



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to attempt to thwart our best efforts to provide Skyline students with the education they deserve. Despite the many setbacks, we continue to adapt and adjust to ensure we are doing what we can to help every student.

We had a Test-to-Stay event on Tuesday wherein over 250 tests resulted in a positive diagnosis for the virus. With all those people being isolated, we thought that we would be able to safely “stay” in school. Yesterday, the Governor approved for the Granite School District to authorize a move to distance learning for the four days of school next week. So, Skyline High School will be conducting instruction and learning via the distance learning method. This means that students will not be coming in person for the four school days next week. Teachers will engage with students via CANVAS.

The first day of the second semester also begins on Tuesday, next week. This exacerbates the complexity of moving to distance learning. Students should be monitoring their CANVAS page and looking for new courses that may pop up as their new second semester course begins on Tuesday. Teachers will detail specifics for their course of study for students via the CANVAS platform. Students should be able to access instruction as well as required assignments. If supplies for specialized classes are needed, teachers will coordinate opportunities to come to the school to retrieve those items. Teachers are allowed to work from home next week. They will be busy preparing for this change in delivery of instruction, as well as the increased communication this adjustment requires. Therefore, if students need to meet with a teacher, please work with them in advance before just showing up at the school.

As the second semester is about to start, we had planned for another essential schedule change event for Thursday, January 20. This has been cancelled. This day will be a normal distance learning “B” day. Counselors will accommodate student requests for a schedule change via an open Zoom meeting Thursday and Friday. Students can get on their counselor’s Zoom meeting and wait in a virtual line until their counselor is available to help them. Details about the Zoom meetings are included in the Skyline weekly e-mail. This is not as good a process as the live event we had planned. The hope is that students will avoid trying to make a class change unless it is absolutely necessary. We apologize in advance for delays that may result from this cancellation of our live event.

We have been informed that UHSAA activities will continue. Although the games we have scheduled will be conducted, we ask that families encourage their students not to attend during this week. Masks are mandatory for attendance to games.

Finally, we understand how difficult this is on students as well as on teachers. I want to assure your students that teachers will work with them. The key to success throughout this will be communication. Students should communicate early regarding any help they need. Teachers will be trying to communicate with the 200+ students they have assigned to them. Make sure you help your student to communicate individual needs in a positive and proactive way. Skyline Teachers desire to support student needs and are working diligently to do just that.

The Pandemic and its repercussions will not win. At Skyline, we choose to RISE and maintain our focus on ensuring students receive the education they deserve.

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal