



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



January 4, 2021

Welcome back to school in a new year, I hope that 2021 is going to be great.

I am reading a book about habits. The book boasts that tiny changes can have remarkable results.

I was mentioning to my son that the gym was going to start getting full. He told me that he hated it every January when tons of people start going to the gym and it makes his workout space more crowded. It is true, we all have a desire in January to make changes and resolve to improve in one way or another. We set lofty goals and hope to achieve them. I think this desire to make improvement is great and I don't mind if the gyms fill up for a few weeks. I just wish the resolution did not wane so quickly.

I appreciate the desire students have at the end of each quarter to make changes and improvements. This desire to change has to be accompanied by a change in system. The system is our habits. If we are in the habit of finishing the work assigned today, this will result in a better outcome than the habit of waiting a day to finish the work the night before it is due. "The work still gets done either way", some students will think. The small change that will have remarkable results is getting it done right away rather than waiting. This solidifies the learning. Waiting to do the work makes it just busy work. Getting home and finishing the work is an effort to gain knowledge and cement it in the brain. When doing the work is about learning it is best done right away and will create the desired result. Waiting to do the work until it is convenient or when the last minute arrives is about complying and rarely results in the desired outcome, improved learning.

For me, I am working to build better habits so that I can lead more effectively and produce the goals I have set for myself, my family, and Skyline High School. My hope is that each of our students will evaluate their system and determine if some small changes need to be made so that every student gains the requisite skills and knowledge to accomplish their goals.

As a reminder, the Granite School District made some changes to the calendar that affects next week. Monday, January 11, is an in-person/online day, Tuesday, January 12, is a distance learning day, and the remainder of the week are teacher work days. Teachers will be involved in professional learning as well as preparation for the new semester. Attached please find the newly revised 2020-2021 A-B Calendar for reference.

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal

Granite School District
2020 - 2021 Block Schedule A-B Calendar
REVISED DECEMBER 18, 2020

August				
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
			TWD	TWD
10	11	12	13	14
TWD	TWD	TWD	TWD	TWD
17	18	19	20	21
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
24 ☺	25	26	27	28
B				
31				

September				
M	T	W	Th	F
	A	B	A	B (DL)
	1	2	3	4
LD	A	B	A	B (DL)
7	8	9	10	11
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
14	15	16	17	18
B	A	B	A (DL)	CD
21 ●	22 ●○	23○	24	25
B	A	B		
28	29	30		

October				
M	T	W	Th	F
			A	B (DL)
			1	2
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
5	6	7	8	9
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
12	13	14	15	16
A	B (DL)	TWD	TWD	End of Term
19	20	21	22	23 TWD
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
26	27	28	29	30

November				
M	T	W	Th	F
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
2	3	4	5	6
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
9	10	11	12	13
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
16	17	18	19	20
B	A (DL)	LEG	Thanksgiving	
23	24	25	26	27
A				
30				

December				
M	T	W	Th	F
	B	A	B	A (DL)
	1	2	3	4
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
7	8	9	10	11
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
14	15	16	17	18
Winter Recess				
21	22	23	24	25
Winter Recess				
28	29	30	31	

January				
M	T	W	Th	F
				WR
				1
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
4	5	6	7	8
A	B (DL)	TWD	TWD	End of Term
11	12	13	14	15 TWD
MK	A	B	A	B (DL)
18	19	20	21	22
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
25	26	27	28	29

February				
M	T	W	Th	F
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
1	2	3	4	5
B	A	B	A (DL)	CD
8	9 ●	10 ●○	11 ○	12
WL	A	B	A	B (DL)
15	16	17	18	19
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
22	23	24	25	26

March				
M	T	W	Th	F
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
1	2	3	4	5
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
8	9	10	11	12
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
15	16	17	18	19
B	A	B (DL)	TWD	End of Term
22	23	24	25	26 TWD
Spring Recess				
29	30	31		

April				
M	T	W	Th	F
			Spring Recess	
			1	2
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
5	6	7	8	9
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
12	13	14	15	16
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
19	20	21	22	23
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
26	27	28	29	30

May				
M	T	W	Th	F
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
3	4	5	6	7
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
10	11	12	13	14
A	B	A	B	A (DL)
17	18	19	20	21
B	A	B	A	B (DL)
24	25	26	27	28
MD	A	B	A (DL)	End of Term
31	1	2	3 ☺	4 TWD

	Recess Days - No School for students
TWD	Teacher Work Day
LD	Labor Day
CD	Comp Day (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
WR/SR	Winter Recess/Spring Recess
MK	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
WL	Washington & Lincoln Day
LEG	Legislative Instructional Exemption Day
*	Emergency Closure Day
MD	Memorial Day
DL	Distance Learning Days

- ☺ School begins or ends
- Senior High Parent Teacher Conf
- Jr High Parent Teacher Conf

Distance Learning Days		
Q1	A = 4	B = 5
Q2	A = 5	B = 5
Q3	A = 4	B = 6
Q4	A = 5	B = 4
TOTAL	A = 18	B = 18