

Skyline Eagle News

December 2015 & January 2016

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Principal's Message

Dear Patrons,

One of our goals at Skyline this year is to increase communication with the community. Our efforts include using social media such as Facebook and Twitter, and reaching out through notification calls, emails, and texts to announce information and upcoming events.

Recently, Skyline sought out and contracted the services of VNN. They provide support and structure to communicate the scores and highlights of our athletic teams through a website, Facebook, Twitter, and local media. Our coaches have been trained to use VNN and are uploading current information regarding Skyline athletic programs. I think you will enjoy watching the progress of our teams. You can access this site by going to the Skyline High School web site at <http://schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh/>. Click on Athletics, and you will be directed to the new site. This site interacts with the Skyline High Calendar and RegisterMyAthlete.com to provide a one-stop shopping experience for Skyline athletics. Take a look, I think you will enjoy it.

Finally, let me wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. I am grateful for a country that tries to respect differences and appreciate other cultures. My daughter and her little family are living in Brussels, Belgium and have lived through the recent terrorist threats there. It is sobering to think of places where schools, markets, and retail shops are closed and residents are told to stay inside and to not leave their homes, places where military personnel with automatic weapons are on patrol for safety reasons. During this Holiday Season let's remember to focus on "The Skyline Way" - To have Respect, be Responsible, be Trustworthy, be Caring to all those around you, and to remember that we are a school Family. The Skyline Way means to go the extra mile to make EVERYONE feel welcome.

Happy Holidays!
Doug Bingham, Principal

Open Enrollment for 2016-2017 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. There are two enrollment periods: Early Open Enrollment and the Late Open Enrollment. The Early Enrollment Period is the recommended time to enroll for the next school year.

Skyline began accepting Open Enrollment applications for the 2016-2017 school year on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015. Early Open Enrollment applications will be accepted until the end of the school day on Friday, February 19, 2016.

Applications are available at all schools, and are processed in the order received. Requests do not require a release from the home school or district. A one-time, non-refundable \$5.00 processing fee, payable to the requested school, is charged at the time the application is submitted.

If your student is accepted for Open Enrollment, annual reapplication is not required – as long as the student remains in the same school and space is available. When a student moves from elementary school to junior high, or from junior high to high school, there is no automatic feeder system for Open Enrollment, therefore, reapplication is necessary to attend a school outside of the student's home boundary school.



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

schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh/

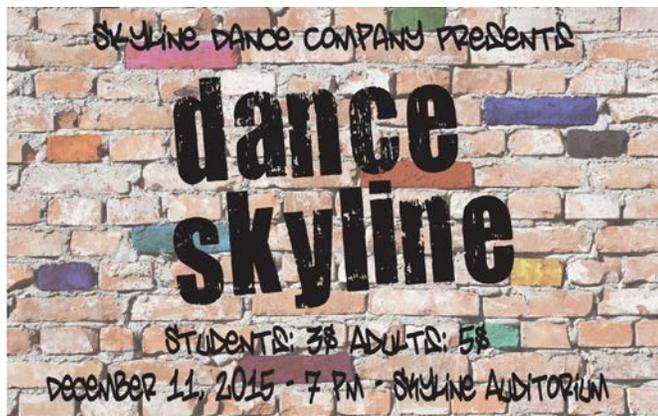
Need a Transcript?

You can request to have your transcript sent to colleges online! Go to www.parchment.com, sign up for the service, pay a fee of \$3.50, 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 business days. If you order a transcript on a non-business day (on a weekend or over winter recess, for example), it will not be sent until the next business day.

You can also order a transcript at payskyline.us for \$2.00 per transcript.

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



Calendar Notes

- Dec. 4 Midterm
- Dec. 5 Winter Formal @ Salt Palace
- Dec. 11 Dance Company Winter Concert
- Dec. 15 Bands & Percussion Holiday Concert
- Dec. 17 Choirs & Orchestra Holiday Concert
- Dec. 21 No school, winter recess begins.
School reconvenes Monday, Jan.4
- Jan. 15 End of 2nd term & 1st semester,
No school for students
- Jan. 18 No school, Martin Luther King Day
- Feb. 5 Midterm
- Feb. 6 Sweethearts Dance
- Feb. 10 & 11 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 12 No School, comp day for P/T Conf.
- Feb. 15 No School, Washington & Lincoln Day

Bands & Percussion



Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

Orchestra & Choirs

Holiday Concert



Thursday, December 17

7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

Free of charge.

Granite Education Foundation Excel Award

Nominate your favorite Granite Educator or Administrator for the esteemed Granite Education Foundation Excel Award! Nine educators and one administrator will receive \$1,000 plus additional perks and prizes. Nominations are due by end of day Friday, December 18, 2015.

For more information, contact the Granite Education Foundation office at 385.646.GIVE (4483) or complete the nomination form online at <https://www.granitekids.org/educators/excel-award/excel-nominations/>.

Granite District Student Art Night

The Granite Education Foundation will host the 11th Annual Student Art Night on Monday, January 25th 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. There will also 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. **Rachel Bos, Victor Chen, Cyan Larson, Rebekah Moon, and Mirna Selmanovic** will represent Skyline High School. They were chosen for their skill and for their diverse styles and techniques.

Join us **Monday, January 25th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at Granger High School to cheer on Skyline artists!

ACT Test Review Classes

for the December 12th test

- Classes began on Monday, Nov. 30 and run every school day until Dec 11.
- Both English and Math classes are offered.
- Classes are \$30 per subject. Please pay registration fees in advance at the bookstore. Make checks payable to Skyline High School.
- Math is being taught right after school in Room 110 (Mr. Norris).
- English is being taught at 6:30 a.m. in Room 116 (Ms. Wilson).

for the February 6th test

- Classes begin on Monday, Jan. 25 and run every school day until Feb. 5.
- 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.

Academy of Finance Program (continued)

Parent Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

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, entrepreneurship, economics, marketing, and business management. (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 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.

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

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



Sterling Scholars

Congratulations to Skyline's 2016 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: **Raleigh Sorbonne**
- Computer Technology: **Juncen Wang**
- Dance: **Samantha Shreeve**
- English: **Nicole Grant**
- Family & Consumer Science: **Allison Baxter**
- Instrumental Music: **Derek Romney**
- Mathematics: **Everest Fang**
- Science: **Ellenor Chi**
- Skilled & Technical Science: **Sarah Taylor**
- Social Science: **Sophie Ack**
- Speech & Drama: **Lydia Hartman**
- Visual Arts: **Rebekah Moon**
- Vocal Performance: **Alexander Miller**
- World Languages: **Claire Simon**



Registration already??

Checkout eBooks on your device using Overdrive.



Are you traveling for the holidays and don't want to tote around 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 thousands 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 10 and Friday, December 11 after school, in the choir room.
- Audition sign-up forms are available in the Main Office
- Talent Show: January 7

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.

This month, the Counseling Center looks ahead to **REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-2017 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: stepuputah.com/regentsscholarship.

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 January**. Please look for your student's registration card, and feel free to contact your counselor with questions. Thank you for your active interest in your student's education.

Counselor Calendar

- Dec. 5 SAT Test
- Dec. 12 ACT Test
- Dec. 28 Registration deadline for January SAT
- Jan. 8 Registration deadline for February 6 ACT test
- Jan. 29 Last day to schedule a semester class change
- Jan. 23 SAT test



The Eagle Reader's Café



Skyline Media Center's theme this year is "The Eagle Reader's Café". Join us as we highlight various books on our menu of delicious reading. We hope to wet your reading pallet with menu items such as:

Old Favorites: those oldies but goodies

Main Dishes: fiction

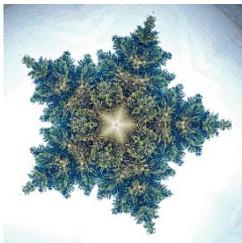
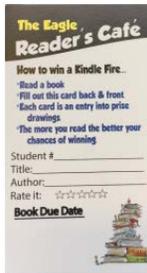
Ala Carte: books that stand alone

To Go Menu: Overdrive e-books and audiobooks

Monthly Specials: try something new

Lite Menu: books under 120 pages

Each time you check out a book you will receive a due date card. When you finish the book fill out the front and back of the card and return it to the media center. Each card is an entry into our monthly drawings and the final drawing at the end of the year for a Kindle Fire. The more you read the more chances you have to win.



Career Center

College Application Week is complete. We helped over 120 senior students with their college application; eighty-six students completed at least one application. Our hope is that this will help more of our students attend college. Currently, approximately 85 percent of our students attend college within three years after graduation.

On November 23 we began our college and career presentations to the sophomore students. Our main focus for the presentations is career choice and career preparation. Too many of our students and graduates are struggling to figure out what career pathway they want to pursue. We believe that Skyline students need to devote more time toward career exploration. This may come in the form of taking career-related classes, internships, job shadows, volunteering, etc.

Please feel free to contact us with your comments and questions.

Rob Scott (Coordinator), Sam Heder (Secretary), Suzanne Brooks (Work Based Learning Specialist)
rscott@graniteschools.org, skheder@graniteschools.org,
smbrooks@graniteschools.org, (385) 646-5423.

Be Prepared for College!

Skyline is having its International Baccalaureate (IB) open house on Tuesday, January 5 and Wednesday, February 4, 2016, at 6:30 PM in the Skyline High School auditorium. Come and learn about this great college-preparatory opportunity! 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 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 their 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 Cal. Berkeley, UCLA, the University of Utah Honors College, Duke, Norte Dame and Georgetown, to name several. Students from previous classes are doing well at Yale, Brown and Harvard (among others).

Skyline IB students are also earning fantastic scholarships as well. As just one example, Skyline's 2015 IB diploma graduates were awarded, *on average*, an 80% scholarship at the University of Utah last year. And several of our IB students from previous classes are earning 125% scholarships there. Great schools across the country like what they're getting from IB.

For additional information, check out the Skyline HS IB website at schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh/ib/.



Teacher Feature Award

KSL NewsRadio and Zions Bank are proud to honor Utah's best teachers with the ***KSL Teacher Feature Awards!*** Since 1994, *Teacher Feature* has highlighted outstanding teachers throughout the State of Utah.

Each winning teacher is honored with a plaque from Zions Bank, an overnight stay at Anniversary Inn, a gift certificate for dinner at the beautiful Roof Restaurant at Temple Square and a pair of season tickets from Hale Centre Theater!

To nominate an outstanding teacher, go to <https://www.ksl.com/?sid=467810>.



Credit Recovery

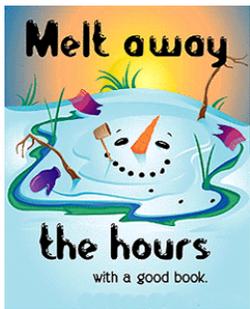
A way to make up that failed class!

- Every Tuesday @ 2:15 p.m. in Room 128.
- \$35 or \$45 depending on class, pay in advance at bookstore.
- Needs to be completed during the school year in which the class was failed.
- 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.

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 to the Attendance Office at (385) 646-5433 by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the absence. Please be prepared to provide your student's Granite School District student number.
- No absence will be retroactively excused after three days.
- Medical excuse notes from a doctor must be submitted within three days. Medical offices may fax the excuse notes to the Attendance Office at (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. Go to <https://portal.graniteschools.org/> to set up updates via e-mail through the Parent Portal.
- If a student is going to be more than 10 minutes late, call before they arrive. They must check in at the Attendance Office in order to be excused.
- Your call will forward to voicemail if the Attendance Secretary is on another line. Please leave a message and it will be retrieved by the Attendance Secretary.

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 some fun activities for you to participate in during December and January.

December activities will change regularly, so stop in often. As always, we have lots of great books (many of them new), to check out and snuggle up with under a warm blanket.

Visit us in the library to see what is happening.

Happy New Year!

Reminders:

- Second semester begins January 19th and many students will begin new classes that day. At that time, parents should check their student's online account (www.payskyline.us) to see if class fees have been charged for the new classes. Save time – pay online!
- Starting January 19th, new yearbook orders will cost \$45. If you are still planning to order a yearbook, you can save \$5 by paying before January 19th.

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.



Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 11/12/15 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Nancy Ballard, Doug Bingham, Ian Collison, Edwin Espinel, Jami Hutchins, Kim Lovato, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Matt Wells

Excused:

Karianne Prince

Minutes:

1. Honored Alumni

Community Council members will gather ideas to define the criteria for selecting the Hall of Fame inductees. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

a. Emily Allison made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Kim Paulding. The committee then unanimously approved the minutes.

3. School Data Review

a. Sage test results were discussed with a focus on minority groups.

b. Trackers are focusing on the lowest performing students.

c. Counselors meet every week to discuss student issues including low performers.

d. Adding an aide to Special Education was discussed.

e. The Math department teachers worked together to identify the skills needed by the students to master several topics. Students are responding well and scores have improved.

f. Doug will meet with the faculty and departments to discuss what can be done to help students.

g. Doug will get information regarding paying teachers their lane and fourth step rate for working with students under the ASAP program. He will also discuss expanding the program with the faculty.

h. The high school principals have discussed adding extended learning time to the school schedules for students who need assistance and possibly study areas for students who are already proficient in the subjects they are studying. The Council has the opportunity to review other schools' plans to gather ideas for extended learning.

i. Common formative assessments can be performed to track the learning of concepts throughout the term. Concepts in which the students are not proficient can be re-taught before the end of the quarter.

4. Bullying

Discussed bullying presentation.

5. Internet Safety

Discussed Internet safety and *Fight the New Drug* presentation.

6. Next Meeting - December 10, 2015 at 6:45 a.m. in Skyline's Conference Room.