



# SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



October 26, 2021

We all just experienced the end of a quarter. The end of a quarter is stressful for students, teachers, and parents. Everyone is focused on finishing the work and determining what grade is earned for each class. The teachers have become more and more flexible to the point that they have given students up to the very last minute in some cases. This comes from a kind place and is meant to give the benefit to the student. However, work coming in and assessments being taken up to the last minute actually deprives students of feedback that is so crucial to learning.

I have spoken to many parents and have spent time discussing this with every teacher at Skyline. I know parents can find it difficult to support their students with eight different classes, with different expectations and different deadlines. In an effort to ease the strain on families, I am establishing a final universal deadline for all classes at Skyline. The last day students can complete an assignment or an assessment for the second quarter will be January 7. Classes will all have the same deadline so as to eliminate confusion of when the last date could be to turn in assignments or re-take an assessment.

Throughout the quarter, teachers will have various deadlines that are unique to them and their classes. The teachers still have the autonomy to establish these periodic deadlines. I encourage them to create these periodic deadlines so that students can get the feedback they need throughout the quarter in real time. The final deadline sets an expectation that all work that can still be completed must be done and submitted prior to the deadline.

I hope this universal deadline helps parents know the expectations and makes it so they can support their students to complete all work and re-take any possible assessments prior to the deadline. This one date allows families to know that all work must be done for all classes before that date. Note that January 7 is one week prior to the end of the quarter. Any work assigned after this deadline will become part of the next quarter.

Skyline teachers do so much above and beyond to help students. Please, tell us about your experiences with our great teachers. We will honor a staff member each week based on your feedback. Please, take a moment 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>.

This week we are honoring Mr. Syd Lott. Mr. Lott graduated from Skyline High. He returned to Skyline as a teacher and has been here for 17 years. He teaches in a way that fully engages students with the subject matter. Here are some of the comments about Mr. Lott:

"I am honored to have Mr. Lott as my AP Psychology teacher. I look forward every 'A Day' to come to his class and learn something new in AP Psychology. Mr. Lott is always open to questions, and his class is always energetic, engaging, and interactive. Regardless of what I am learning, from psychoactive drugs to the intricacies of the human brain, I always get to hear a humorous joke or an interesting story every class period, which sticks with me long after class ends and helps me remember the material covered. Overall, I relish attending Mr. Lott's AP Psychology course, and am excited for what I will learn now and in the future. Thank you for making an engaging and interesting Advanced Placement course where I learn and have fun every single class period."

Sincerely,  
Mitch Nerdin, Principal