



Skyline Eagle News

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Principal's Message

Dear Patrons,

At the writing of this article, we have just completed the SAGE writing portion of year-end summative testing. The next round of SAGE testing will begin in mid-April with Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science classes.

We are excited to inform you that five Chrome Book Lab Carts with 40 Chrome Books recently arrived at Skyline High School. Chrome Books can be used as mobile testing labs and should reduce the amount of pressure on current computer labs at the school. We were able to purchase three of the Labs using Land Trust monies approved by the Community Council, one using technology funds, and one was donated by the Granite School District Technology Department to help ease the testing crunch. We are hoping that this will lessen some of the stress associated with testing schedules and allow more flexibility.

As you know, from mid-April through the third week of May we are conducting SAGE testing, AP testing, and IB testing. There are often conflicts between school activities and AP and IB Tests. As you receive athletic and activity schedules, please check them against the scheduled date of the test your student is signed up for so that every effort can be made to resolve conflicts early on.

As always, thank you for your support. The amount of service provided to the school by parents, students, and teachers is remarkable. It truly makes Skyline an amazing place.

Doug Bingham, Principal

Calendar Notes:

- March 3 ACT Test for all Juniors
- March 4 Window Permit Registration Night, 6:00 p.m., Media Center
- March 7 WAMA Dance, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- March 12 Community Council Meeting, 6:45 a.m., Conference Room
- March 19 End of 3rd Term
- March 20 No School
- April 2 No School
- April 3 & 6 Spring Break – No School
- April 7 Snow Day – No School?
- April 8-9 Accreditation Site Visit
- April 18 Senior Prom
- May 25 No School, Memorial Day
- May 26 Senior Awards Night
- May 29 Senior Dinner Dance
- June 5 Last Day of School & Graduation



15th Annual Barbershop Show

Battle of the Bands: Beatles vs Beach Boys

Friday, March 13

7:00 p.m.

Students \$5, Adults \$10

Family Pass \$25

Enjoy a blast from the past and a night filled with phenomenal singing! Buy tickets from any Highlite or Troubadour or at the door. Hope to see you there!

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

schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh

Sign-A-Song

Sign-A-Song will be held March 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Skyline's auditorium. What do you get when you combine your favorite songs with American Sign Language? A night of pure entertainment! You do NOT need to know ASL to have a great time. All songs are family friendly and there is something for everyone. It is free to get in, but donations for Deaf children in America will be collected.



The American Sign Language State Competition is March 28. This year we have had 56 students qualify to attend, the largest group of competitors in Skyline's history. It also means that Skyline will have one of the strongest programs in the state in attendance.

Students will be competing in Deaf art, Deaf culture and history bowl, receptive skills, expressive skills, number stories, ABC stories, handshape stories and Deaf cinema. We wish the competing ASL students the very best of luck!

Huntsman Awards

It's time to nominate your favorite educator for a Huntsman Excellence in Education Award! Established in 1993, Jon and Karen Huntsman began the Awards for one simple purpose – to give thanks to the best teachers, administrators and volunteers in Utah for continually seeking ways to improve the quality of education in our public school system.



Awards are given to one administrator and two teachers from elementary, middle and high schools, one volunteer, and one special education teacher. The eleven winners will receive \$10,000 each and be honored at a banquet in May.

Visit www.huntsmaneducationawards.com for details and nomination forms. Due date: March 26, 2015.

Golden Apple Awards

We are pleased to announce that two people from Skyline have been selected to receive Region 5 PTA Golden Apple Awards! **Jody Lynn Tolley**, our ASL teacher, was chosen as an Outstanding Educator, and **Sandy Straley** was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer. They will be honored at a special awards night on March 26. Congratulations!



Counseling Center

Worried about paying for college? We have two great nights planned to help!



1. **FAFSA Night** is Thursday, March 12 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the Skyline Media Center. You will get help filing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and enjoy a delicious ice cream treat while you're at it!
2. We will host a **College Financial Planning Night** in conjunction with Morgan Stanley on Thursday, March 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Skyline's auditorium. Come learn about the costs and issues associated with planning financially for college. See detailed information in the flier at the end of this newsletter.

Counselor Calendar

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| March 3 | Statewide ACT Test for juniors |
| March 4 | Special Permit Registration Night, 6:00 p.m.,
Media Center |
| March 12 | FAFSA Night, 5:30 p.m.,
Media Center |
| March 13 | Registration deadline for April ACT |
| March 14 | SAT Test |
| March 19 | College Financial Aid Night, 6:30 p.m. |
| April 6 | Registration deadline for May SAT |
| April 18 | ACT Test |



Literary March Madness

Join the Skyline Media Center for our own version of March Madness. We've selected 16 of your favorite books and will set them loose in a March Madness style tournament. Just like the NCAA basketball tournament, 8 books in each bracket will compete until only one remains as the championship best book!



Beginning March 9, visit our webpage www.skylinemediacenter.org each week to cast your vote for your favorite book. Voting will open on Mondays and close on Wednesdays at 11:59 p.m. Scan the QR code in the library to place your votes.

This event runs through April 8 and books will either win or lose based on your weekly votes. Five lucky winners that correctly predicted the championship title will be entered into a drawing for five Reader's Baskets! Don't forget to check out other fun activities going on in the library during March.

Graduation

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



National Honor Society Selection Process

Now is the time for qualified juniors to apply for National Honor Society (NHS) for their senior year. In order to meet the minimum requirements to apply, juniors must have at least a 3.7000 cumulative GPA and at least a 3.0000 cumulative CPA. Juniors who meet these standards received an invitation to apply, and those were delivered to 4B classes on February 20th.



Membership is not guaranteed, even if you meet the minimum requirements, as the chapter size is limited to the top 10% of the student body. Those who wish to apply must turn in their application in Room 107 by Friday, March 6th no later than 2:30 p.m. Late applications will not be considered. The full selection process timeline is detailed below. Contact Ms. Schneider at sschneider@graniteschools.org with any questions.

- February 20 -- Invitations/applications distributed
- March 6 -- Applications due to Ms. Schneider in Room 107 by 2:30 p.m.
- March 16 -- Selection decisions and officer invitations distributed
- March 24-27 -- Officer interviews
- March 27 -- Banquet form with receipt due
- April 15 -- Induction banquet

Math Team

The Skyline mathematics team has been performing very well this year! Led by Advisor **Mr. Jason Meakin**, **Coach William Li** and **Team Captain Olivia Dennis**, the team has participated in many competitions.

These competitions include the interstellar mathematics competition, a single elimination tournament, where we won 6 out of 7 matches against a variety of schools across the nation. We have also participated in four competitions sponsored by the National Assessment and Testing organization. In each of the four individual competitions, we had students score in the top 50 for the nation, and in the team competition, our school team was awarded 22nd and 25th place nationally.

In the month of February, our students again participated in the largest national mathematics competition in the USA, the American Mathematics Contest, and we anticipate several qualifying students will move on to the next round. The high scorers of this competition will have an opportunity to qualify for the US Math Olympiad in March.

Sterling Scholars

EIGHT of Skyline's fourteen Sterling Scholars have advanced to the finalist stage of the competition! The final round of judging was February 24th, and the winners will be announced at a special ceremony on March 10th. Congratulations to these incredible scholars!



Samuel Adams – World Languages
Anderson Chang – Instrumental Music
Jason Chang – Science
Olivia Dennis – Mathematics
Alicia Dibble – English
Liam Machado – Computer Technology
Afras Sial – Social Science
Liza Zenger – Family & Consumer Science

National Merit Competition

 Congratulations to the following Skyline seniors who have been named as National Merit Scholarship finalists!

Robert Buckley, **Katharine Davidson**, **Olivia Dennis**, **Jacob Esplin**, **Alexander Fritz**, **Lea Karabegovic**, **Hans Lehnardt**, **William Li**, **Austin McDowell**, **Eden Peterson**, **Alexandra Richey**, **Ian Shen**, **Zachary Vayo**

Digital Books on OverDrive

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



Check Out an iPad!

Did you know that you can check out iPads in the Skyline Library? There are 25 iPads available 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 the form from any library staff member.



Debate

Skyline's debate team triumphed again! At the Region 7 tournament last week, they finished as **Region Champions** and took **1st in Sweeps!** Congratulations to all debate team members!

- **Everest Fang** – 1st Lincoln Douglas
- **Maria Demarco** – 1st Congressional Debate
- **Max Cline** – 1st National Extemp
- **Everest Fang** – 1st International Extemp
- **Artemis Sefandonakis** – 1st Original Oratory
- **Izzy Broussard** – 1st Impromptu
- **Zo Kronberg** – 2nd Congressional Debate
- **Hanah Morin & Madalyn Durrant** – 2nd Public Forum
- **Angella Pollack** – 2nd Lincoln Douglas
- **Marta Hubbard** – 2nd National Extemp
- **Sarah Cassell** – 2nd Original Oratory
- **Tyler Roberts** – 2nd Impromptu

Contributing to Overall Team Win:

Greg Wilcox, Alexie Garcia, Mohith Reppale, Raquel Jimenez, Morgan Williams, Nik Sassen, Kaitlyn Smith, Puneet Singh, Jaden Caradine, Meghan McGinnis, Bernard Li.

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: 385-646-4725.
- **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.

Read Across America!

Head on South – Yeehaw! The Skyline Media Center is still challenging you to read across America. We have divided the US into 5 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 5 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.



International Baccalaureate

Be Prepared for College!

Current ninth graders: Are you still on the fence about doing IB? Set up a meeting with our IB coordinator and go through a possible course schedule. You'll find that your schedule won't be much different than the one you were doing anyway. It's much easier to get in now and then decide to withdraw later than to try to jump in later.



Sophomores, we're still taking interested students! It's a little trickier for you, but it's still doable.

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. Last fall, our IB diploma students matriculated at dozens of top-50 and many top-20 colleges across the nation.

Skyline IB students are also earning fantastic scholarships. As just one example, Skyline's 2013 IB diploma graduates were awarded, *on average*, an 80% scholarship at the University of Utah. And several of our IB students from last spring are earning 125% scholarships at the University of Utah. 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

Tryout Dates

- **Cheer** –Tryouts March 2-6, 3:00-6:00 p.m. in cheer room and gym. Coach Shaunda Trimmer, stimmer@graniteschools.org.
- **Choir** – Tryouts March 23-27, 2:30-6:00 p.m., in Choir Room. Come prepared to sing 32 bars of a song that will show off your vocal capabilities. An accompanist will be provided, or you may bring an accompaniment CD. Sign up for an audition time outside R. 202. Jay Gundersen, 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** – Auditions March 9-12, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Dance Room. Contact Ashley Merrill, amerrill@graniteschools.org for details.
- **Football Team** – Aug. 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)** – Tryouts first week of August @ Mtn. Dell. Contact Coach Barlow, Room 101, for details. cbarlow@graniteschools.org.
- **Instrumental Music** – March 25-31, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Signups begin March 6 on Mr. Larson's door, R. 201. alarson2@graniteschools.org) for details and audition requirements.
- **Soccer (Girls)**: August 3, 8:00-10:00 a.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Coach Castillo for details. yam.sue.cast@gmail.com
- **Tennis (Girls)**: August 3, 9:00 a.m., SHS courts. Coach Schmauch, skylinetennisteam@gmail.com.
- **Volleyball** – Tryouts August 10-12, 8:30-11:00 a.m. in auxiliary gym. Coach Jami Hutchins, jlhutchins@graniteschools.org

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Electronic High School Update

All senior credit needs to be completed by April 15, 2015!

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Skyline High Community Council

Minutes of 2/12/15 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen. Excused: Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince, Matt Wells. Visitors: Oliver Schreiber (parent)

Minutes:

1. Doug Bingham welcomed everyone and Oliver Schreiber was introduced.
2. Jami Hutchins made a motion to accept the January minutes as presented. Lisa Mietchen seconded. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Bingham encouraged Council members to review the new Community Council Handbook, especially the Granite District addition on pages 13-17.
4. Ian Collison suggested that we nominate one or more Skyline teachers for the Sorensen Legacy Award, and Council members unanimously supported the suggestion. The award recognizes excellence in the performing and fine arts areas.
5. Mr. Bingham updated the status of the 9-12 configuration discussion.
 - A meeting was held for the principals of Skyline, Churchill Jr. and Wasatch Jr. to discuss the issue.

- It is now time to present information to the Community Councils of our feeder elementary schools.
 - Oliver Schreiber, parent of an Evergreen Jr. student and former Skyline students, reported that Evergreen Jr.'s Community Council is discussing the 9-12 configuration for their Olympus network.
 - One reason for the Evergreen Jr. push for the 9-12 configuration is the need to provide advanced foreign language instruction for students who have come up through the dual immersion program.
 - Tuesday, February 24 will be the annual Skyline Town Hall meeting with Superintendent Martin Bates. We should be prepared for a larger audience than usual due to the interest in the 9-12 configuration issue. Council members are encouraged to attend.
6. Mr. Bingham encouraged Council members to review and critically consider Skyline's mission and belief statements. Can we use them to guide our future decisions or do changes need to be made in the statements?
 7. Skyline has conducted the bullying survey.
 - The survey indicated that Skyline has a relatively low incidence of bullying.
 - We need to educate students on how to handle a bullying situation. They may need a reminder at the beginning of each school year.
 - A Council member indicated that their son had experienced bullying at Skyline, but when he reported it, school administrators handled it quickly and appropriately.
 8. Mr. Bingham was prepared to present an online review of last year's SAGE scores, but the website was down. He will send the information on email.
 9. Mr. Bingham reported that, at the moment, we are down about 25 window permits for next year. We will have a more accurate enrollment count by the end of February.
 10. Because our Council meetings are running so long, we may need to schedule extra meetings during the month. Council agreed to attend additional meetings when necessary.
 11. Next scheduled Community Council meeting: March 12, 6:45 a.m., Skyline Conference Room

College Financial Planning



Presentation featuring:

Mike Walsh & Tim Tank, Financial Advisors

Held at: Skyline High School– Auditorium
Thursday, March 19th, 2015
6:30pm-8:00pm

This presentation, by Mike Walsh and Tim Tank of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, is a starting point for parents and students who have unanswered questions about the costs and issues associated with planning for college. It dispels common myths about sources of funds, reviews unique education planning strategies, and discusses how college financial planning fits into your comprehensive financial planning strategy. It is intended for parents and grandparents who are interested in learning how the admission process and financial planning process are connected, which may lower the cost of attendance for your student.

Hosted by Skyline High School in conjunction with Morgan Stanley