

July 20, 2021

Dear Skyline Students and Parents,

I am writing today to welcome students to school for the 2021-2022 school year. I want to welcome the families of our students to Skyline as well. This letter will inform you of some of the things happening at Skyline and what to expect when school begins on August 16. I am also writing to inform parents of the action needed to complete the registration process, pay the basic fee, and hopefully join the PTA.

Skyline High School expects all of our students to RISE as they embrace all that it means to be an EAGLE. RISE stands for Resilience, Integrity, Support, and Excellence. These characteristics are what we hope to cultivate in our student body. These behaviors are taught, modeled, celebrated, and expected. They help all students to feel comfortable, challenged, and supported. We hope you will become a part of what it means to help EAGLES RISE.

I want to report that the faculty and staff were amazing during the unprecedented 2020-2021 school year. We all learned a lot and want to move forward with lessons learned. Our teachers provided quite possibly the very best teaching and learning experience of anywhere in our country through the pandemic that raged on during the year. Many thanks to our teachers for all they did and continue to do for the students of Skyline High School.

Skyline continues to see change and disruption. The school is being rebuilt on campus with the intent to have the construction disrupt very little of the regular high school experience. This means that the construction will have multiple phases with completion still many years away. The new school will provide an amazing venue for students in the future. Our current facilities are still open and functioning with few exceptions. The day-to-day experience for students is mostly uninterrupted. We are mindful that our students today need the best experience we can provide while we work to make improvements for the future.

Construction continues to proceed with some things close to being done and fully rebuilt. Our stadium will be done before school starts. Also, the east parking lot will be complete prior to school starting. These new facilities, along with our new baseball field, are the first of a long list of things that will continue to be rebuilt and turned over fully to the enjoyment and prosperity of our students. The phasing schedule is as follows:

- New athletic building complete next summer, 2022
- Other athletic fields complete early 2023
- New academic building, office, cafeteria, and commons area complete mid 2024
- New Performing Arts building complete 2026

We are excited that current students will have some new facilities and every year students will have more and more to enhance their experience at Skyline.

Some of the disruptions we will be dealing with this year involve the cafeteria, relocatable classrooms, walkways to our campus, and parking.

- The cafeteria is no longer accessible as they are preparing for its demolition. Skyline will be using a large relocatable cafeteria. It is the large temporary building on the South border of our campus.
- The building on the West side of our campus known as "C-Building" is no longer accessible as they also prepare it for demolition. The classes that were in that building are now being housed in relocatable classrooms. They have been working to prepare the site, prepare the classrooms, and ensure utilities are

installed so the classrooms are ready for students. These are adequately sized rooms and provide for mostly similar experiences for students. All Fine Arts classes and Shop classes are now in these relocatable classrooms. The temporary classrooms make up less than 10% of teaching stations at Skyline.

- The walkways from the North and the West onto the campus are temporarily inaccessible and will remain so for at least a year. We are working with Granite School District to provide some temporary bussing for those students who routinely used the walkway from the North. Students walking from the West will need to walk to Upland Drive to gain access to our campus until the walkway is restored.
- Parking will be affected by construction throughout the entirety of the rebuild project. Parking is going to remain very limited. Temporary parking lots are going to continue to change to accommodate construction. We have contracted to gain use of the church parking lot to the west of the school. That adds some parking, but it is still not enough. We will limit the sale of parking passes to Seniors and Juniors.

We will not have a walk-in registration this year. The information and paperwork that you need for registration will be accessed through the Granite School District Portal at <https://portal.graniteschools.org> beginning July 26, 2021. Please be aware that Internet Explorer or Google Chrome are preferred. A step-by-step process has been set up to help you complete the registration process online, please see the attached postcard which was also e-mailed out on July 15. You may also visit the Skyline Website at <http://schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh> for the detailed information. Please complete the registration process early and pay the required basic fee of \$65.00. Optional items like yearbooks, parking passes, and other activity fees should also be paid for during registration. Class fees will not be added to student accounts until after the second week of school. School Pictures will be taken during Social Studies classes on August 24, 25, and 26.

The Skyline Career Center Computer Lab will be available August 2–6 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for anyone needing access to a computer to complete Online Registration.

Counselors will be available for schedule changes by appointment only. Appointments are available August 2-6 and August 10-13, 7:30-11:30 a.m. An Essential Schedule Change flier that describes how schedule changes will be made is included with the registration documents. We will provide an essential schedule change event on Wednesday, August 18. This will be the last day any schedule changes may be made. Details about this event are also on the flier. Our hope is to help families choose the proper schedule, provide an orderly and timely process, and complete class changes by the third day of school.

Skyline is only offering in-person, face-to-face instruction for this school year. The Granite School District has created two options for students who need a virtual experience for their education this year. Counselors will be available July 26 & 27 for families to discuss those options.

Freshman and New Student Orientation will be ~~August 11, at 6:00 p.m.~~, in the Auditorium. **\*\*New Student Orientation will be posted on the Skyline High Website on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. We apologize for any inconvenience.\*\***

The First day of School is Monday, August 16, 2021.

Please add the following Skyline High School phone numbers to your contacts:

Attendance Office (385) 646-5433 – Please call this line directly to excuse absences.

Career Center (385) 646-5423

Counseling Office (385) 646-5421 – Appointments need to be made online

Main Office (385) 646-5420

Registrar (385) 646-6809

I am excited for this school year. I love working with students as they become EAGLES who RISE.

Thank you,

Mitch Nerdin, Principal