

# Skyline Eagle News



## February 2014

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### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday, February 11 & Wednesday, February 12  
4:30-7:30 p.m.



#### Principal's Message:

Dear Patrons,

On **Tuesday, March 4**, all Skyline students in the junior class (and all juniors across the state) will be taking the **ACT Test**. Test results will be used as a means to assess college and career readiness. The state is paying for the test plus an online study program called **Shmoop**. You can access the Shmoop internet site by going to the Skyline High home page, [www.graniteschools.org/hs/Skyline](http://www.graniteschools.org/hs/Skyline), then clicking on Career Center, ACT/SAT, Shmoop. *The magic word is **ARCHES** (all caps)*. There are free modules available for each area of the ACT test. I went through a literature module on Snoop and found it helpful.

On the state-wide testing date, Skyline will operate on a special bell schedule. Testing will begin for juniors at 7:55 a.m., and seniors and sophomores will not arrive at school until approximately 11:30 a.m. (see schedule attached at the end of this article). Senior and sophomore students attending Granite Technical Institute classes will be able to board buses at their normal times. Attendance on test day is critical as each school is required to test a minimum of 95% of their junior class. Please plan accordingly.

To prepare for the test and make sure that students have adequate testing time, Skyline will be operating on a p.m. assembly schedule on Tuesday, February 25. Junior students will go to assigned testing rooms (the same rooms they will test in on March 4) where they will fill out required basic information on their testing materials and take an interest inventory. Senior and

sophomore students will attend an assembly during this time.

This is an important test for students and the school, so on the testing day, Skyline is providing breakfast for all junior students, a breakfast burrito which will include eggs, bacon, potatoes, cheese, salsa (on the side), and milk. Breakfast will be served from 6:50 to 7:20 a.m. in the cafeteria.

If you have questions or are looking for additional information, please contact our testing coordinator, Rob Scott, by email at [rscott@graniteschools.org](mailto:rscott@graniteschools.org) or by phone at 385-646-5423.

Sincerely,  
Doug Bingham

#### ACT Testing Day Schedule March 4, 2014

6:50 – 7:20 a.m.	Breakfast served to juniors
7:55 a.m.	Testing session begins
8:10 – 8:55 a.m.	English section of exam
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Math section of exam
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 – 10:55 a.m.	Reading section of exam
11:00 – 11:35 a.m.	Science section of exam
11:35 a.m.	Dismiss examinees
11:35 – 12:10	Lunch
12:15 – 12:40 p.m.	First period, 1A
12:45 – 1:10 p.m.	Second period, 2A
1:15 – 1:40 p.m.	Third period, 3A
1:45 – 2:10	Fourth period, 4A

## WINDOW PERMITS



- Required for new students (including current 9<sup>th</sup> graders), living outside Skyline's traditional boundary, that want to attend Skyline next year.
- Accepted on first-come/first-served basis until **February 21, 2014**.
- Approval based on available space.
- \$5.00 processing fee must accompany the application.
- Questions? Call 385-646-5420.

## Career Center

We have begun our annual visit with Junior students. The emphasis of this meeting is College and Career readiness, and each student will be given a "Junior Guide Book". This book was compiled by the school counselors and is full of very important information for juniors to help them with scholarship and college preparation. We highly encourage parents and students to read through the information in this guide book.

We are also distributing the ASVAB test results to Junior students. The ASVAB is an aptitude test which helps students understand their strengths and weaknesses in 11 different categories that can help students make class and career choices.

On March 4<sup>th</sup> we will be administering the ACT test to all junior students. The ACT test is the preferred college entrance test by all colleges and universities in Utah. This test will be given at no cost to the students. We will be sending out more information as we get closer to the date.

As always, we welcome your comments and questions. 385-646-5423

*Rob Scott (Coordinator), [rscott@graniteschools.org](mailto:rscott@graniteschools.org)*

*Kris Gibbs (Secretary), [kgibbs@graniteschools.org](mailto:kgibbs@graniteschools.org)*

*Chris Morgan (Work Based Learning Specialist), [cmorgan1@graniteschools.org](mailto:cmorgan1@graniteschools.org)*

### **Reminder:**

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Tues., Feb. 11 & Wed., Feb. 12

4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

## Internships

The Internship Program was developed to help students investigate career choices, participate in on-site career training, and help with successful transitions from school to careers and/or further education.

The program offers students an opportunity to gain awareness of a specific career by working with professionals in their area of interest. Participating community organizations include: corporations, small businesses, medical facilities, non-profit organizations, and cultural and governmental institutions. **Student interns directly affect these partnerships, and expectations are set high so that relationships are enhanced. There is a screening process.**

### Internship Specifics:

**The internship program is implemented as if a student were applying for a job.** The program demands initiative, follow through, and a high level of professional behavior. The internship:

- ♥ Must be linked to a related CTE class in his/her schedule, and it is the practical application of that curriculum.
- ♥ Must be in a career field related to the student's **CCRP** (College and Career Readiness Plan).
- ♥ Awards .50 credits per semester.

### To Apply For An Internship:

- ♥ Remember that not all applicants are placed.
- ♥ Carefully complete a packet which can be obtained in Room 118. It includes an application, an essay, a disclosure statement, a resume, three references, and a letter of recommendation.
- ♥ Obtain an unofficial transcript, printed CCRP, and citizenship verification form (no U's) from your counselor. You must have a B or better in a related CTE class.
- ♥ Turn in application packet with above mentioned documents to Mrs. Morgan. You may bring it to her room or leave it in her mailbox in the school office.
- ♥ Talk with Mrs. Morgan about specific opportunities in your career area. **Finding a placement is ultimately up to the student.** The WBL Specialist may assist in the placement.
- ♥ Talk with your counselor to be sure you have class periods you can dedicate to the internship (4A or 4B). Schedule the internship class with counselor after approval/admittance into the program has been given by WBL Specialist.

**For more information, please contact:**

**Mrs. Morgan, Work Based Learning Specialist**

**Room 118, 385-646-1807**

**[cmorgan1@graniteschools.org](mailto:cmorgan1@graniteschools.org)**

## PTSA President's Message:

It is hard to realize we are already halfway through the school year! The months seem to be flying by! Soon we will be in the midst of AP & IB tests and graduation will be looming around the corner. For now, we need to help our students remain focused on this new semester.

We want to applaud our Student Body Officers for more fun activities; Winter Formal, Hall of Trees and the Talent Assembly were all met with great support. We especially appreciate the parental support of the PTSA tree for the Hall of Trees. We not only decorated the tree with useful items, but we were able to donate an additional large bag of toothbrushes, shampoos and other household items to needy families through the Boys & Girls Club of Salt Lake. Thank you for your generous donations.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up on Feb 11 & 12. The PTSA will be providing dinner for our wonderful administration, faculty and staff on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch for an Eagle Alert email with details on how you can assist with the meal.

It's time to start thinking about next year's PTSA Board! Being on the Board is a great way to get involved. Don't be shy, no job is too daunting! If you have questions or want more information, please contact me at [angelabf@comcast.net](mailto:angelabf@comcast.net). I'll be happy to give you details or answer any questions.

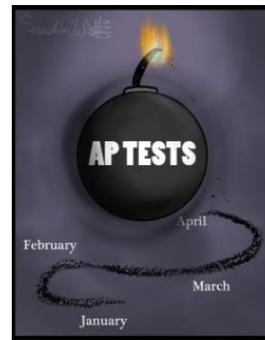
Thanks to the many Board members and unseen volunteers that contribute so much to the school. Whether it is proctoring a test, chaperoning a dance, or bringing in food for our faculty dinners, every act of service is appreciated. Every service hour adds value to our children's education. Thank you again for all you do to make Skyline a great place.

♥ Angela Folsom & Holly Brain, PTSA Presidents

## Calendar Notes:

- February 7 Midterm
- February 8 Sweetheart's Dance
- February 11/12 P/T Conferences, 4:30-7:30
- February 14 Comp. Day, No School
- February 17 Presidents' Day, No School
- March 4 ACT Test for Juniors
- March 7 WAMA Dance
- March 27 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Term
- March 28 No School
- March 31-Apr 4 Spring Break, No School
- April 5 "Snow Day" – No School?
- April 26 Prom
- May 26 No School, Memorial Day
- June 5 Last Day of School & Graduation

## AP Testing



AP testing will be conducted at Skyline May 5-16. Please sign up and pay for these tests at the bookstore (before school, during lunch or immediately after school) between February 10-21. The cost is \$89.00 per test. Tests may also be purchased with a credit card at the web store: [www.payskyline.com](http://www.payskyline.com).

## Regents' Scholarship

### *How do you qualify?*

With registration around the corner, we encourage our sophomores and juniors to think about planning their schedules in accordance with the requirements for the **Regents' Scholarship**, an excellent scholarship opportunity for students planning to attend an in-state post-secondary institution. To learn more about the requirements for this excellent scholarship, go to [http://www.higheredutah.org/scholarship\\_info/](http://www.higheredutah.org/scholarship_info/). Below is a brief outline of the required courses and possible award packages. You work so hard -- why not take advantage of this excellent scholarship opportunity?

### ★ Regents' Scholarship Requirements

- 4 credits of English
- 4 progressive credits of Math
- 3.5 credits of Social Science
- 3 credits of Science (Biology, Chem. & Physics)
- 2 progressive credits of the same Foreign Lang.

### ★ Base Award:

A maximum award of **\$1,000** (one time award) if you have a 3.0 GPA, have taken the ACT, and have no individual grade lower than a "C" on your transcript in a required core class.

### ★ Exemplary Award:

A maximum award of **\$1250 per semester** (renewable for 4 semesters) if you have a cumulative 3.5 GPA, an ACT score of 26, and have no individual grade lower than a "B" in a required core class on your transcript. In addition to this, you will also be eligible to receive the **\$1,000** one-time Base Award.

## *Graduation*



*June 5, 7:00 p.m.*  
*Huntsman Center*



## Skyline's Counselors want your feedback!

Please let us know how we are doing. Just go to:

<http://www.counselorsroom.org/Utah12>

to complete a short survey.

We thank you for taking the time to help us out!

## Counselor Calendar

- Feb. 3 Current 9<sup>th</sup> graders: Skyline registration at Churchill
- Feb. 4 Current 9<sup>th</sup> graders: Skyline registration at Churchill & Wasatch
- Feb. 6-7 Current 11<sup>th</sup> graders: Registration in English class for 12<sup>th</sup> grade year
- Feb. 7 Registration deadline for March SAT
- Feb. 8 ACT Test
- Feb. 10-21 AP Test Registration & Payment at Skyline Bookstore or [payskyline.com](http://payskyline.com)
- Feb. 20-21 Current 10<sup>th</sup> graders: Registration in English class for 11<sup>th</sup> grade year
- March 4 School-wide ACT Test for all Juniors\*
- March 6 New Student Registration Night for Widow Permits, Media Center, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 7 Registration deadline for April ACT
- Mar. 8 SAT Test

\*Junior Parents: Your student has access to an online ACT practice website. Visit [www.shmoop.com/utah/](http://www.shmoop.com/utah/) and find your high school from the alphabetized list. Click "Let's Go" and create an account. You will need to enter a magic word: ARCHES. Happy studying!

## Blind Date with a Book!



A few choice books from the library will have their covers hidden. No title, no author, no cover art – just their genre.

Stop judging books by their cover and get a treat!

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

## Academy of Finance

For all parents and sophomore students who are interested in learning more about the Academy of Finance, we are having an information meeting:

- ♥ Thursday, February 6, 2014
- ♥ 6:00 p.m.
- ♥ Skyline High Library

## Acoustic Guitar Project

Greetings from the Woodshop! My students and I are excited about our new Acoustic Guitar project. Imagine building a musical instrument, your very own acoustic guitar. And the whole thing is made from scratch! We cut our own sides and back, and the tops are made out of book-matched Engelmann's Spruce. We make our own bracing on the inside using a laser, and also create the neck and fret board. Before long you will be the next Simon & Garfunkel!

We also have a cool Pirate's Treasure Chest. This is a beginning-semester class that is fun and filled with learning that will be with the student for a lifetime. In this class we also build a Cricket Table. If a cricket table is unfamiliar to you, just Google it and you will see many examples. Our advanced students can make desks, dressers, bookcases, jewelry boxes, tables, clocks, etc. Happy woodworking!

- ♥ Phil Lundgren, [plundgren@graniteschools.org](mailto:plundgren@graniteschools.org)

## NHS Selection Process

The time is coming for juniors to apply for **National Honor Society** for their senior year. In order to qualify, juniors must have at least a 3.7 cumulative GPA, at least a 3.0 cumulative CPA, and at least 1 AP/IB class that they are currently taking junior year.

Juniors who are qualified will receive an invitation to apply, which will be delivered to 4A classes on 2/20 and 1B classes on 2/21. Membership is not guaranteed, as the chapter size is limited to the top 10% of the student body. Those who wish to apply must turn in the application by Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The full selection process timeline is detailed below. Contact Ms. Schneider at [sschneider@graniteschools.org](mailto:sschneider@graniteschools.org) with any questions.

- ♥ Feb. 20-21: Invitations/applications distributed
- ♥ March 7: Applications due to Ms. Schneider in Room 107 by 2:30 p.m.
- ♥ March 14: Selection decisions/officer invitations distributed
- ♥ March 21: Fees/dinner form with receipt due
- ♥ March 24-27: Officer interviews
- ♥ April 10: Induction ceremony

## Little Eagles Wrestling



Skyline wrestling is excited to start another season of Little Eagles Wrestling. This is a program for all kids ages 4-14 who want to learn how to wrestle and have an opportunity to compete in a fun and friendly environment. Registration and practices start Tuesday, February 18 and Thursday, February 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m., in the Wrestling Room. Everyone is welcome to join! Contact Coach Syd Lott at [slott@graniteschools.org](mailto:slott@graniteschools.org) for more information.

## Debate

The debate program at Skyline High has earned significant recognition from the National Forensic League. Our chapter earned membership in the League's prestigious Société de 300.



This milestone is remarkable because it ranks our debate program among the top 1% of schools nationwide. Congratulations to our debate coach, Mrs. Judie Roberts, and her amazing debate students!

## 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.



## THE CRUCIBLE

by Arthur Miller

1953 Tony Award for Best Play

Feb. 26-27-28 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Skyline High Auditorium

\$5 students, \$7 adults  
\$1 more at door

Buy in advance at the bookstore,  
Parent/Teacher Conferences, or  
from a cast member.

## Did you know you could check out an iPad from the Library?



Read downloaded books from  
Overdrive!

Ask anyone in the Library for details.

## Skyline High Community Council

### Minutes of 11/14/13 Meeting

#### In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Douglas Bingham, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince

#### Minutes:

1. The Council discussed the changes that were recently made to the 2013-2014 Skyline High Trust Land Plan, Goal #3.
  - a. Move \$6,000 from Employee Salaries and Benefits to Professional and Technical Services.
  - b. Move \$25,000 from Carryover Funds to Professional and Technical Services to maintain IB affiliation and provide required IB training for teachers to help them function at the highest level in supporting students to be successful in the program.

- c. Change the wording in the first action step in Goal #3 from a “mentor coach” to a “teacher”.
  - d. All three proposals were approved by the Board of Education.
2. Next month’s meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, at 6:45 a.m. in Skyline’s Conference Room.

**Minutes of 1/16/14 Meeting**

In Attendance:

Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince

Excused:

Emily Allison

Minutes:

3. Mr. Bingham reviewed student CRT scores from last spring.
- a. Skyline’s Language Arts scores are excellent, and consistently higher than the state average.
  - b. Skyline’s science scores are good, with 70% of students showing proficiency. Our scores took a dip in 2011, but seem to be recovering.
  - c. Skyline’s mathematics scores continue to be problematic.
    - i. With only 30% of our mathematics students being tested, our scores don’t give an accurate picture of our overall mathematics proficiency; our higher-level students aren’t tested.
    - ii. This year’s CRT tests will include Secondary Math III for the first time, which should help increase our proficiency scores.
    - iii. The ASAP program does help students raise their classroom grade, but the improvement doesn’t seem to carry over into CRT proficiency.
    - iv. We are looking at some new approaches for helping struggling math students.
4. The State has now mandated that every high school junior take the ACT test, and it will be the state benchmark measurement for college readiness. The test will be administered on March 4, 2014.
5. All Utah high schools now have free access to the Shmoop Program.
- a. Shmoop includes online test review modules for the ACT test, and this is free to students. We will encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity.

- b. Shmoop also offers test review modules for AP exams. There is a small fee for students to access this material.
  - c. A Shmoop representative will be coming to faculty meeting on January 27 to present information about the review modules. Council members are invited to attend and learn more about the program.
  - d. Mr. Bingham will send login information to Council members so they can review the program.
6. The next Community Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13 @ 6:45 a.m. in the Skyline Conference Room.