



# SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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Third quarter is finishing this week. It is a stressful time for students and teachers. I know, from personal experience, it is also a stressful time for parents. I have heard many reports that having a set date for when things are absolutely due has been helpful. We will work to maintain this for this next year. The most beneficial part of a universal deadline is for parents to know the date of the last opportunity submit work so they can support students with this knowledge. Fourth quarter will not have a date like this. The end of the year is the end of the year.

I want to share something new that we are implementing for Seniors this year. Each department will be offering an academic letter for their subject. This criteria-based award allows any student who satisfies the qualification to receive the award. This letter is similar in nature to an athletic or participation letter for being involved in sports or performing arts. Additionally, those who earn a letter will have the chance to purchase a specific cord to wear at graduation that highlights their accomplishment. There will be a separate cord for every department in the school. This year the letters and cords will recognize students for their accomplishments. My hope is that in the future this program will incentivize all students to reach a bit higher and be recognized for their effort. It also highlights Skyline's focus on academics and honors many more students for their hard work and accomplishments.

Finally, this week we had the Rachel's Challenge assembly. This was a wonderful experience for all Skyline students. The event prompted students to reflect on their lives and the choices they make every day. The challenge is to be kind above all else and see the impact a single person can have on others as they perform acts of kindness for those around them. I appreciate the PTSA for working with Skyline administration in sponsoring the presentation and the community event on Monday night. It was uplifting and meaningful for all those that attended. I know that Skyline will be better as we all focus on kindness.

What an amazing school! Thanks to wonderful teachers and students, thanks to fantastic volunteers, and thanks to remarkable parents Skyline continues to RISE and help all students to grow and develop into marvelous young adults. Go EAGLES!

We want to hear from you about how our great teachers worked to help your students succeed this last quarter. 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 Ms. Debra Wilson. Ms. Wilson teaches English 10 Honors, English 11, and English 11 Honors classes. She also teaches one period of an online English class through the Granite Online Learning program. She is very organized and passionate about teaching English. Her students' success and wellbeing are her top priorities. Here are some comments about Ms. Wilson:

“Ms. Wilson helped inspire my student when they were excelling and when they were struggling. She sent encouraging emails and continued to support my student when times were rough. She gave my student constant support while holding them accountable for their work. She is a terrific educator with a heart of gold.”

“They teach the material with enthusiasm and encourage the students to do their best.”

Congratulations Ms. Wilson!

Sincerely,  
Mitch Nerdin, Principal