



# SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



December 14, 2020

This time of year is special for so many reasons. Often, it is a time when people focus on helping others, finding reasons to serve, and ways to assist others. Skyline students have been working together to provide for those in need in diverse ways. I have seen food drives and financial donations abound. I have seen sub-for-Santa and other efforts to provide things and services for those in need. Students and teachers are working hard to ensure everyone enjoys this time of year. This "Holiday Season" is a wonderful time when we can focus on celebration and spending time with those we love. I sincerely hope everyone gets to be with those they love and feel the joy this season often brings.

At this time, we are also coming close to the end of another quarter of school. The second quarter ends for students on January 12. While most students have found great success even through the struggles of COVID-19 and all that these times have brought, too many are not finding success. Last quarter we had three times as many students end up with failing grades than one year ago. This pandemic is causing some students to struggle severely. We are hoping the second quarter results are better. With so few school days left, I wanted to present an intervention that we at Skyline are offering for those families with Skyline students who are struggling academically. If your student has struggled and feels like all is lost in a certain class, teachers have prepared a "pathway to credit." This intervention is only for students who have fallen far behind and might feel they have lost hope this quarter and are worried they will fail. Do not lose hope, there is still a way to pass this quarter. The "pathway to credit" will offer students in every class a way to earn at least a passing grade with credit toward graduation.

Students and/or parents can reach out to individual teachers and they will delineate what needs to be done to pass the class. Our hope is that every student will realize that their teachers are eager and willing to help them. We hope to offer a multi-tiered system of support at Skyline that helps students at every level find success. This intervention is for our most struggling students. Please, if your student is worried about failing, have them e-mail their teachers and they will outline what needs to be done to pass.

We care about each and every student and want you all to know that we will help you. We hope to celebrate with each of you now, through the holiday season, and at the end of the quarter as all Skyline students find success.

Sincerely,  
Mitch Nerdin, Principal