



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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Skyline High School is a comprehensive high school. This means that we endeavor to provide a robust experience for students that includes the three big A's: Academics, Arts, and Athletics. Not one of these is more important than the others. It is critical that all three function well and produce stellar outcomes for students. In this way, we are able to provide a comprehensive high school experience. This ensures that students from all walks of life can find a home while at school. It is imperative that we help students find avenues to express themselves and find ways to develop and showcase new talents and improvements. I am excited that Skyline does have such a strong program in all three areas. We all know that our school was named the number one public high school in the state of Utah by US News and World Report. This was based on our school's academic program. Our Fine Art and Performing Art departments produce amazing works and pieces that win awards and are recognized for excellence. It is heartwarming to view the works on display throughout the school or to view a performance. Every year, seemingly, our school wins a state championship in one sport or another. Last year, Girls Soccer was a state champion and this year, Boys Golf won the state championship for the third year in a row. Skyline really is a very successful comprehensive high school. My hope is that every student knows that we value them for who they are. Each student should know and feel that everyone is somebody at Skyline High School.

I continue to ask you to speak with your students about the wonderful teachers they have and to identify excellent things that are happening because of them at Skyline High School. We will do this every week. Feel free to participate as often as you see fit to recognize the great teachers we have at Skyline High School. Here is a link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/mDQP7xybBCKnpq97>.

This week, we will highlight Ms. Shae Bunker. Ms. Bunker is new to the staff at Skyline. She has inherited a very successful choir program. Her abilities are highlighted with the success she is having this year in helping her choirs display their talents while she works diligently to keep them safe from COVID-19. Ms. Bunker is very organized, forward thinking, and inspirational. She is being recognized by the Skyline High School community:

"She has gone above and beyond to make sure the students can still sing in a safe way during this pandemic! She even made a hand-drawn seating chart of the auditorium so that she could make the in-person concert safe with social distancing. My son has her for 2 choir classes and has enjoyed her dynamic, energetic personality and work ethic!"

“As a first year teacher in a very established program, Ms. Bunker has stepped into a difficult role, but she shines in her efforts to make the choral experience at Skyline a safe and engaging one, while teaching our kids valuable skills. I have especially appreciated her constant researching of safe singing practices, distancing the kids when necessary, providing breaks, and ensuring proper mask usage. Her efforts have helped me feel confident my student is safe and thriving in in-person choir. I also REALLY appreciate her making the holiday concert a live event. It was wonderful to see and hear the kids sing together safely. It was one of only two live holiday events we witnessed, when previous years are usually jam packed with them. She is a huge asset to the Skyline family.”

Congratulations Ms. Bunker for all that you do for students and for making Skyline excellent!

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal