

Skyline Eagle News

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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Monday & Tuesday, September 23 & 24

4:30-7:30 p.m.



Principal's Message:

Dear Patrons:

Welcome back to Skyline! For those of you attending Skyline for the first time, we welcome you to the Skyline family and look forward to helping you have successful experiences here. Many of our policies and practices will remain the same. This basic information about Skyline's Policies and Procedures can be found in the student planner or on our web page which can be found at <http://schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh/>. Please make an effort to be familiar with information contained in the handbook and on the web page as it will help you to have a smooth and successful school year.

Recently you have heard or read about the State of Utah's new grading accountability system for schools. Skyline received a "B" grade. I am concerned that the grading/accountability system does not include all of our student scores. The state system currently does not include AP and IB scores. Inclusion of these scores into the state grading matrix would definitely improve our grade. Using college preparation as a focus, *Newsweek Magazine* named Skyline one of the top schools in America and the top school in Utah, #205 out of the 2000 schools receiving rankings. That being said, we do have areas where we can improve and we will continue work together with the Skyline Community Council to develop improvement plans to provide the time and support to help all students at Skyline be successful.

Thank you for the wonderful support that you provide Skyline as a community. Your support is truly one of the greatest assets that we have at Skyline. The administration and staff are committed to making school year 2013-2014 a great year.

Doug Bingham, Principal

Say Boo to the Flu!



Get vaccinated against the flu at Skyline's clinic! Everyone is welcome to participate.

October 2

2:30-7:00 p.m.

Art Gallery, Room 127

Flu shot \$25, Flu mist \$30

Community Nursing Services will administer the clinic. They are a Preferred Provider and can directly bill the following insurances: Aetna, Altius, Blue Cross, DMBA, Educators Mutual, PEHP, Select Health, Summit Care, United Health Care, Medicare part B, and some Medicare Advantage Plans. They also accept cash, check or credit card for self-pay situations.

Yearbook Pictures

Final picture retake day:

Monday, October 21



Also make sure you have pre-ordered your student's yearbook! You can pay for your yearbook in the bookstore or online, \$40.00.

PTSA President's Message:

Welcome back to school! As this year's Skyline PTSA's Co-Presidents, it is an honor to work alongside this amazing Skyline community of parents, students, teachers and administrators! Our Skyline PTSA has already been busy organizing and assisting with registration, the Back-to-School Stomp, Picture Day, logo wear sales, and faculty meals.

Thank you for joining PTSA and for your generous donations. We can only function as well as our donations allow. Your donation to PTSA is our *only* fundraiser of the year, and 100% of the money donated stays within our school PTSA. With this money, we are able to provide significant monetary assistance with various student programs and events as well as providing numerous teacher grants to improve our children's academic experience. If you have not already done so, please consider going to the webstore on the school webpage and making a donation.

There are various opportunities throughout the year to volunteer at Skyline. In order to conserve your donation dollars, we have switched communication websites this year. If you have not already registered for "Just



Between Friends", please go online at www.justbetweenfriends.com and get signed up. Click on "Accept your Group Invite" and you will be led through the registration process. The invite code is 22728tok. This code will link your email to Skyline High School. Once you have registered your email, you will be able to receive email alerts. This system will be our major source of sending information, so please don't delay in getting your email entered. In addition, we are using VolunteerSpot to organize our volunteer needs. Here's how it works in three easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/UF31Ey>
2. **Review** the activities listed and choose the one(s) you like.
3. **Sign up!** It's easy — you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: *VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.*

Just a reminder of our PTSA website: www.skylinehighptsa.com. On this webpage you will find our monthly meeting schedule, a list of officers and other important information. PTSA meetings are open to all members of the Skyline community.

Thanks to our hospitality committee for providing dinner to our faculty and staff on Tuesday, September 24th, prior to Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you didn't

get an email asking for food donations and would like to help in the future, please make sure you are registered at www.justbetweenfriends.com or contact Carol Poulter at cdcpgreat@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of Skyline programs. The school couldn't function without everyone doing their part. Thank you for volunteering and for encouraging and supporting your children in all their academic endeavors.

Angela Folsom & Holly Brain
PTSA Co-Presidents

Reflections Contest *Believe, Dream, Inspire*

- Go to www.utahpta.org/reflections for forms and rules. Please fill out all forms.
- All submissions are due at the end of October (exact date TBA).
- Turn in entries at the main office before school.
- Treat for all who enter! \$15 art supply gift certificates for winners.

Smith's Earn & Learn Program

Earn money for Skyline every time you use your Fresh Values card at Smith's! Our school's share of the money is based on the percentage of purchases made by Earn & Learn participants linked to Skyline. In August, Skyline received a check for **\$945.91** for the 2012-2013 school year. The more participants we have, the more we can earn -- so sign up today!



Participants are required to re-enroll in the program at the beginning of each school year. To enroll or re-enroll:

- Go to www.SmithsFoodAndDrug.com and click on the Earn & Learn corner. You will need to know your Rewards Card number to complete your registration.

or

- Enroll at any checkout lane by scanning your Rewards Card and the barcode assigned to Skyline. The barcode is attached to the end of this newsletter, so just print that page and take it to Smith's.

or

- We will have fliers with the barcode available at Parent/Teacher Conferences and additional ones in the main office.

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

<http://schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh>

Info from the Library



Do you read like to read, but hate late fees? Then **OverDrive eBooks** are for you! eBooks are available to check out through the **OverDrive Media Console** on all your electronic devices. The books check out for two weeks and check in automatically so no late fees are incurred. Many classics are available to download permanently and for free. This is a great way to get novels that you might need for class or books you can't wait to read. There are thousands of young adult titles, and they are available 24/7. It is fast and easy. Your account number is your student number. For more information please go to <http://granite.lib.overdrive.com>. If you need help getting OverDrive on your e-reader or mobile device, please see Ms. Williams, Mrs. Boyd, or Mrs. Funk in the library.



The Media Center currently also has 25 **iPads available for student check out**. You will need parent approval before you will be allowed to take one home. Please see someone in the library for a copy of the Parent/Student iPad Agreement form. Ms. Williams, Mrs. Boyd, and Mrs. Funk can give you details. These iPads can be checked out for a two-week period.

Calendar Notes

- Sept 23-24 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Sept 27 Comp. Day, No School
- Oct. 16 PSAT Test
- Oct. 17-18 Fall Recess, No School
- Oct. 26 ACT Test
- Oct. 31 End of 1st Term
- Nov. 1 No School



Financial Aid Night

Learn how to pay for college from Utah's financial aid experts!



- October 9 East High, 6:00 p.m.
- October 22 West Jordan High, 6:00 p.m.
- October 30 Hunter High, 6:00 p.m.

Attend an event, fill out the contest/scholarship application, and submit a short essay for a chance to win one of two Macbook Air laptops!

Counselor Calendar

- Sept. 9 – Start of Senior CCRP (College and Career Readiness Planning) Meetings. Caregivers, please call the Counseling Center for an appointment with your student's counselor, 385-646-5421, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21 – ACT Test
- Sept. 23 – PSAT test on sale at the Bookstore for JUNIORS only, \$15
- Sept. 25 – PSAT test on sale at the Bookstore for JUNIORS and SOPHOMORES, \$15
- Sept. 27 – ACT registration deadline for October test
- Oct. 3 – SAT registration deadline for November test
- Oct. 5 – SAT Test
- Oct. 10 – College day for seniors, ASVAB test for juniors, PLAN test for Sophomores
- Oct. 16 – PSAT Test Day for Juniors & Sophomores who have pre-purchased tests
- Oct. 26 – ACT Test
- Dec. 1 – Priority deadline for many college applications!

Financing College 101

In 2011, the College Board's National Office for School Counselor Advocacy released Eight Components of College and Career Readiness Counseling. These components are intended to focus comprehensive guidance programs in their promotion of college and career success.



One component, College Affordability Planning, is designed to provide students and families with comprehensive information about college costs; options for paying for college; and the financial aid and scholarship processes and eligibility requirements, so they are able to plan for and afford a college education. The Skyline Counseling Center strives to provide parents with the most up-to-date information regarding various types of financial aid.

The following resources provide up-to-date online information regarding scholarships and financial aid:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.fastweb.com

www.zinch.com

www.scholarships.com

www.kengarffkeys.com

www.aie.org

www.utahfutures.org

<http://apps.facebook.com/mycollegedollars/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search#>

<http://kgjbb5.wix.com/shscareercenter#!scholarships>

Be Prepared for College!

Congratulations to the Skyline IB class of 2013! Over 90% of our students sitting for the diploma earned this prestigious award. Our largest group ever (49 students) scored enough points to qualify for the diploma.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Skyline High School will soon begin the 2013-2014 recruitment cycle for this year's ninth graders, the class of 2017. We also have plenty of openings for the current sophomores (the class of 2016).

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.

The program isn't easy. But then again, neither is college! Students doing the full IB diploma typically bring home 15 hours of homework per week, and sometimes more. But the payoffs are huge, in terms of college credit earned as well as development of a skill set that will prove immensely helpful in doing well in college.

Since Skyline became an IB World School, over 130 graduates have earned the nationally respected IB diploma. With their IB diplomas in hand, our students have typically entered college as sophomores; several students at the University of Utah began this year with enough credits to qualify them as first semester juniors!

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. Great schools across the country like what they're getting from IB.

Our annual **IB open house** will be on **Tuesday, January 7 and Wednesday, February 5, 2014** at 6:30 p.m. in the Skyline choral room (202). 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. Remember – it's the only IB program in the Granite District!

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



Work Based Learning

Work Based Learning at Skyline High School provides students with the opportunity to learn about job and career options in a "hands-on" setting. Students have the chance to explore their job interests and to see the link between workplace skills and classes they are currently taking. Work Based Learning attempts to narrow the gap between theory and practice. For more information, contact Ms. Morgan in Room 118 or email her at cmorgan1@graniteschools.org.

Program Objectives are to:

- Apply classroom learning
- Establish a clear connection between education and work
- Explore possible careers
- Improve post-graduation job prospects
- Practice positive work habits and attitudes
- Understand the expectations of the workplace
- Understand the relevance of staying in school
- Establish professional contact for future employment

Work Based Learning includes:

- Career seminars
- Job shadows
- Internships
- Lunch-time speakers in the Career Center

Work Based Learning Calendar Events

- 9/25 Congressman Matheson's Fall Military Academy Night, West Jordan High, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- 9/26 IHC Job Shadow – application required, limited space, IMC, 12:00-2:30 p.m.
- 9/28 Aviation Day – UVU, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 10/2 Fairchild Challenge/Green Careers Day – Thanksgiving Point, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 10/2 U of U School of Medicine High School Tour – application required, 8:00-10:30 a.m.
- 10/23 Frontiers of Science – The Leonardo, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- 10/26 Day of the Dead – U of U School of Medicine, pre-register by October 23
http://medicine.utah.edu/outreach/programs/premed/day_of_the_dead.htm
- 10/30 Future Doctors – U of U School of Medicine, pre-registration required
<http://medicine.utah.edu/outreach/Registrationform.pdf>
- 11/2 Science Day – U of U, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



*so kids can eat
because hunger is a very
scary thing.*

Skyline High theatre students will be collecting nonperishable food on October 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All collected food will be donated to the Utah Food Bank. This nationwide project is sponsored by the International Thespian Society, and they hope to collect 350,000 pounds of food in this year's campaign.

Career Center

September and October are our busiest times of the year for college visits. If you are thinking about attending school out of state, please check out the school calendar to see which colleges are visiting and when they will be here: (<http://schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh/>). Go to the Career Center to get an excusal to attend. Also, our in-state schools will be visiting our campus on October 10th; seniors and parents are invited. These are great opportunities to receive information directly from the college representatives.

On October 10th we will also be administering the ASVAB test (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) to all junior students. This aptitude test is designed to show a student's current ability to develop specific skills required for specific types of work. The test results, coupled with a student's personal inventory of interests, may help the student make career plans and decisions. We encourage students and parents to look at the ASVAB test results together. Please note that even though the ASVAB test is sponsored and paid for by the military, none of our students' scores are recorded by the military unless an individual student makes a specific request for this.

As always, we welcome your comments and questions.

- Rob Scott (Coordinator), rscott@graniteschools.org
- Kris Gibbs (Secretary), kjibbs@graniteschools.org
- Chris Morgan (Work Based Learning Specialist) cmorgan1@graniteschools.org

Sterling Scholars

Any senior student interested in becoming a Sterling Scholar nominee for Skyline High must fill out a **General Intent Application**. These forms will be available in the Main Office on Monday, September 30 and are due Monday, October 14. If a student wishes to be considered in more than one category, a separate application is required for each category. The fourteen Sterling Scholar categories are: English, Math, Social Science, Science, World Languages, Skilled & Technical Science, Computer Technology, Family & Consumer Science, Speech/Theatre Arts/Forensics, Business & Marketing, Visual Arts, Vocal Performance, Instrumental Music and Dance.

Intent applications will be given to faculty members to review and select Skyline's fourteen SS candidates. Additional information, including departmental interviews, may be required during the selection process. Skyline's nominees will be announced before Thanksgiving.

NOTE: Sterling Scholar regional judging will occur on February 11 and February 26, 2014. If you know you have a conflict with either of these dates, do not apply for Sterling Scholar. Questions? Contact Diane Bunker in the Main Office at Skyline, 385-646-5420.

Theatre Department

On October 3-5, twenty Skyline students will travel to Cedar City as part of the Skyline Shakespeare Team for the Utah High School Shakespeare Competition.



Junior high and high school students from around the nation will present material from Shakespearean literature in various artistic forms. Work will be adjudicated by professionals in their field. It's an incredible opportunity to see the best talent in the country perform, compete and celebrate works from "The Bard." Break a leg, Eagle thespians!!

ACT Test Review Classes for the October 26th test

- Classes will be held on October 10-11, 14-16, and 21-25. English and Math classes will be offered.
- Classes are \$30 per subject. 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).

Women's Basketball

- Tryouts for the women's basketball team will be November 11, 3:00-6:00 in the Auxiliary Gym and November 12, 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Main Gym.
- Open Gym every A day until October 26.
- Questions? Contact Coach Lynette Schroeder, lnschroeder.1221@gmail.com.



Wrestling

As fall kicks into full gear, Skyline's wrestling team is preparing to start its greatest season ever. We are very excited for the wrestlers we have returning, and we'd like to invite anyone interested in joining the wrestling team to an informational parents' meeting on October 24, 6:00 p.m., in the Media Center. Come join the best wrestling team in Skyline history!



Does your student owe fees?



go to
www.payskyline.com

Username: student #

Password: student's first initial and last name

- Registration fees and class fees are now overdue.
- Students who have not turned in the blue registration form have not been able to pick up their locker assignment.
- Questions? Click the "Contact Us" button on the Webstore. It will email mdean-jackman@graniteschools.org, Skyline's bookkeeper.

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.

Citizenship Class

Raise your citizenship average to above a 2.0!

- ◆ Every Tuesday @ 2:15 in Room 128.
- ◆ \$10, pay in advance at bookstore. Bring receipt to class.
- ◆ Each completed class adds a "4" into your cumulative citizenship average!
- ◆ Ask Mrs. O. about the CAR program, another way to enhance your CPA.
- ◆ 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 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 request attendance updates via e-mail.