



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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Much has been said about all the things that can be done inside school walls. Of course, instruction matters, but social context matters too. "Schools need additional resources to successfully educate all students, and these resources, both human and material, are housed in students' communities" (Shore, 1994). Schools must work to partner with the community and the parents of their students if they wish to maximize the success of their students. The school, especially the teachers, must work, while at school, as though all learning is a result of their work. However, they also must recognize the impact families have.

Harnessing the family and involving them in the efforts to improve the school will speed up and sustain high levels of learning. Researchers have claimed that if teachers help parents to understand the school, understand the goals and action steps toward continuous improvement, as well as their potential role in the process, parents can assist in perpetuating the norm of academic excellence. Skyline is aiming to continue this work. I hope you will experience this kind of interaction during parent/teacher conferences this week.

I want to tell you about an upcoming family engagement event on March 21. We are having an assembly called "Rachel's Challenge" on that day for students. That evening, we are inviting families to bring their students (Jr. High and older) to attend a similar presentation. This is meant to help us all focus on kindness and ways to support all students at Skyline. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

I want to make sure we communicate the universal deadline for third quarter. Skyline's **deadline** for third quarter is **March 18**. The hope is that this serves as a way to help families support students. One date is easier to keep track of than different dates for eight classes.

We want to hear from you about how our teachers help to teach goodness or model it in their interactions with students. 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. Here is the link for nominations: <https://forms.gle/mDQPY7xybBCKnpg97>.

This week we honor Mr. Adam Fadenrecht. Mr. Fadenrecht started working at Skyline as an Assistant Track Coach last year and joined us as a Math Teacher this school year. He is an exceptional teacher and is always willing to help students and colleagues. Here are some comments about Mr. Fadenrecht:

"My daughter says that Mr. Fadenrecht is a great teacher. He makes math fun and easy to understand. He takes time one on one to explain to each student and is very patient."

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal