

Skyline Eagle News

December 2014 & January 2015

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Principal's Message

Dear Patrons,

I am continually amazed at the exceptional things that are done at Skyline by patrons, students, teachers and staff to make Skyline a better place. Several years ago you may remember that the courtyard was remodeled. Additional cement planter boxes were put in to beautify the area and make it nice for kids. Unfortunately, it became difficult to control the weeds in these new areas and they became an eyesore.

Last night as I walked through the courtyard to get to B Building, I witnessed a group of students (members of the Community of Caring and Environmental Clubs) working on one of the concrete planter boxes in the courtyard.



These awesome Skyline students had weeded the area, remodeled the sprinkling system into a drip system, laid down a weed barrier and planted drought-tolerant groundcover plants. To top things off, they used wheelbarrows and buckets to haul in decorative rocks and bark to make the area look great.

Events like these happen so often and with so many different groups at Skyline that it makes me proud to be an "Eagle". Certainly it is a perfect example of the season to give and provide service to others. Thanks guys, you make all of us proud of you and Skyline by engaging in these great projects.



Doug Bingham, Principal

Open Enrollment for 2015-2016 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 began accepting Early Enrollment applications for the 2015/2016 school year on December 1st, and they will be accepted until the end of the school day on Friday, February 20th.

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.

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

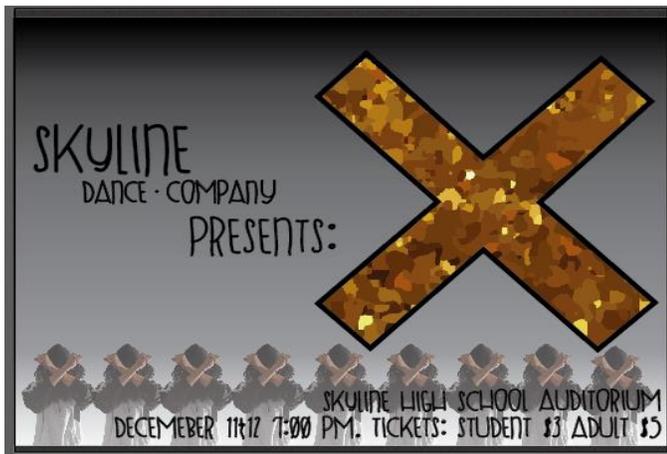
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Need a Transcript?

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. Bird, 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. Bird.



Calendar Notes

- Dec. 5 Midterm
- Dec. 11 & 12 Dance Company Winter Concert
- Dec. 15 Bands & Percussion Holiday Concert
- Dec. 18 Choirs & Orchestra Holiday Concert
- Dec. 13 Winter Formal @ South Towne Expo.
- Dec. 22 No school, winter recess begins. School reconvenes Monday, Jan.5
- Jan. 16 End of 2nd term & 1st semester
No school for students
- Jan. 19 No school, Martin Luther King Day
- Feb. 7 Sweethearts Dance
- Feb. 9 & 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 13 No School, comp day for P/T Conf.



Bands & Percussion

Holiday Concert

Monday, December 15

(that is a change from original date)

7:00 p.m. in Auditorium

Orchestra & Choirs

Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 18

7:00 p.m. in Auditorium

Free of charge.



thinking ahead...

46th Annual Concerto Night

Friday, February 20

7:00 p.m. in Auditorium

Granite District Student Art Night

The Granite Education foundation will host the 10th Annual Student Art Night on Monday, January 26th at Granger 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. **Al 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. **Natalie Cheatham, Victor Chen, Megan Nelson, Cyan Larson 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 26th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.** at Granger High School and cheer on Skyline artists!

ACT Test Review Classes

for the December 13th test

- Classes begin on Monday, Dec. 1 and run every school day until Dec 12.
- 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 7th test

- Classes begin on Monday, Jan. 26 and run every school day until Feb. 6.
- All other instructions remain the same.

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 program, Academy of Finance, one of the many great programs offered at Skyline High. Students can earn 21 college credit hours at Skyline in this program for a one-time Salt Lake Community College admissions fee of \$40, a charge of \$5 per credit hour tuition each semester to Salt Lake Community College, and an \$80 annual academy fee to Skyline High (for textbook rental – 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. The college credit is awarded through Salt Lake Community College.)

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

We are hosting a parent meeting for those interested in learning more about Academy of Finance - students are also welcome.

**Tuesday, February 3, 2015
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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 21 college credit hours in accounting, finance, banking, economics, and business management courses. (The digital business applications class is the only course in this program that is not college credit. However, the finance course that is part of academy gives students Financial Lit. credit for high school graduation.)



This program is affiliated with the National Academy Foundation and is a package-deal program – students must sign up for the whole program; they cannot pick and choose individual classes from the courses offered as part of the academy.

Visit the following website for information about a partial tuition scholarship connected with concurrent enrollment:

<http://higheredutah.org/newcenturyscholarship>

If you have questions before the meeting or cannot attend the meeting, feel free to email either academy instructor:

- Julie Allred – jallred1@graniteschools.org (instructor for the accounting, management, and finance classes)
- Ashley Merrill – amerrill@graniteschools.org (instructor for the digital business applications, management, economics, and marketing classes)

Sterling Scholars

Congratulations to Skyline's 2015 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: **James Fife**
- Computer Technology: **Liam Machado**
- Dance: **Sophie Williams**
- English: **Alicia Dibble**
- Family & Consumer Science: **Liza Zenger**
- Instrumental Music: **Anderson Chang**
- Mathematics: **Olivia Dennis**
- Science: **Jason Chang**
- Skilled/Technical Science: **Ezra Schofield**
- Social Science: **Afras Sial**
- Speech & Drama: **Artemis Sefandonakis**
- Visual Arts: **Megan Nelson**
- Vocal Performance: **Bonnie Wright**
- World Languages: **Samuel Adams**



Digital Books!

Are you traveling for the holidays and don't want to tote a lot of stuff, but want to have your favorite books for reading? As a Skyline student you can access the Granite School District Overdrive system. You can get the digital versions of books (including audio books) on any device, at any time, wherever you are. These books automatically return themselves so there are never any late fees. There are hundreds of titles available (and more titles are being added all the time)!



If you check out a book on Overdrive and show someone in the library, you will get a prize and the opportunity to be entered into a drawing for an iTunes gift card. Ask the library staff for details.

Talent Show Auditions!

- Tuesday, December 16 and Friday, December 19 after school
- Audition sign-up forms in the Main Office
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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.

Want an iPad for Christmas?

Are you hoping to get an iPad for Christmas, but aren't sure if you will get one? **Don't wait – get one now!** There are 25 iPads available to students in the Media Center which you can check out and take home for two weeks at a time. All you need is an approval form filled out by you and your parents. Ask any library staff member for information.



Registration already???

This month, the Counseling Center looks ahead to **REGISTRATION FOR THE 2015-2016 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://higherutah.org/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. 6 SAT Test
- Dec. 13 ACT Test
- Dec. 29 Registration deadline for January SAT
- Jan. 9 Registration deadline for February 7 ACT test
- Jan. 23 Last day to schedule a semester class change
- Jan. 24 SAT test



Read Across America!

The journey continues! The Skyline Media Center is still challenging you to read across America. We have divided the US into five geographical zones, and we have road trip cards (pick these up in the library) that you can get punched for reading a book from each different zone (or you can read multiple books from one zone). Once you get five punches on your card, you can turn it in to be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize (think iPad or Kindle here). Every card you complete is another chance to win! Starting on December 15th we are exploring the Mid-North Zone (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin). What awesome books can you find from this region? See someone in the library for details.



Be Prepared for College!

Skyline is having its **IB open house on Tuesday, January 6 and Wednesday, February 4, 2015** 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, Harvard, Amherst, the University of Washington (St. Louis) and William and Mary – to name a few. Students from previous classes are doing well at Yale, Brown and Duke (among others).

Skyline IB students are earning fantastic scholarships. For example, Skyline's 2014 IB diploma graduates were awarded, *on average*, an 80% scholarship at the University of Utah last year, and several from previous classes 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.



Skyline Debate: More Success!

Granite District Novice Meet

Maria Demarco – 2nd Spontaneous Argument (SPAR) & 3rd Impromptu

Speech Arts Classic

★ **2nd Overall in Congress**

★ **5th out of 40**

Everest Fang – 1st Championship Lincoln Douglas

Oscar Chen & Alexia Garcia – Semifinalist Public Forum

Mohith Reppale – Semifinalist Lincoln Douglas

Morgan Williams & Raquel Jimenez – Quarterfinalist Championship Public Forum

Angela Pollack – Quarterfinalist Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate

Puneet Singh – Octofinalist Junior Varsity Lincoln Douglas

Tyler Roberts – Finalist Championship Congress

Sarah Cassell - Finalist Championship Congress

Max Cline – 2nd Varsity Congress

Marta Hubbard – 4th Junior Varsity Congress

Greg Wilcox – Finalist Junior Varsity Congress

Maria DeMarco – 1st Novice Congress

Zo Kronberg – 3rd Novice Congress

Silver & Blue Tournament

★ **2nd Overall in 4A Division (40 schools)**

Chris deFreitas – 1st Open Impromptu & 1st Open SPAR

Tyler Roberts - 1st Open Congress (40 Entries)

Zo Kronberg – 1st Novice Congress (52 Entries)

Izzy Broussard – 4th Open Impromptu & Semifinalist Open SPAR

Sarah Cassell – Open Original Oratory & Open Declamation & Dramatic Interp

Artemis Sefandonakis – Open Original Oratory

Gabe Zharov – 5th Open Impromptu

Kallin Glauser – 2nd Novice SPAR & Semifinalist Novice Impromptu

Max Cline - 2nd Extemp Comm & 3rd Open National Extemp & Storytelling & DI

Puneet Singh – Semifinalist Novice Impromptu

Lydia Duan – 4th Novice Declamation & Semifinalist Novice Original Oratory

Alexei Garcia – Semifinalist Novice SPAR

Jaden Caradine – Semifinalist Novice SPAR

Mohith Reppale – 3rd Novice Foreign Extemp & Semifinalist Novice SPAR

Winnie Chen – Novice Impromptu & Novice SPAR

Mikayla Wheeler – Novice Impromptu & Novice SPAR

Reflections Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following students! Their PTSA Reflections Contest entries won at the Skyline level of the competition and went on to compete at the Council level. The names with an asterisk also won at the Council level and will now compete at the Region level.

- **Cyan Larson, Victor Chen***, **Sabrina Baranowski** and **Alyssa Free*** – Visual Art
- **Julia Larkin*** – Music
- **Katrina Lidgard, Maria DeMarco, Doug Brian** and **Audrey Lidgard*** – Literature
- **Casey Trout, Hailee Roberts, Sierra Swan*** and **Isabel Butterfield** – Photography
- **Emi Radetich*** – Dance Choreography
- **Sarah Dalley*** – 3-D Art

Reminders:

- **Second semester begins January 20th** 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 20th.

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.

Winter Has Arrived -- Get Cozy with a Book!

Now that early college applications have been turned in and the holidays are upon us, it is time to de-stress. The Skyline Media Center has planned a few fun activities for December and January for you to participate in. We will have a quilt set up for students to help tie that will be donated to a family in the community for Christmas, as well as other things to get into the spirit of cozy. And as always, we have lots of great books you can check out to snuggle up with under a warm blanket. Visit us in the library to see what is happening.



Looking for part-time work while your kids are in school?
Consider applying to be a Cafeteria Helper or Substitute!
Call 385-646-4105 for more information.

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.

Happy New Year!

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 11/13/14 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Karianne Prince, Matt Wells

Visitor:

Ryan Oaks

Excused:

Jami Hutchins, Joe Pereira

Minutes:

1. Mr. Bingham was prepared to present Skyline SAGE testing results by accessing the sageportal.org website.
 - Unfortunately, the website was down, so he was unable to give the full presentation.
 - Bottom Line: There was a 40% statewide drop compared to 2013 CRT scores.
 - Teachers can now go into test results to see what is working and what is not.
2. Chromebooks
 - Because we didn't purchase the Schmoop or Aleks test-prep programs last year, we have some Land Trust money available to purchase Chromebooks.
 - Chromebooks can be used for research as well as testing. They would give us much-needed flexibility during testing periods.
 - It was proposed that we purchase three or four Chromebook carts at \$28,000 each. Each cart includes 40 Chromebooks.
 - Council members in attendance voted unanimously to purchase the Chromebook carts. Mr. Bingham will move forward with the order.
3. Council is looking at ways to strengthen and increase Skyline enrollment in the future.
 - One way to increase enrollment would be to move 9th graders into Skyline.
 - Ryan Oaks, currently Assistant Principal at Skyline High, was an Assistant Principal at Granger High when they moved 9th graders up into that high school. He reported that the move was carefully prepared for, but the change was very successful. Most of the anticipated problems did not materialize.
 - Mr. Bingham will meet with the principals of Wasatch and Churchill to bring them into the process.
 - Council members were encouraged to discuss the issues with community residents.
4. The next Community Council meeting will be December 11, 2014, 6:45 a.m. in the Skyline Conference Room.