



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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Never ever give up. This phrase is easy to say and so much harder to live by. It reminds me of the Myth of Sisyphus. In Greek mythology, Sisyphus was the founder and king of Ephyra. He was punished for cheating death twice by being forced to roll an immense boulder up a hill only for it to roll down every time it neared the top, repeating this action for eternity.

Sisyphus teaches us to never give in to temporary disappointments or try to escape from the failures of life. Rather, we should accept our failures the same way we accept our achievements. When we accomplish something great, we strive harder to do more the next time. When we fail, we should try harder to do better, just the same. No matter how much we struggle or how tough it feels to lose ground or fall short, we must never stop trying until we accomplish our goal.

Skyline is a place that fosters this kind of ethic. Students know how to succeed and know how to overcome short-term failures. This developmental time of life should allow a student to experience both and to get support through both. Much can be learned from failure as well as success. If a student finds success, they should be encouraged to reach higher. If a student encounters a misstep or struggle, they should be supported to find a way past the problem and back on the path to success. Often, this detour can lead to higher success than without it. I hope we all embrace the word "YET." I cannot do that problem, yet. I have not mastered that concept, yet. I did not get the score I hoped for, yet.

Thanks for being part of the team who supports students who embrace the resiliency needed to believe in "YET".

We have the very best teachers at Skyline. 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 that are happening in the classrooms of Skyline High School. This is the link to submit nominations: <https://forms.gle/mDQPY7xybBCKnpg97>.

This week we are honoring Mr. David Moore. Mr. Moore is a veteran teacher at Skyline. He has a wealth of knowledge and is an expert at sharing his appreciation of the English language with his students. Here are some of the comments about Mr. Moore:

"He understands the subject (English) and teaches in a way that is easy to understand. He plays good songs and makes the classroom an enjoyable environment. He's very good at responding quickly to messages and is very understanding. He's just a cool guy and I have enjoyed his class."

"Mr. Moore is a devoted teacher who never actually stops teaching, even when the students leave the classroom. I have learned a lot from his English class and apply it to my life even after I am done with this class at 10th grade. Mr. Moore deserves a great review for being an admirable teacher."

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal