I think is important? What are my values? What career or college major am I willing to “climb the mountain” in order to obtain? The Utahfutures.org website includes five assessments/surveys which may help students answer these questions and learn more about themselves. Most of the sophomore students completed the UtahFutures Career Cluster Inventory assessment as part of the sophomore career meeting, and we encourage you to speak with your student about their results. We encourage each student to create a UtahFutures account and take advantage of the information available on the website.

As always, we welcome you to come and visit with us. We also welcome your comments and questions.

- ★ Rob Scott (Coordinator) rscott@graniteschools.org
- ★ Kris Gibbs (Secretary) kgibbs@graniteschools.org
- ★ Chris Morgan (Work Based Learning Specialist) cmorgan1@graniteschools.org 385-646-5423

This month, the Counseling Center looks ahead to **REGISTRATION FOR THE 2014-2015 school year (yes...I really just said “next year”!)**. As we begin this process, we would like to focus on a factor critical to becoming college and career ready: **Academic Planning.**

The goal of academic planning in high school is to “advance students’ planning, preparation, participation and performance in a rigorous academic program that connects to their college and career aspirations and goals” (NOSCA, 2011). Plagued by the clichéd-yet-frequently-used phrase, “when am I going to use this?”, school counselors strive to help students make connections between their academic work and future college and career paths. If a student can see a link between the work done now and future success in a career, he/she is more likely to achieve at a higher level and graduate from high school. We hope families will take the time during registration to carefully plan with their student.

This planning process ensures that the student picks classes that allow for possible career exploration, while also making selections that play to a student’s learning style. Equally important is taking into consideration university and college entrance requirements, as well as requirements for the Regents’ Scholarship. For more information on this scholarship, go to:

<http://higher.utah.gov/regents-scholarship/>

We have many students that come to us in August wanting to switch classes because they have changed their mind over the summer. Although we try to accommodate these requests, students can be disappointed because many classes are full by the start of the school year. Due to the time needed to create the master schedule, our planning is based upon the course selections students make during the registration process the previous year. We will be conducting **registration in the sophomore and junior English classes during the month of February.** Please look for your student’s registration card, and feel free to contact your counselor with questions. Thank you always for your active interest in your student’s education.

Counselor Calendar

- Dec. 7 SAT Test
- Dec. 14 ACT Test
- Dec. 27 Registration deadline for January SAT
- Jan. 10 Registration deadline for February 8 ACT test
- Jan. 24 Last day to schedule a semester class change
- Jan. 25 SAT test



Want an iPad for Christmas?
Check one out from the library!

Enjoy ebooks from
OverDrive
over the holiday break!



Ask anyone in the library for details.

Sterling Scholars

Congratulations to Skyline's 2014 Sterling Scholar nominees! They are busy preparing comprehensive portfolios to highlight their many amazing accomplishments, and they will face three rounds of judging in February. Good luck to our amazing Sterling Scholars!!

- Business & Marketing: **Patricia Calzado**
- Computer Technology: **Nathan Moos**
- Dance: **Amy Folsom**
- English: **Jane Saviers-Steiger**
- Family & Consumer Science: **Tara Trueax**
- Instrumental Music: **Shannon Brown**
- Mathematics: **Wyatt Mackey**
- Science: **Rajdeep Trilokekar**
- Skilled/Technical Science: **Matthew Wilcox**
- Social Science: **Jennifer Zhou**
- Speech & Drama: **Beret Brems**
- Visual Arts: **Hannah Moffat**
- Vocal Performance: **Tessa Brunnenmeyer**
- World Languages: **Anna Sossenheimer**



Credit Recovery

A way to make up that failed class!

- Every Tuesday @ 2:15 p.m. in Room 128.
- \$35 or \$45 depending on class, pay in advance at bookstore.
- Must have a referral from school counselor.
- Bring the referral and your payment receipt to class.
- Questions? Contact Mrs. O'Driscoll, R. 128, jodriscoll@graniteschools.org.

Skyline Debaters Take Loads of Trophies!

Granite District Novice Meet

- **Kiki Karahalios & Anna Hatzapolakis** -- 1st PF
- **Maggie Miller & Kaitlyn Smith** -- 2nd PF
- **Bernard Li & Connie Zhou** -- 1st CX
- **Taren Rohvit** -- 2nd Congress

Speech Arts Tournament

- ★ **3rd overall in the Tournament**
- ★ **1st Overall in Impromptu**
- ★ **2nd Overall in Individual Events**

Daniel Dupont & Tyler Pattersen – 1st Public Forum
Championship Division

Hanah Morin & Madalyn Durrant – 1st Public Forum JV

Morgan Williams & Raquel Jimenez – Public Forum
Semifinalist Varsity Division

Issabelle Broussard – 2nd Junior Varsity Impromptu

Deanna Wilcox – 4th Varsity Impromptu

Tyler Roberts – 3rd Varsity Congressional Debate

Sara Cassell – 3rd Junior Varsity Original Oratory

Gabe Zharov – 5th Varsity Congressional Debate

Wyatt Mackey & Rajdeep Trilokikor – Policy Quarter
Finalist Varsity Division

Jennifer Zhou & Danika Li - Junior Varsity Quarter
Finalist

Artemis Sefandonakis – Junior Varsity National Extemp
Finalist

Jason Nguyen – Junior Varsity Foreign Extemp Finalist

Magan McGinnis – Novice Oratory Finalist

Chris deFrietas – Novice Impromptu Finalist

Stansbury Stallion Stampede

- ★ **2nd Overall in Speech Events**
- ★ **2nd Overall in Debate Events**

Daniel Dupont & Tyler Pattersen - 1st Open Public
Forum

Everest Fang - 1st Open Lincoln Douglas & 1st Open
Extemp

Tyler Roberts - 1st Open Congressional Debate

Chris deFreitas - 1st Novice Impromptu

Max Cline - 1st Novice Extemp & 4th Novice SPAR

Greg Wilcox - 3rd Novice Congressional Debate

Max Cline & Michael Collison - 3rd Novice Public
Forum

Max Cline - 1st Novice Extemp & 4th Novice SPAR

Alex Motro - 4th Open Impromptu & 5th Open Spar

Be Prepared for College

Skyline is having its IB open house on Tuesday, January 7 and Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Skyline High School choral room (202). Find out what a great opportunity we have here. The IB program is open to all students in the Granite School District. Sophomores, it's not too late to take advantage of this great opportunity; it's the only IB program in the Granite District.

Worldwide, students taking IB classes and/or completing the IB program in high school get through college faster, earn more college credit, and get better grades in college than their regular track and even AP track counterparts. In part, this is due to IB's emphasis on cross-curricula study, analysis over regurgitation, and out-of-class work as leaders and volunteers.

Students completing the IB program are getting into great colleges and doing very well. This fall, Skyline IB students matriculated at the University of California at Berkeley, Columbia, Brown, the University of Washington (St. Louis) and Princeton to name a few. Students from previous classes are doing well at Yale, Harvard and Duke (among others).

Skyline IB students are earning fantastic scholarships as well. As just one example, Skyline's 2013 IB diploma graduates were awarded, *on average*, an 80% scholarship at the University of Utah last year. And several of our IB students from last spring earned 125% scholarships. Great schools across the country like what they're getting from IB.

For additional information, check out the Skyline HS IB website at www.skylineib.graniteschools.org.




Senior yearbook ads are due January 22nd!

Follow the instructions from the brochure that was mailed to you, or simply go to JostensAdService.com to order an ad for your Senior.

This is a GREAT way to surprise your graduate with a little something in the yearbook. Order now before it's too late!

Attendance Reporting 385-646-5433

- Skyline does not accept written excuse notes from parents. Students who leave without a street pass will not be excused. 
- You must call all absences in on the day of the absence on the attendance phone line by 2:00 p.m. Please have student number available.
- No absence will be retroactively excused after three days. Medical excuse notes from a doctor must be submitted within three days. Fax: 385-646-5422.
- PARENTS SHOULD CHECK THE PARENT PORTAL OFTEN FOR ANY ERRORS. STUDENTS SHOULD TALK DIRECTLY TO THEIR TEACHER IF THEY FEEL THEY WERE INCORRECTLY MARKED ABSENT.
- If student is going to be more than 10 minutes late, call before they arrive. They must check in to be excused.
- Your call will forward to voice mail if the Attendance Secretary is on another line.
- Go to <https://portal.graniteschools.org/> to set up updates via e-mail.

Reminders:

- Second semester begins January 21st and many students will begin new classes that day. At that time, parents should check their student's online account (www.payskyline.com) to see if class fees have been charged for the new classes. Save time – pay online!
- Starting January 21st, new yearbook orders will cost \$45. If you are still planning to order a yearbook, you can save \$5 by paying before January 21st.

Happy New Year!