

Skyline Eagle News



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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Monday, February 9 and Tuesday, February 10
4:30-7:30 p.m.



Principal's Message:

On **Tuesday, March 3**, all Skyline Juniors (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. This test is also used for college admissions across the United States.

The state of Utah is paying for this test, plus an online study program called Shmoop, an excellent program that includes practice tests and drills. There are free study modules available for each area of the ACT test. I went through a literature module and found it helpful. You can access Shmoop at:

www.shmoop.com/utah

To set up a student account, go to the bottom half of the webpage, locate Skyline, then create your account. When it asks for the "magic" word, enter the word **ARCHES**.

On the state-wide testing date, Skyline will operate on a special bell schedule. Juniors should arrive at 7:30 a.m. and report directly to their assigned testing rooms. Attendance on test day is critical as each school is required to test a minimum of 95% of their junior class, so please plan accordingly. Also, please ensure that your student gets adequate rest and a good breakfast prior to arriving on test day.

Sophomores and Seniors will not arrive until 11:30 a.m. on the testing day. However, Senior and Sophomore students attending Granite Technical Institute classes will board their buses at the normal times.

Junior students will be completing preparatory ACT paperwork on Tuesday, February 24. They should

arrive at 7:30 a.m. and go directly to their assigned testing rooms where they will fill out required basic information and take an ACT interest inventory. Senior and Sophomore students should not arrive until 9:00 a.m. on this day, and our bell schedule will be altered. However, GTI buses will board at the normal times for Seniors and Sophomores.

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

Sincerely,
Doug Bingham, Principal

WINDOW PERMITS



- Required for new students (including current 9th graders), living outside Skyline's traditional boundary, that want to attend Skyline next year.
- Accepted on first-come/first-served basis until **February 20, 2015**.
- Approval based on available space.
- \$5.00 processing fee must accompany the application.
- Questions? Call 385-646-5420.

PTSA President's Message:

The Skyline High School PTSA has been very busy during the past month with all sorts of projects meant to enhance the lives of students, faculty and the community at Skyline! On December 19th the PTSA hosted a wonderful faculty appreciation lunch complete with many different lasagnas, salads, fruit, deserts and bread provided by a core group of dedicated volunteers coordinated by the PTSA Hospitality Committee led by **Barb Gander**.

In January, the Utah PTA requested nominations for several different categories of awards meant to acknowledge outstanding faculty and volunteers. The Skyline PTSA is proud to have nominated faculty members Chris Krueger and Jody Lynn Tolley for the Utah PTA "**Golden Apple Award**" for outstanding teacher. Mr. Krueger is the IB coordinator at Skyline as well as a history teacher. He puts in an enormous number of hours working to ensure Skyline students have the best IB experience possible. Mrs. Tolley is incredibly dedicated to her American Sign Language students and helps create an atmosphere of excitement and passion for ASL.

Nominated for Utah PTA **Golden Apple Outstanding Volunteer** awards for Skyline were Sandy Straley and Katherine Havell. Sandy has literally served in every PTA position except treasurer over her 10+ years of volunteering, even long after her own children have graduated! Similarly, Katherine Havell has served as treasurer, legislative liaison, and classroom volunteer at three different schools for also close to 10 years. The Skyline Council of the Utah PTA is proud to nominate these outstanding individuals who make our Skyline Community so rich and full of opportunities for students. Thanks to Mr. Bingham and Mrs. Bunker for all their help in the nomination process!

In December and January, Skyline PTSA hosted two well attended **NAMI** presentations. NAMI stands for the National Alliance for Mental Illness and the topics were Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Autism. Each presentation was attended by over 100 students! Thanks to Mr. Bingham and the Skyline Administration for helping provide pizza refreshments for the NAMI presentations and special thanks to NAMI Committee chair Ian Collison for coordinating these outstanding presentations. Please see the February and March calendars for upcoming NAMI topics.

On Wednesday, February 18, the Utah PTA is hosting a **PTA Day at the Capitol**. Anyone interested in attending to learn more about the Utah PTA legislative priorities and to engage with the Skyline Council

Senator and Representatives should RSVP to Julie Emery, Skyline Legislative Liaison.

In other news, the Skyline PTA has awarded almost \$3000 in **teacher grants** to wonderful projects faculty have requested help with. And finally, we are looking for potential volunteers who might be interested in serving as Skyline PTA President for 2015-16. If you are interested, please contact Jon or Kim Paulding.

Career Center

We have begun our annual visit with Junior students. The emphasis of this meeting is college and career readiness and scholarships, and each student will be given a "**Junior Guide Book**." This book includes important information specifically for Junior students. We highly encourage parents and students to read through the information in this guide book.

We are also distributing the **ASVAB test results** as part of these meetings with Junior students. The ASVAB is an aptitude test, and the scores from this test will help students understand their strengths and weaknesses in 11 different career-related categories.

On March 3rd we will be administering the **ACT test (non-writing) to all Junior students**. The ACT test is the preferred college exam for each of the colleges and universities in Utah. This test will be given at no cost to all Junior students. We will be sending out more information as we get closer to the testing date.

The Utah State Office of Education is once again sponsoring an ACT preparation website: **www.shmoop.com/utah**. This is an excellent website complete with ACT practice tests and practice drills. To create an account, first go to the bottom half of the web page, locate Skyline, then create an account. When it asks for the "magic" word, enter the word ARCHES.

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

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Sam Heder (Secretary), skheder@graniteschools.org

Suzanne Brooks (Work Based Learning Specialist), smbrooks@graniteschools.org

Reminder:

Parent/Teacher Conferences

4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

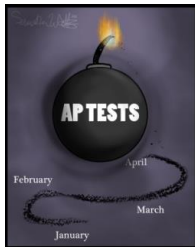
Monday, February 9

Tuesday, February 10

Calendar Notes:

- February 5 Midterm
- February 7 Sweetheart's Dance
- February 9/10 P/T Conferences, 4:30-7:30
- February 13 Comp. Day, No School
- February 16 Presidents' Day, No School
- February 24 ACT Prep for Juniors
- March 3 ACT Test for Juniors
- March 6 WAMA Dance
- March 19 End of 3rd Term
- March 20 No School
- April 2/3/6 Spring Break, No School
- April 7 "Snow Day" – No School?
- April 18 Prom
- May 25 No School, Memorial Day
- June 5 Last Day of School & Graduation

2015 AP Testing



AP testing will be conducted at Skyline May 4-15. Please sign up and pay for these tests at the bookstore (before school, during lunch or immediately after school) between February 2-20. The cost is \$91.00 per test. Tests may also be purchased with a credit card at the web store: www.payskyline.com.

Blind Date with a Book!



Will you fall in love?

Join the Skyline Media Center for a blind date with a book! During the month of February, the library will have "mystery" books that you can check out. They will be wrapped in paper so that the only information you will have is the genre. Are you brave enough to try something completely unknown? If you choose to check out one of these mysterious books, you will get a treat. And who knows, you might also fall in love with something else.

Graduation



June 5, 10:00 a.m.
Huntsman Center

**We know education pays!
Now let education pay YOU!**
*(What do you need to take to qualify for the **Regents' Scholarship**?)*

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/>. 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, Chemistry & Physics)
- 2 progressive credits of the same Foreign Language

★ **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.

Read Across America!

The Skyline Media Center is still challenging you to read across America. We have divided the U.S. into five geographical zones, and we have road trip cards (pick these up in the library) that you can get punched for reading a book from each different zone (or you can read multiple books from one zone). Once you get five punches on your card, you can turn it in to be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize (think iPad or Kindle here). Every card you complete is another chance to win! Starting on February 2nd, we are exploring the Mid-South Zone (Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas). What awesome books can you find from this region? See someone in the library for details.



Counseling Center

Junior Parents/Caregivers: Now that we have completed our small group CCRP (College and Career Planning) meetings in the Career Center, please call the Counseling Center if you would like to schedule an individual College and Career Planning Meeting with your counselor and student. Please call the Counseling Center (385-646-5421) between 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to make an appointment.

Counselor Calendar

- Feb. 2-20 AP Test Registration & Payment at Skyline Bookstore or payskyline.com
- Feb. 3-4 Current 9th graders: Skyline registration at Churchill & Wasatch Junior High
- Feb. 2-3-9 Current 11th graders: Registration in English class for 12th grade year
- Feb. 7 ACT Test
- Feb. 13 Registration deadline for March SAT
- Feb. 20-21 Current 10th graders: Registration in English class for 11th grade year
- March 3 School-wide ACT Test for all Juniors*
- March 4 New Student Registration Night for Widow Permit Students, Media Center, 6:00 p.m.
- March 13 Registration deadline for April ACT
- March 14 SAT Test

*Junior Parents: Your student has access to an online ACT practice website. Visit 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!

Community of Caring Upcoming Events

Community of Caring Up-Coming Events:

- ♥ Feb. 2: Food Bank @ 2:15 C of C Room 112
- ♥ Feb. 4: Road Home Playroom @ 5:15 East Circle
- ♥ Feb. 6: Heroes Assembly, a.m., 8 seniors from Skyline will be honored
- ♥ Feb. 11: Making 500 Sandwiches/ Serving Dinner to needy populations @ 2:15, CofC Room 112
- ♥ Feb. 18: HUNGER BANQUET @ 6:00 p.m., Skyline Cafeteria. Proceeds going to Lifting Liberia, tickets are \$10.00 each. Pay at Book Store
- ♥ Feb. 20: Teen Forum, 2nd Period
- ♥ March 4: BLOOD DRIVE, small gym, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., pick up forms at Main Office or in Room 112 on B days.

All students are invited to participate in these activities. For more information, stop by the Community of Caring Room 112 on a B day or contact Ms. Daily, jvdaily@graniteschools.org.

Did you know you could check out an iPad from the 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.

Digital Books on OverDrive

Do you want to have your books with you on the go without lugging a ton of weight around? 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.



Debate

Skyline's debate program has earned significant recognition in recent tournaments. Congratulations!

Utah Valley University Tournament

Skyline placed 2nd overall out of 39 schools!

- Tyler Roberts – 2nd in Impromptu, 1st in Congress, and won an iPad Mini as the top overall student
- Connie Zhou – 3rd Dramatic Interpretation, and a bid to a national tournament
- Lydia Duan & Sarah Cassell – placed in Oratory plus a bid to a national tournament
- Chris de Freitas & Kaitlyn Smith – placed in Public Forum
- Max Cline – finals of National Extemp.

Speech Arts Classic Tournament

- Chris Defreitas – 1st JV Impromptu
- Kaitlyn Smith – 1st JV Prose Poetry
- Mohith Reppale – 1st JV Foreign Extemp
- Lydia Rollo – 1st Novice Impromptu
- Lydia Duan – 1st Novice Oratory
- Max Cline – 1st Varsity National Extemp
- Izzy Broussard – 2nd Championship Impromptu
- Marta Hubbard – 3rd Novice national Extemp
- Artemis Sefandonakis 3rd Varsity Oratory
- Tyler Roberts – 4th Varsity Impromptu
- Nik Sassen – 3rd Varsity Prose Poetry
- Gabe Zharov 3rd Varsity Foreign Extemp
- Contributing to the sweeps award: Oscar Borja, Sarah Cassell, Hanah Morin, Connie Zhou, Meghan McGinnis, Maria Demarco

Arches Invitational (Moab) -- 2nd Overall Sweepstakes


- Kallin Glauser - 1st Novice Impromptu, 1st Novice SPAR, 2nd Novice Lincoln Douglas, 6th Extern Commentary
- Connie Zhou & Lydia Duan - 1st Varsity Policy
- Lydia Rollo - 1st Novice Character SPAR, 3rd Novice Impromptu
- Maria Demarco & Mohith Reppale - 1st Novice Public Forum
- Mohith Reppale - 1st Novice Extemp
- Lydia Duan - 1st Novice Oratory
- Tyler Roberts - 2nd Varsity Congress, 3rd Varsity SPAR, 4th Varsity Impromptu, 5th Varsity SPAR
- Zo Kronberg - 3rd Novice Congress, 4th Novice SPAR
- Max Cline - 3rd Ext Commentary, 3rd Varsity Extemp
- Chris de Freitas - 4th Varsity Character SPAR
- Mohith Reappale - 6th Extemp Commentary
- Mikayla Wheeler - 5th Novice Impromptu
- Jaden Caradine – 6th Novice Lincoln/Douglas

Tryout/Audition Dates

- **Cheer:** March 2-6. Mandatory parent/cheerleader meeting Wed. 2/18, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Media Center. Coach Trimmer, sttrimmer@graniteschools.org.
- **Choir:** March 23-27 after school. Signups on door of R. 202. jgundersen@graniteschools.org.
- **Cross Country:** June 8, 6:30 a.m. Meet at east parking lot at Skyline. Coach Porter, tporter@graniteschools.org.
- **Dance Company:** March 9-12, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Dance Room. Mrs. Young, wanfinsen@graniteschools.org.
- **Football:** August 3-5 tryout period. Athletes who participate in off- and pre-season activities are automatically on the team. Coach Thompson, jthompson@graniteschools.org.
- **Golf (Boys):** First week of August at Mtn. Dell. Contact cbarlow@graniteschools.org for details.
- **Instrumental Music:** March 25-31, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Signups begin March 6 on door of Room 201. Mr. Larson, al Larson2@graniteschools.org.
- **Newspaper Staff:** Apply with Mr. Moore, R. 120, by Feb. 17, dmoore@graniteschools.org.
- **Soccer (Girls):** Aug. 3, 8:00-10:00 a.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m. Coach Castillo, yam.sue.cast@gmail.com.
- **Softball:** February 25-26, 3:00 p.m. @ SHS. Coach Lovato at lovapa@aol.com.
- **Tennis (Girls):** August 3, 9:00 a.m., SHS courts. Coach Schmauch, skylinetennisteam@gmail.com.
- **Volleyball:** Aug. 10-12, 8:30-11:00 a.m., Auxiliary Gym. Coach Hutchins, jhutchins@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.**

Skyline Boys Soccer 2015



4A State Champions 2014

Players interested in Skyline Boys Soccer are welcome to join us for workouts and open gym on Tuesday's and Friday's after school. Tryouts will be held Feb. 25-27 at the soccer field. Every player must go online and fill out the required paperwork through "Register My Athlete," which can be found under the Athletics tab of the schools website. The player/parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb 3 at 7pm in the Skyline Media Center.

For more details about the pre-season and this year's schedule go to the Spring Sports tab under Athletics and view Mens Soccer website: <http://skylineboysoccer.wikispaces.com/Home+of+the+Skyline+Eagles>



The Graphics course concluded the 1st semester with learning Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop & InDesign. Students created a coloring and activity page that was bound into an Activity Book for the Skyline Preschool kids. Graphics students also learned about raster and vector images and created a vinyl sticker. Using offset lithography students printed notepads with the artwork they created on the iMac's. An original 16 page full-colored book was hit as students wrote, illustrated and printed this product using three Adobe applications and 600 dpi color laser printer. We are currently finishing up the Skyline Group Screen Print project as students learn the process looking towards making t-shirts for the "One-of-a Kind" shirt project.

The Advanced class has pushed through a variety of production mediums in multiple colors including: offset lithography, vinyl cutting, banner printing, two color screen printing, full color vinyl print and cutting, and the various aspects of business as it pertains to the products. A real world business experience is simulated by students earning Graphics dollars rather a point system for their grades.

With registration coming up consider taking the first year Intro to Graphics class, or the second year Advanced Graphics course. Skills learned from this experience helps students for college in the visual areas of computer and illustration management along with present materials. In the career field, many doors are open with advertising, marketing, printing, product presentation and product. **Best of all...the course adds fun into the learning process.** College Credit can be earned from this course.

Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 1/15/15 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Ian Collison, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince, Jami Hutchins, Matt Wells

Visitors:

Joe Rogan (Teacher)
Ted Frederick (Parent)
Susan Parker (Parent)

Excused:

Diane Bunker

Minutes:

1. Doug Bingham welcomed everyone and the visitors introduced themselves.
2. Emily Allison made a motion to accept the December minutes as presented. Karianne Prince seconded. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Bingham updated the Council that the discussion about moving 9th grade to Skyline has started and that a lot of information gathering has begun.
 - Churchill is seeing much lower enrollment due to the changes made in Canyons School District.
 - Moving the 9th graders to Skyline would allow for more class schedule choices.
 - Guest Susan Parker (parent) asked what would happen to enrollment at junior highs if 9th grade moved to Skyline. Mr. Bingham responded that the junior highs are looking at the possibilities of moving 6th grade up to junior high.
 - Guest Ted Frederick (parent) wanted the Council to know that he is very supportive of 9th grade moving to Skyline High School. In his words, "The change cannot be made fast enough."
 - Mr. Bingham outlined the path for discussion of this topic. He stated that a list of pros and cons have been created by the school Principals. All of the school community councils have been asked to review it and add to it and provide comments and feedback by the February meeting. A vote of the Community Councils will be held in March to see if the discussion should proceed or if more information needs to be gathered at that time.
 - Matt Wells requested that the issue of teaching certifications for teachers moving up to middle school be added to the pro/con list for consideration.
4. Lisa Mietchen updated the Council on her efforts in working with the school administration and the Athletic Coaches about consistent branding for Skyline.
 - The color and design options were presented (a flying eagle, an eagle head and an S logo). The specific Pantone colors were also given.
 - After much discussion, Mr. Bingham informed the Council that he will be implementing the use of these logos and colors only during next school year for new orders of logo wear and uniforms.
 - Lisa Mietchen was thanked for her very generous donation of time to take on this task of helping the school with a consistent branding approach.
5. Mr. Rogan (Skyline drama teacher) joined the meeting and updated the Council about the spring school play "Is He Dead" by Mark Twain and adapted by Mark Ives. It is a comedic farce about a destitute artist that fakes his own death to increase the value of his paintings, dons a dress and reappears as his long-lost, imaginary twin sister. The play was done at Pioneer Theater Company in 2009 and is currently being produced at Hale Center Theater.
 - There was discussion by the Council about the appropriateness of a play that contains suicide, given the recent death at Skyline.
 - Mr. Bingham asked for a vote to see if the play should be produced at Skyline. The Council voted in favor of producing the play but Joe Pereira voted against it. The Council told Mr. Rogan to go ahead with the show.
6. 2015-2016 Trust Land Plan
 - The Council can vote to use up to 5% of the funds toward an art related project.
 - It was suggested that Skyline look in to fixing the fly system in the Auditorium.
 - Additional items to be included with the plan will be discussed at next month's meeting.
7. Due to time constraints, it was decided that the Council would review the Mission and Belief Statement at the February meeting.
8. Next Community Council meeting scheduled for February 12, 2015 6:45 a.m., in Skyline's Conference Room.

High School Grade Configuration 9-12 Talking Points

Pros	Cons
Increased enrollment	Enrollment changes to Jr. High & Elem. schools
Natural articulation of curriculum	Adjustments to current building
Plan post- secondary future	Concerns about upper classmen
Academic transcripts are 9-12	Social concerns
More elective class choices available	9 th grade smaller learning communities
Same guidance counselor for 4 years	Additional teacher certifications needed?
Participation in extra-curricular activities	
9 th graders realize the importance of 9 th grade	

Enrollment Issue

Pros	Cons
Increased enrollment for programs	Changes to Junior High and Elementary
Equitable configurations between neighboring districts. Increase opportunities for students to continue to choose to attend Skyline, Churchill, and Wasatch	Possible loss of enrollment at Churchill and Wasatch

Next Steps

- 1) Community Councils continue to have discussions add to pro and con list if possible.
- 2) Meet in February and prepare final pro and con list.
- 3) Skyline, Churchill, and Wasatch Community Councils vote to determine if there is interest in moving forward.