



# SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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Is there anything more important in high school than graduation? Really, this is the culminating activity that commemorates four years of hard work and accomplishment. It is the honor that will always be remembered and is universally valued. It is often the steppingstone to what life has in store. Without it, the future is very limited. This is why we push so hard for this accomplishment. The commencement ceremony is very traditional and also universally accepted. Grandparents, parents, current students, and future students all experience a similar graduation that is the rite of passage from secondary student to all that lies ahead. I look toward graduation with anticipation and excitement.

Knowing this is such a big event, we do not take it lightly when a pandemic threatens to disrupt a second graduation in a row. I've been made aware that when COVID-19 did disrupt, this community helped the school create a ceremony that was amazing and helped to properly celebrate this momentous accomplishment. With the effects of the Coronavirus still hampering many aspects of our society, the plans for Skyline to graduate at the Huntsman Center, at the University of Utah have been cancelled. We have been brainstorming other options as well as something similar to last year's unique ceremony on the Skyline campus. We want to ensure that students and families get to celebrate together. After many Google polls and much deliberation, we are happy to announce that graduation will be a traditional ceremony held outside at Rio Tinto Stadium. The ceremony is still at 7:00 p.m. on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are still working with the venue to hammer out the details. Once those are finalized, we will let the families of Seniors know.

Congratulations to our Seniors! We are so excited to see you graduate. If your student has struggled for one reason or another, there is still hope. Contact your counselor or teachers directly. We are all willing to help students find a way to make graduation become a reality.

Please, tell us stories of teachers who have done something that has made a difference at Skyline High School. Think about the four components of our RISE program. Teachers are working hard and doing amazing things to help students be Resilient, have Integrity, Support themselves and others, as well as achieve Excellence in its various forms. Feel free to participate as often as you see fit to recognize the great teachers we have at Skyline High School. Teachers receive an award weekly for being recognized. They love to hear their efforts are being appreciated. Here is a link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/mDQPY7xybBCKnpg97>.

This week, we will highlight Ms. Anita Ardi. Ms. Ardi teaches AP Human Geography and Human Geography. She was a recipient of the 2017 Granite Education Foundation Excel Award when she was teaching at Churchill Junior High and has been an exceptional addition since she joined us when ninth grade was added to Skyline High School. Here are some comments from the community:

"I learn a lot in her class. She is also very positive."

"Ms. Ardi: where do I start? She is #1 on this list for sure. She is always there on the weekends answering emails, and completely goes the extra mile for the parents and the kids. She is fair on her grading, and helps my son when he has questions or situations."

"Ms. Ardi has been a superb teacher throughout this complicated academic year. She has excelled at teaching the in-person and the online learners. Her instructions and lectures are excellent. She expects a lot from her students and has been able to motivate them to do their best work. She is also offering extra sessions after school this quarter to prepare for the AP exam. She is truly a gem of a person and exemplifies a superb educator. Skyline is fortunate to have such an amazing faculty member!"

Congratulations Ms. Ardi for all that you do to help Support our Skyline Eagles!

Sincerely,  
Mitch Nerdin, Principal