



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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We have been working hard to develop some events and programs that are aimed at providing additional support for the social/emotional well-being of our students. The Student Body Officers (SBOs), PTA, and Skyline Community Council have all recognized this need and have been working together to create some pretty exciting things to help our students.

RISE is an acronym that reminds us of the behaviors we are trying to emulate at Skyline. Resilience, Integrity, Support, and Excellence are the four behaviors contained in our RISE campaign. This year we have formed a student group that is charged with championing RISE and helping all students feel connected to school. These students are known as the RISE Ambassadors. They are planning monthly activities that promise to be fun and meaningful.

The PTA is working with both the SBOs and the RISE Ambassadors to create a monthly lunch activity known as "Great Lunches." This event provides free pizza and a guest speaker. The speakers we have selected tell a motivational story that is both inspirational and helpful as students learn to handle the complexity of their experience while in high school.

Weekly, our HOPE Squad, SBOs, and RISE Ambassadors will prepare a short video to train students on a strategy that empowers students to be more in control of their situation and gain the wisdom to emotionally develop skills necessary for success during these formative years.

The Community Council has worked to fund a full-time Psychologist and we have secured the funds for a full-time Social Worker. These professionals work alongside our counselors to provide support to students for all the reasons adolescents struggle as they grow and develop.

Finally, we are working to develop an informative process whereby we can help identify needs students have around social/emotional learning (SEL) so that teachers throughout the school can infuse targeted SEL strategies into daily lessons.

I know that school has only just begun this year. I hope parents are seeing the great things our teachers do. We want to hear from you about your experiences with 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/mDQP7xybBCKnpg97>.

This week we are honoring Ms. Kamryn Watts. She is in her second year at Skyline and is a great addition to our faculty. She teaches in the science department. Here are some of the comments about Ms. Watts:

"Ms. Watts has taken the time to send me a personal email about my student. These reports show she really understands my student and her unique needs and are instrumental in helping me support my child and my child's teacher. Thank you, Ms. Watts!"

"My son says 'Ms. Watts is very diligent putting up work everyday on CANVAS. She is quick to respond to my email questions. Her curriculum is very interesting and I really like her style of teaching.' Thank you Ms. Watts!"

"We have been impressed that as a new teacher she is incredibly organized, quick to give feedback, and grade papers. Thank you for supporting our son!"

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal