



# Skyline Eagle News

## November 2013



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### Principal's Message:

Dear Patrons,

As first term comes to a close, I am reminded of two things. First, how quickly the school year evaporates, and second, the importance of communication between school and home. As we met in our first faculty meeting this past August, one area that we wanted to improve in was communication with students and parents.

For the past several months I have been looking at different ways that individual teachers could communicate more easily and frequently with students and their parents. After looking at several different options, I became aware that Canvas provides the ability to send notifications to individual students and entire classes. For example, a teacher could email a student through Canvas about a low test score or missing assignment. That same teacher could send an announcement to an entire class to remind them of an upcoming quiz. The exciting thing is that you as parents can receive the same announcements that your student(s) receive by creating a **parent portal**.

I am hoping that each of you (parents) will take a few minutes and create a parent portal that will allow you to receive the messages sent from Skyline teachers to your students. **The instructions for creation of the aforementioned portal are attached with this newsletter.** You may also access the instructions for creating a parent portal on the Skyline High Home page under the resources link. I believe that this will help us to do a better job of communicating with you and your students.

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

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

### **ACT Test Review Classes for the December 14<sup>th</sup> test**

- Classes will run Dec. 2-6 and Dec. 9-13. 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 R.110 (Mr. Norris).
- English will be taught right after school in R.124 (Mr. Brown).

### **Open Enrollment for 2013-2014 School Year**

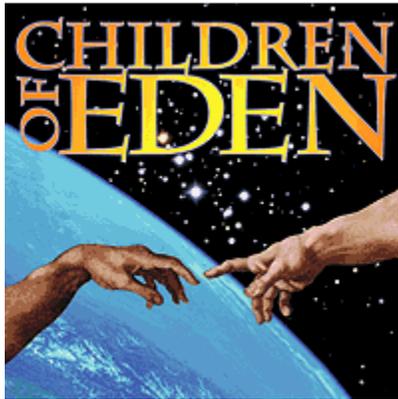
Granite School District provides school choice enrollment in all schools where space is available. Parents are responsible for transportation when exercising school choice. There are two enrollment periods: The Early Enrollment Period and the Late Enrollment Period. The Early Enrollment Period is the recommended time to enroll for the next school year.

**Skyline will begin accepting applications for the 2014/2015 school year beginning on Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will be accepted until the end of the school day on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Applications are available at the school parents are requesting. 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 may be charged at the time the application is submitted.

When a student moves from elementary school to junior high, or from junior high to high school, there is no automatic feeder system – students on permits in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades, who wish to attend a school outside of their home school boundary, must reapply on the Open Enrollment Application to request the preferred school.

**You are invited to Skyline's musical!**



**November 21, 22, 23, 25  
7:00 p.m.**

From Stephen Schwartz (composer of *Wicked*) and John Caird (writer of *Les Miserables*) comes a joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children and faith . . . not to mention centuries of unresolved family business! Freely based on the story of Genesis, *Children of Eden* is a frank, heartfelt and often humorous examination of the age-old conflict between parents and children. Adam, Eve, Noah and the "Father" who created them deal with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet but inspiring message about agency, mistakes, forgiveness, and beginning again.

**Tickets:**

**\$8.00 adults/\$6.00 students  
\$1.00 more at door**

***Tickets can be purchased online at the  
Skyline homepage under "Tickets."***  
<http://schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh>

**or, scan the link below:**



**Counseling Center Calendar**

- Nov. 1 U of U Honors College application deadline.
- Nov. 2 SAT Test – bring picture ID and admission ticket!!
- Nov. 4 Schedule your Sophomore CCRP (College & Career Readiness Planning) meetings. Caregivers: Please call the Counseling Center between 7:30 and 3:00 to make an appointment (385-646-5421).
- Nov. 8 SAT and ACT registration deadline for December test.
- Nov. 11 Sophomore CCRP meetings begin.
- Dec. 1 Scholarship and application priority deadline for MANY colleges. Check your specific college for details!!

**College and Career Readiness Planning**

In an effort to ensure all of our students are aware of the plethora of postsecondary options, counselors in



Granite School District have been using the career information system, Utah Futures, to help parents and students navigate the college and career path.

This comprehensive website ([www.utahfutures.org](http://www.utahfutures.org)) is designed to evolve with students as they begin career explorations in junior high; explore options related to one, two or four years of college; and eventually help them to identify and pursue a career tied to their strengths and interests.

The following is only a brief list of tools that can be found on the Utah Futures site:

- Scholarship and financial aid information
- College admission information for nearly every college in the country
- Career information -- salary, working conditions, prerequisites, job outlook, etc.

We look forward to meeting with you during our College and Career Planning meetings (CCRP) to further plan for your student's college and career success!

**Calendar Notes**

- Oct. 31 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Term
- Nov. 1 No School
- Nov. 21-23 & 25 School Musical, "Children of Eden"
- Nov. 27-28-29 Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 14 Winter Formal Dance
- Dec. 20 No school, winter recess begins. School reconvenes Mon., Jan. 6



## PTSA President's Message

We are off to a great year! Thank you to those who have been involved so far and have been so generous with their time and talents. Thanks go to all those who helped design and sell the logo wear. It was a huge success! We have lots of happy students decked head to toe in Skyline apparel.

Thank you to **Allison Nitz** for running our **Reflections Contest** this year. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their talents and gain recognition for their hard work. The theme this year is "Believe, Dream, Inspire". Please encourage your student to participate. The submission deadline is November 7.

**"Eagles After Dark"** is a school party being held October 30<sup>th</sup>, and the student body officers are looking for **25 parents to help chaperone**. The event is totally planned and executed by the student government; they just need volunteers to monitor at the doors. It is a fun event and a great way to get involved. If you are able to volunteer that evening, please contact Josh Garff, Student Body President, at [joshg@kengarff.com](mailto:joshg@kengarff.com). Thank you in advance for making this event possible.

**Lastly, if you HAVE registered for "Just Between Friends" and are still not receiving "Eagle Alerts", please MANUALLY add the following emails to your "contacts" list:**

[bounces@justbetweenfriends.com](mailto:bounces@justbetweenfriends.com)  
[justbetweenfriends.net](http://justbetweenfriends.net)

**If you HAVE NOT registered for "Just Between Friends" and want to receive "Eagle Alerts", please follow the instructions below:**

- Go to [www.justbetweenfriends.com](http://www.justbetweenfriends.com) and sign up.
- Click on "Accept Your Group Invite". Code: 22728tok.

This will link your email to Skyline High. 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:

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

Thank you for your support of Skyline PTSA. Skyline wouldn't be quite as amazing without your support. Thank you for volunteering and for encouraging and supporting your children in their academic endeavors.

Angela Folsom & Holly Brain  
PTSA Co-Presidents



## **Feast on Books!**

This November gorge yourself on books from the Media Center. Every time you check out a book you get a chance to win a prize! Download a book from Overdrive and double your chances. See someone in the Media Center for help connecting to Overdrive!

## Math Team

Math Team members, **Wyatt Mackey** and **William Li**, have qualified for Round Two of the 2014 National *Who Wants to Be a Mathematician* (WWTBAM) Contest. WWTBAM will select ten students to compete in the semifinals in Baltimore based on their scores in Round Two. Two semifinal winners will advance to the finals that same day. Topics covered in the game and in the qualifying rounds include algebra, trigonometry, geometry, the history of mathematics, probability -- everything but calculus. The top prize in the contest is **\$5000 for the student and \$5000 for the math department** at his or her school.

Upcoming contests in November include **Mandelbrot, Team Scramble, and High School Mathematics Contest in Modeling**. Check the Skyline calendar for exact dates. Also, **Math Circle** for students interested in math outside of the high school curriculum will be meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month under the direction of Peter Trapa, Math Department Chair, University of Utah. Meetings will be held at 4 p.m. in LCB 120 at the U.

## Need Extra Math Help?

There are several excellent ways for struggling math students to access extra help!

- See their teacher before or after school.
- See Mr. Rodman in R. 102 at lunch on B days.
- Work with peer tutors from National Honor Society on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in R. 105, or on Wednesdays in R. 134.
- Access their textbook online at [www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com) and review video tutorials.
- For students who are struggling with concepts in Secondary Math 3 or Secondary Math 3 Honors, Hugh Rodman will be available in the mornings starting at 7:00 a.m. He will meet with Math 3 students on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, and Math 3 H students on Thursday and Friday mornings. Students can still receive extra help on homework assignments from their teacher any morning.



**REFLECTIONS  
CONTEST**

*BELIEVE, DREAM,  
INSPIRE*

- Go to [www.utahpta.org/reflections](http://www.utahpta.org/reflections) for forms and rules. Please fill out all forms completely.
- All submissions are **due November 7 before school** in the Main Office.
- Treat for all who enter! \$15 art supply gift certificates for winners.

Literature	Dance Choreography
Visual Arts	Music Composition
Photography	Film Production
3-D Artwork	

### Skyline Men's Golf Team

We would like to recognize the young men who were members of the Skyline golf team who recently completed their season. They are: **Connor Merkley, Jonathan White, Jackson Shaver, Andrew Jensen, Mitch Clayton, Carter Bennett, Matt Burbank, Ian Barry, Jonny Wright, Blake Tomlinson, Austin Jensen, Harry Davis, and Aaron Zoumadakis.**

Congratulations to freshman **Blake Tomlinson** who finished the season 4<sup>th</sup> in the region individually and tied for medalist honors at the region championship tournament at Wasatch Golf Course with a 70. Blake also shot a 32 in a 9-hole duel match at Riverbend Golf Course earlier this year to defeat the eventual region champion.



Congratulations to seniors **Jonathan White** and **Connor Merkley** who were both named to the **4A Golf Academic All-State Team**. Only ten golfers from all of the 4A schools in the state qualify to earn this honor, so to have two athletes qualify from the same school is quite an achievement.

Finally, we want to congratulate both **Connor Merkley** and **Blake Tomlinson** who qualified to play in the 4A State Championship Tournament at Ogden Country Club.

### Community of Caring

- Service Learning Scholar Award Program: For students who complete 170 hours of documented service during their high school years. Applications and fees now due for seniors. Applications due for Juniors and Sophomores – see Mrs. Daily in Room 112. If you would like to pick up a packet explaining the program, come on “B” days to Room 112.
- Community of Caring Club: This club is for all students at Skyline! Pick up an application outside Room 112 or in the Main Office. Club members will have monthly meetings and will plan and implement project throughout the school year.
- Upcoming Activities:
  - 🍁 Blood Drive – Tuesday, Oct. 29 in Small Gym. Pick up forms in Main Office or Room 112.
  - 🍁 Road Home Playroom – Wednesday, Nov. 6
  - 🍁 Service Scholar Lunch Meeting – Seniors only, Thursday, Nov. 7
  - 🍁 500 Sandwiches – Wednesday, Nov. 13

### 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 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](http://www.skylineib.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 set up updates via e-mail.



**Skyline High Community Council**  
Minutes of 10/8/13 Meeting

**In Attendance:**

Emily Allison, Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Mary Draper, Lyle Gibson (visitor), Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen

**Excused:** Karianne Prince

**Minutes:**

1. Mr. Bingham welcomed Community Council members and introduced two new members: Emily Allison and Lisa Mietchen.
2. Lyle Gibson, representing the Salt Lake County Department of Planning & Development Services, presented information on a proposed housing development bordering on Skyline's property.
  - a. Skyline's Council expressed concern regarding the additional traffic congestion that the development would create on Upland Drive. Emergency access to the housing development would also be very difficult during peak traffic times.
  - b. The Council recommended that a notice of existing conditions (noise of school bells, lights and noise from sporting events, etc.) be signed by potential residents within the new development recognizing that they knew about the potential nuisances of living next to a school when they purchased their home.
  - c. Interested parties are invited to attend the Millcreek Planning Commission Hearing on October 16, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the County Government Center, 2001 S. State Street, North Building, Salt Lake County Council Chambers.
3. Minor changes to the Trust Lands Plan were approved by the Council. We will now be allocating some funds to cover IB affiliation and training.
4. The schedule for mandatory training sessions for all school Community Council members was provided.
5. Karianne Prince was selected as Chair of this year's Council.
6. Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2013 @ 6:45 a.m. in Skyline's Conference Room.