



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



October 12, 2020

I wanted to make sure to discuss the schedule for next week, October 19-25. It is quite different than was originally planned months and even years ago when this year's calendar was approved by the Board of Education. Given the required changes to educational delivery, the Granite Board of Education changed the schedule for the end of the term. The schedule for next week is as follows: Monday is a regular school day, Tuesday is a distance learning day for all students, Wednesday through Friday are student non-attendance days. This extended time is for teachers to prepare grades and make preparations for the second quarter. Teachers will be participating in some professional learning with an emphasis on technology for distance learning. They then will have the bulk of the time to work to include that technology into pedagogy that will enhance the effectiveness of instruction for both in-person and distance learners.

I hope all families are logging onto CANVAS regularly to help their students as they work through the learning that is guided by way of this online resource. The program allows parents to become closer teammates in the teaching and learning process because the information is available in real time and allows for a clearer understanding of expectations, the pedagogy used for instruction, and the assignments, quizzes and exams. This resource helps families to plan with their students and finally allows parents to see what is coming. This is so much better than just monitoring grades. The grade program is always at least a few days behind and really only allows a parent to see what has been done instead of what is coming. In order for parents to really be on the team, they need to see what is coming so they can work with their student to prepare, study, and learn prior to an exam that will determine a grade.

I desire with real intent to foster a path to have parents and families be on the team. I believe we are co-equals in the work of ensuring that students gain the requisite skills and knowledge to count these formative years a success. Please, work under this premise with the teachers of your students. They all know that the number one determinant of student success is their family.

Finally, with the information so readily available on CANVAS, we will no longer produce the weekly activity report that was created and used since distance learning became so necessary last year. This report is just one more thing that is burdensome for teachers and duplicative of information that is available on CANVAS. I hope this does not hinder family participation in support of their students.

I hope we can unite the family and the teachers together working as a team to foster the highest levels of success and formative growth in our students.

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal