

Skyline Eagle News

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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday & Thursday, September 24 & 25
4:30-7:30 p.m.



Principal's Message:

Dear Patrons:

Where did the summer go? If you are anything like me, this past summer melted away rather quickly. We are in our fifth week of school and our first mid-term grading period is upon us. Student body officers have been busy preparing and executing homecoming game activities, planning dances, and getting everyone excited about the NEST. The NEST, of course, is an Eagle's Home turf. The NEST has replaced the MESS (Mighty Eagle Student Section at our athletic functions) based on a vote by the student body. All in all, an amazing start to school year 2014-2015!

There are several new faces here at Skyline that I would like to introduce you to. We have three new teachers working with us at Skyline this year: **Tayler Clough**, History; **Joe Rogan**, Theatre and Film Studies; and **Debra Wilson** who has joined our English Department. We have two new secretaries this year: **Cathy Bird** is our new Registrar and **Samantha Heder** is the new Career Guidance Secretary. You may have already spoken with **Heather Noorda**, our new Comprehensive Guidance Assistant, to set up an appointment with your counselor. Speaking of counselors, **Sharla Clark**, **Jessica Hook**, and **Ana Davis** are new to Skyline and have worked very hard to make sure your students have had a smooth opening. Finally, **Suzanne Brooks** is working as our Work-Based Learning Specialist. Welcome to all of you!

As I mentioned in the phone message sent home this week, Skyline will be going through the **accreditation process** during this school year. We are reviewing processes, policies, and seeking input (surveys from parents, students, and staff) to help us determine improvement goals and plans for the coming years. Our

teachers are spending Late Arrival Monday time collaborating about best teaching practices, looking at student testing data to determine effectiveness, and finding ways to help students succeed.

Welcome to 2014-2015. Get involved, work hard, and have a great year!

Sincerely,
Doug Bingham, Principal

Say Boo to the Flu!



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

September 25

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Art Gallery, Room 127

Flu shot \$35, Flu mist \$30

Community Nursing Services will administer the clinic. They are a Preferred Provider and can directly bill the following insurances: Aetna, Altius, Ameriben, Blue Cross, Direct Care Administrators, DMBA, Educators Mutual, GEHA, Meritain, PEHP, Select Health, Summit Care, UMR, United Health Care, University of Utah, CHIP, Medicaid for children, Medicare Part B, and some Medicare Advantage Plans.

PTSA President's Message:

Welcome back to school students, faculty and parents of Skyline High School! As usual, summer flew by and now we are well into another exciting academic year. We are both honored to serve as your PTSA co-presidents for the 2014-15 school year. We are fortunate to serve on the heels of Angela Folsom and Holly Brain, last year's co-presidents. They, along with an outstanding PTSA Board and a committed Skyline administration, left us poised to have an incredible year. The Skyline PTSA has a legacy of service, commitment to the community and strong financial stewardship of PTSA funds.

We have been busy planning the events for the year. We are proud to offer Skyline **logo wear** for sale at school lunches and at home football games so you can all show off your Skyline Eagles pride!

The PTSA, in partnership with the Millcreek Township Community Council, hosted a very successful Meet the Candidates Night on September 9th in the Skyline cafeteria. Co-chairs Rita Lund from Salt Lake County and Julie Emery, PTSA Legislative Liaison, hosted an informative and well-run event with close to 40 candidates in attendance. Special thanks to the IB students who helped set up and clean up for the event.

Skyline PTSA meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:30-1:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21st in the Skyline Conference Room.

We also have several upcoming volunteer opportunities. We are looking for **parent volunteers to assist with Skyline logo wear sales** at upcoming events including football games and during Parent Teacher Conferences. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these shifts, please sign up online at: <http://vols.pt/X9vGSj>

One more item of interest is that the Utah PTA Reflections Contest theme for this year is:

THE WORLD WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE IF....

Please see <http://www.utahpta.org/reflections> for entry forms and contest rules. The due date is **November 7th before school.**

If you have any questions or comments, or would like to be removed from this email list, please contact us.

Kim Garvin Paulding & Jon Paulding
Co-PTSA Presidents

Kim - 801-574-5985 Jon - 801-541-2630

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

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

School Climate Survey

Granite School District and Skyline High School are participating in the School Leadership Grant. This is a federal grant that will benefit the district and Skyline High School. The information from the survey below will aid in identifying conditions for learning, which are an important predictor of student achievement.

As part of this, we are asking parents, students, and staff to participate in a short (3-5 min) survey. (You will be asked to take this survey twice this year.) This survey can be accessed from any device that has the Internet, by going to <http://www.C4LQ.com>. The survey is completely anonymous, and is accessed with a code. We ask that each of you please take the time to take this survey during your allotted window.

Directions:

1. Parent, student, or staff can access <http://www.C4LQ.com> through any Internet browser from any device with access to the Internet.
2. Enter the 6-digit code that corresponds to your status:
 - a. C4L Parent: 731527
 - b. C4L Teacher/Staff: 538588
 - c. C4L Student: 731527
3. Complete and close the assessment.

The district has asked that the survey be completed in the following time frames:

1. Parents: September 22-October 6. We will have devices available for you to use and take this survey at Parent Teacher Conferences.
2. Students/Staff: October 1-15.

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 Smith's Community Rewards (SCR) participants linked to Skyline. Skyline received a check for **\$945.91** last year. The more participants we have, the more we can earn -- so sign up today!

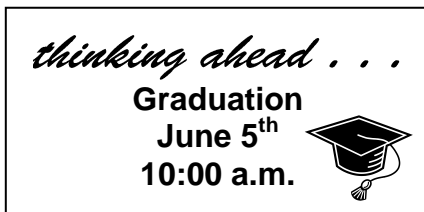
Participants are now required to re-enroll in the program at the beginning of each calendar year, so sign up today and again in January. All enrollments must now take place online. To enroll or re-enroll:

- Go to smithscommunityrewards.com.
- Click on "Sign In" or "Register".
- Scroll down to "Community Rewards". Enter Skyline's code: **81119**.



Counselor Calendar

- 10/25 ACT Test: BRING PICTURE ID and Admission Ticket!
- 10/25 Out-of-State College Fair @ Juan Diego High School, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- 11/1 University of Utah Honors College application deadline
- 11/8 SAT Test- BRING PICTURE ID and Admission Ticket!!!
- 11/3 Schedule your Sophomore CCRP (College and Career Readiness Planning) Meetings
(Caregivers, please call the Counseling Center between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to make an appointment with your counselor 385-646-5421.)
- 11/7 ACT Registration deadline for December test
- 11/10 Sophomore College and Career Planning Meetings begin
- 12/1 Scholarship and application priority deadline for MANY colleges. Check your specific college for details!



College & Career Readiness Planning

In an effort to ensure that 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) 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

that is 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!

Skyline Media Center

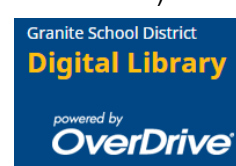
Things to Know about the Library:

- You can check out books for two weeks with your student ID card. If you need/want more time to read a particular book, you can renew it. 
- You can request a book by clicking on the Media Center tab on the Skyline school website.
- We have mounted iPads in the Media Center for you to use while you are here. You can find a book, play a game, explore the apps, do research, whatever.
- You can access Destiny (our library software) from your own student account on the computers. With Destiny you can look up your fees from the library, browse the library catalogue, and place a hold on a book.
- We have puzzles, chess, and checkerboards for students to enjoy before or after school or during lunch.
- **FOOD AND DRINKS** (including water) **ARE NOT ALLOWED** in the library. But we do have an outdoor courtyard that you can use for eating – just ask a staff member to unlock the door for you.
- We love to have students spend time in the library, but we do ask that you clean up after yourselves. Please throw away any trash and push in your chairs before you leave.

Go Digital!

Did you know that you can check out iPads in the Skyline library? There are 25 iPads available for checkout to students for two weeks at a time. All you need is an approval form filled out by you and your parents. You can get one of these from any library staff member.

Also, there are digital versions of books (eBooks & audio books) available for Skyline students to check out



on the Granite School District **Overdrive** system. You can access these digital versions 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! Ask the library staff for details and help.

Congratulations Sophomore Officers!

Congratulations to our newly-elected sophomore officers:

- President: **Alexander Lehnardt**
- Vice President: **Savannah Boss**
- Secretary: **Annabelle Peterson**

Read Across the USA!

Take the challenge! This year the Skyline Media Center is challenging you to read across the USA. We have divided the US into five geographical zones and we have cards (pick these up in the library) that you can get stamped for reading a book from each zone (or you can read multiple books from one zone).



Once you get 5 stamps on your card, you can turn it in to be entered into a drawing for some cool prizes. Every card you complete is another chance to win! Or accept the even more difficult challenge of reading one book from each state. Think you can do it?

Career Center

College and Career Readiness means ready to apply for college and ready to take college-level courses. It also means that through career experiences (classes, internship, volunteering, seminars, etc.) you have some skills and are ready to make college major or career choices. We have many events scheduled this fall to help students in their pursuit of College and Career Readiness. Please take note of the following events:

- **Out-of-State College Visits:** September-October. Please visit the Career Center website for more details.
- **ASVAB Test** (for juniors) and **PLAN Test** (for sophomores): November 7
- **College Day** (for seniors, parents are also welcome): November 7
- **College Application Week:** November 17-21

Each of these events are also published on the Career Center website: (www.skylinecareercenter.weebly.com)

To increase circulation of College and Career information, the Career Center and Counseling Center have created a **Twitter account: SkylineCCC**. We encourage you to "follow" us to receive this information on your cell phone and/or email account.

And finally, we would like to remind you of an **ACT preparation website:** www.shmoop.com/utah. Free access to this ACT test preparation website has been made possible by the Utah State Office of Education. It is a great resource and we encourage students to take advantage of it. To gain access, first go to the website, find the Skyline signup page, create a username and password, then enter the Magic Word: ARCHES.

As always, we welcome your comments and questions.


Rob Scott (Coordinator), rscott@graniteschools.org

Sam Heder (Secretary), skheder@graniteschools.org

Suzanne Brooks (Work Based Learning Specialist)

smbrooks@graniteschools.org 385-646-5423

National Merit Semi-Finalists

Fourteen Skyline students have qualified  as semi-finalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Competition. They are now eligible to compete for elite scholarships sponsored by corporations and universities. Congratulations to: **Robert Buckley, Ryan Colman, Katharine Davidson, Olivia Dennis, Jacob Esplin, Alexander Fritz, Lea Karabegovic, Hans Lehnardt, William Li, Austin McDowell, Eden Peterson, Alexandra Richey, Ian Shen and Zachary Vayo.**

NHS Peer Tutoring

- All Subjects
- After School
- Tuesdays & Thursdays in Room 105
- Wednesdays in Room 134
- Drop by anytime you need help with homework!

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 Wednesday, October 1 and are due Wednesday, October 15. 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.

All 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 10 and February 24, 2015. 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.

A Summary of Skyline Math Contests

- **National Assessment and Testing:** This association is in charge of several national math competitions that members of the Math Team compete in. They include the fall startup event, the team scramble, ciphering time trials, and four-by-four competition. There are both individual and collaborative competitions and each has different scoring methods and rules. The events are spread throughout the school year beginning the fourth Thursday in September.
- **Mandelbrot:** This competition offers both national and regional level, both individual and team play, and consists of five rounds throughout the year. Each round involves seven short-answer questions on three different levels. (On hiatus 2014-17.)
- **ARML:** The American Regions Mathematics League is held once a year nationally. High school students in teams of fifteen represent their city, state, county, or school to compete against other teams from the United States and Canada. The events include the Team, Power, Individual, and Relay rounds. ARML is held simultaneously at Penn State, University of Iowa, San Jose State University, and the University of Georgia.
- **SMC:** Utah's State Math Contest is held every March at a Utah university, where students from all throughout Utah compete on an individual basis. The contest is made up of forty multiple-choice problems, and the top six scorers from each grade receive a cash award and recognition at an awards banquet. (BYU will be hosting 2014-2017.)
- **AMC:** The American Mathematics Competition is the first in a series of contests that are meant to determine the six-member United States Math Team who will compete in the International Mathematical Olympiad. There are three levels of the AMC and those who are in the top 2.5 - 5 percent on the AMC 8, 10 or 12, respectively, are invited to perform in the AIME.
- **AIME:** The American Invitational Mathematics Examination is a three-hour test consisting of fifteen questions. Only students who perform exceptionally well on the AMC are invited to compete. The AIME is the second level of determining the United States Math Team.
- **USAMO:** The United States of America Mathematical Olympiad is held annually for only about five hundred invitees. The contest spans two days for a total of nine hours to fully answer six exceedingly difficult math problems. It is the final round of the AMC contest series; the top scorers on the USAMO go on to represent the United States at the International Mathematical Olympiad.

Attention: Math Enthusiasts

Whether you are a competitor or want to study more math . . .

Join us for

MATH TEAM

Every FRIDAY after school
in Mr. Meakin's Room (104)

Team Captain: Olivia Dennis
Coach: William Li

Wrestling

Attention wrestlers, wrestling parents and anyone else interested in wrestling! The season is right around the corner and we wanted to let you know about the important dates that are coming up.

- 10/20 Open Gym Begins: Each day after school from 2:30-3:30. Open gym is a place where you can come learn how to wrestle or remember what you've forgotten since last year. Everyone is invited. Open gym continues until the season starts.
- 10/28 Parents Meeting: 6:00 pm in the Skyline Media Center. Everyone that is planning on wrestling this season needs to bring a parent to the meeting. This is where we talk about paperwork, fundraising and expectations for the coming season.
- 11/10 First day of Practice: Practices go from 2:30-4:30 every school day.



For those that are interested or have questions, contact **Coach Syd Lott** in Room 146 or email him at slott@graniteschools.org.

ACT Test Review Classes for the October 25th test

- Classes will be held on October 9-10, 13-15, and 20-24. 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).

Calendar Notes

- Sept 24-25 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Sept 26 Comp. Day, No School
- Oct. 15 PSAT Test
- Oct. 16-17 Fall Recess, No School
- Oct. 25 ACT Test
- Oct. 30 End of 1st Term
- Oct. 31 No School



for your calendar --

**November
20-21-22-24
7:00 p.m.**

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.
- Questions? Click the "Contact Us" button on the Webstore. It will email mdean-jackman@graniteschools.org, Skyline's bookkeeper.

Reflections Contest


*The World Would be a
Better Place if . . .*

- Go to www.utahpta.org/reflections for forms and rules. Please fill out all forms.
- All submissions are due in the Main Office on November 7th before school.

Categories:

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

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.

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.