



# SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



August 16, 2021

I am writing to you as the first day of school is well underway, it may seem a little hectic. We have had an assembly, it was an awesome way for students to come together, celebrate being an Eagle, and feel what it is to be part of something bigger than them. With COVID concerns still looming and using our best efforts to mitigate spread, we held two assemblies. It was still a lot of kids in each assembly and it felt fun for students to be together and feel the spirit of our great school. Congratulations to our wonderful Student Body Officers who put together the assembly. They have been working all summer to get organized and plan for events that support students and help them feel comfortable and supported here at Skyline.

We also have two lunches at Skyline. This is to help with COVID mitigation. It also is due, in part, to our temporary Cafeteria. I say temporary because it is in a relocatable. However, it will be our Cafeteria for the next three years. There was plenty of room in the Cafeteria and it felt very comfortable to those who chose to eat there. When we have two lunches or assemblies, we make the assignment based on the period that has to be in flux. For example, lunch revolves around third period. This means half the school goes to lunch while the other half is in third period. After the first lunch, students go to third period. When the appropriate amount of time has elapsed, students who went to third period initially are then released to go to second lunch while the other half of the school stays in their third period class. This means half of the building is in class and half is at lunch. Students who have lunch should stay out of the area where classes are being held and vice-versa after the switch so that those classes in session are not disturbed. It is just one more thing that makes things a bit more complicated.

Parking is an ongoing problem. Two new parking lots were completed just prior to school starting. The permanent new East parking lot has been completed to the stage where it can be used. Also, we have a new temporary parking lot adjacent to the building. This temporary lot is for staff. Students can park in the new East lot as well as the lot where teachers parked last year on Southwest corner of the campus. Student drop-off should happen along the faculty parking in the east lot and in front of the Relocatable Village on Upland Drive. This is hectic and a bit confusing. I hope everyone is good natured and patient as we all adjust to these ever-changing parking and drop-off concerns.

Skyline is such a great school. We are often recognized for the excellent student academic achievement attained by our students. This is not an accident. Students work really hard to learn and are focused students. Our teachers are excellent professionals who strive to make every moment a meaningful learning experience for students. Teachers have been busy the last few days preparing for engaging lessons, they might try some different pedagogical methods to help more students learn. I hope they feel your support as they strive to make class, the teaching and learning process, as engaging and meaningful as possible. Teachers and students combine to make Skyline amazing.

I appreciate the families of our students. They value what Skyline is and support us as we work to provide rigorous curriculum, supportive practices, and a safe and comfortable environment. Thanks to our great families, Skyline remains the number one regular public high school in the state.

As construction continues, I want to invite you to celebrate the completion of our new stadium. This Thursday, August 19, will be the ribbon-cutting for our new stadium. Our student RISE Ambassadors have been busy planning our RISE kick-off that coincides with this great celebration. Students and community members are invited for free hot dogs and drinks at 5:30 p.m. as the students honor our RISE initiative. The ribbon-cutting will happen just after 6:00 p.m. Our first home football game will start at 7:00 p.m. We hope all will come to attend this great event.

Finally, we want to hear from you about our great teachers. We will honor a staff member each week based on your feedback. Please, take a moment each week and tell us about the great things happening in the classrooms of Skyline High School. This is the link to submit nominations: <https://forms.gle/mDQPY7xybBCKnpg97>.

Go Eagles! Help each other to RISE and make this a great year!

Sincerely,  
Mitch Nerdin, Principal